

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

August 10, 2022

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022 at 8:30 A.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Brown, Ralls and Ruppel, County Clerk Ruzicka and Donna Steckel. County Attorney White and Highway Superintendent Johnson were present later in the morning. Chairman Brown called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions to same. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting was also affirmed by all members present. Chairman Brown referenced the Open Meeting Laws poster located in the meeting room and advised that handouts concerning said laws are available to the public.

Ruppel moved to audit the claims. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; absent; not voting; none.

### GENERAL FUND

MONTHLY SALARIES FOR AUGUST PUBLISHED SEPARTELY PER NEB. REV. STATUTE 23-122

Jessica Ruzicka	County Clerk ex-officio Assessor, Reg. of Deeds, Elec Comm.	\$4,324.42
MaryJo Jones	Deputy County Clerk	\$2,443.16
Deborah Starr	Treasurer	\$3,793.82
Summer Strohl	Deputy Treasurer	\$1,186.50
Dustin Spanel	County Sheriff	\$3,793.82
Trevor Kraus	Deputy County Sheriff	\$500.00
Jason White	County Attorney	\$2,694.15
Donald Brown	County Commissioner Dist. 1	\$1,075.00
Greg Ralls	County Commissioner Dist. 2	\$1,075.00
Jack Ruppel	County Commissioner Dist. 3	\$1,075.00
Zane Young	Weed Superintendent	\$1,495.55
Internal Revenue Service	County Share Social Security	2,257.56
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp.	County Share Retirement	1,637.25
AFLAC	Various Ins/All Funds	250.80
MaryJo Jones	Janitor	163.00
MaryJo Jones	Phone/Cash pd out	80.38
Deb Starr	Phone	25.00
Summer Strohl	Phone	25.00
Jessica Ruzicka	Phone	25.00
Kyle Sheppard	Phone/Cash pd out	25.00
Dustin Spanel	Uniform Allow/cash pd out	323.24
Don Brown	Phone	40.00
Greg Ralls	Phone	40.00
Jack Ruppel	Phone	40.00
Zane Young	Phone	40.00
Jason White	Phone	40.00
Taylor Public Library	Expenses	1,060.00
Laura Kraus	Emergency Mgr	75.00
Don Brown	In Lieu of Hlth Ins	600.00
Dustin Spanel	In Lieu of Hlth Ins	600.00
Lonnie Owen	In Lieu of Hlth Ins	600.00
Jessica Ruzicka	In Lieu of Hlth Ins	600.00
Greg Ralls	In Lieu of Hlth Ins	600.00

Jack Ruppel	In Lieu of Hlth Ins	600.00
Deb Starr	In Lieu of Hlth Ins	600.00
Ed Sherbeck	In Lieu of Hlth Ins	600.00
Jason White	In Lieu of Hlth Ins	600.00
MaryJo Jones	In Lieu of Hlth Ins	600.00
Levi Williams	In Lieu of Hlth Ins	600.00
Kyle Shepard	Zoning Administrator	280.00
Postany Construction	Labor	150.00
NexToner, LLC	Office Supplies	480.70
Hamilton	Telephone	384.38
J&J Sanitation	Garbage	37.82
MIPS	Program	777.76
The Burwell Tribune	Publishing	799.12
Custer Public Power District	Electricity	314.94
Eakes	Office Supplies	378.01
Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies	70.72
Village of Taylor	Sewer/Landfill Fee	36.58
Primus Lawn Service	Mowing	60.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	Equipment Rental	52.00
Valley County Sheriff	Jail Keep	250.00
DAS State Accounting	Network	65.00
Verizon Wireless	Wireless internet	82.92
GLW District Extention office	County Share	1,776.68
Corner Stop	Fuel	588.58
Tina Treffer Signs and Designs	Decals Sheriff Pickup	380.00
Schneider's parts house	Parts	47.97
Valley Thunder Rods and Rest.	Repairs	250.00
Schaper & White	Secretary/service fees	150.00
Don Brown	Mileage	20.63
Greg Ralls	Mileage	6.25
Jack Ruppel	Mileage	10.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$ 43,653.71</b>

#### **AMBULANCE FUND**

Hamilton	Phone/Internet	102.61
Dearborn National Life Ins. Co.	EMT/FR Life Insurance	37.84
Laura Kraus	Cash Pd out	177.54
Valley County Am. Service	Intercept	150.00
Midland Telecom Inc	Repair	145.00
Corner Stop	Fuel	125.51
Insurance Aid Services	Billing	117.00
<b>AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 855.50</b>

#### **ROAD FUND**

Levi Williams	Road Maintenance	\$3,793.82
Ed Sherbeck	Road Maintenance	\$3,793.82
Lonnie Owen	Road Maintenance	\$3,793.82
Salaries		11,381.46
Internal Revenue Service	County Share Social Security	848.52
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp	County Share Retirement	768.24
Levi Williams	Phone/Mileage/Supplies	86.88
Ed Sherbeck	Phone/Supplies/Mileage	40.00
Lonnie Owen	Phone/Mileage/Supplies	40.00
Custer Public Power District	Electricity	82.67
J&J Sanitation	Garbage	17.92
Burwell Independent Oil	Fuel	1,805.57
Garfield County	Rd Mtc.	150.00
Corner Stop Enterprises Inc.	Fuel	2,846.47
Sharon Sherbeck	Mowing	45.00
Jeffres Sand and Gravel	Gravel/Rock/Hauling	9,365.40

## ROAD FUND TOTAL

**\$ 27,478.13**

Brown moved to allow the claims. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Ralls, Ruppel and Brown. Nays; absent; not voting; none.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Six-Month Report.

Ruppel moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring monies from the General Fund to the Road and Special Road Funds. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Ruppel, Brown and Ralls. Nays; absent; not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 page 215.

Brown moved to adopt a resolution adopting the FEMA approved Lower Loup Natural Resources District Multi-Jurisdictions Hazard Mitigation plan update. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Ruppel, Brown and Ralls. Nays; absent; not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 page 216.

County Clerk Ruzicka brought to the board's options for IT services for the county. The county does not currently employ the services of any IT company. The board agreed that IT services are a need and the Clerk will explore the options further.

Zoning Administrator Shepard met with the boards to discuss adding a fee for cell tower permits. There have recently been a number of inquiries about a permit to install a cell tower. Other counties have fees up to \$1,000 per cell phone tower. Ralls moved to approve the request for amendment to the zoning ordinance to add a \$1,000 fee for a permit to erect a cell tower. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Roll call vote; yes; Ruppel, Brown and Ralls. Nays; absent; not voting; none.

Zoning Administrator Shepard also spoke with the board about having an increase in her salary. She was asked how many phone calls and after-hours questions she gets. She gets them frequently as well as doing continuing education from home. Ralls moved to approve a \$150 per month salary increase for the zoning administrator. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Ruppel, Brown and Ralls. Nays; absent; not voting; none.

Jon Cannon from NACO met with the board to update them on legislation that may affect the county. NACO is present to represent the counties interest. LB 310 is about inheritance tax. Counties have two main sources of revenue, property tax and inheritance tax. If you take one away such as inheritance tax that revenue needs to be made up. LB 644 aka the postcard bill, if there is an increase in property tax request over allowable growth the political subdivision must participate in a joint public hearing organized by the county clerk. The county will have to pay for the hearing up front and bill the political subdivision for their share of the costs. There is a legislative conference on October 28<sup>th</sup> in Gering. Jon can bring anything to the table at that conference counties may want heard. We can expect some upcoming legislation about consumption tax, we would lose all local control of the money. Everything would go to the state and each county has to ask for their share. NACO will soon have a new office in Ogallala.

The board reviewed 3 road agreements from Rock County. The first agreement for the road by Jordans was tabled to the next meeting to get the input of the Road man that maintains that road.

Brown moved to approve the other two agreements, Sitz Road and West, with Rock county and table the Jordan agreement. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Ruppel, Brown and Ralls. Nays; absent; not voting; none.

Ernie Beguin met with the board to discuss the E 8' LOT 4 BLOCK 29 ORIGINAL TOWN OF TAYLOR. Mr. Beguin currently owns this parcel; the board reviewed a survey that was completed in 1997. According to this survey the county shop does partially sit on the parcel owned by Mr. Beguin. County Attorney White looked over the paperwork including survey and deeds and advised the board considered purchasing this parcel from Mr. Beguin. Ralls moved to purchase of the E 8' LOT 4 BLOCK 29 ORIGINAL TOWN OF TAYLOR from Mr. Beguin for \$1,500.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown Roll call vote; yes; Ruppel, Brown and Ralls. Nays; absent; not voting; none.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

s/Donald Brown, Chairman Loup County  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jessica Ruzicka  
Loup County Clerk