

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

1:00 P.M.

Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 12th day of January, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Brown, Ralls and Ruppel, Deputy Secretary of State Wayne Bena and Deputy County Clerks Ruzicka and Jones. County Highway Superintendent Johnson and County Attorney White were present later in the afternoon. Chairman Brown called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions to same. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the January 12<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.

Chairman Brown called the Reorganization meeting to order at 1:05 PM

Ralls moved to nominate and appoint Don Brown to the chairperson position for 2022 and cease nominations. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Ralls moved to nominate and appoint Jack Ruppel to the vice chairman position for 2022 and cease nominations. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Brown moved for the adoption of a resolution naming Taylor Branch, UBT, Nebraska Federal Investment Trust and Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust as the County's depositories for 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 146.

Brown moved for the adoption of a resolution naming Jack Ruppel to serve on the Region #26 Council for 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 148.

Ralls moved for the adoption of a resolution regarding forced spraying and individual notices pursuant to the noxious weed control act. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 147.

Brown moved to set the following wage scales and to make the following appointments for 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Mid-Nebraska Individual Services: Greg Ralls, Region III Governing Board/Mental Health Board: Don Brown, County Doctor: Dr. Holmquist, County newspaper: The Burwell Tribune, Single hand labor: minimum wage, Farm/Tractor labor: to be negotiated between the county and party on a per job basis, Loup Basin Public Health: Jack Ruppel, Loup Basin RC&D: Don Brown/Greg Ralls alternate.

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

**GENERAL FUND**

Salaries		26,794.71
Internal Revenue Service	County Share Social Security	2,550.40
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp.	County Share Retirement	1,862.57
AFLAC	Various Ins/All Funds	250.80
Debbie Postany	Phone	25.00
Dixie Kraus	Phone	25.00
MaryJo Jones	Phone	25.00
Deb Starr	Phone	25.00
Summer Strohl	Phone	25.00
Jessica Ruzicka	Phone	25.00
Kyle Sheppard	Phone	25.00
Dustin Spanel	Phone/Uniform Allow	50.00
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
Burwell Tribune	Publishing	70.03
Don Brown	In Lieu of Hlth Ins	600.00
Dixie Kraus	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
Debbie Postany	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
John Schroder Jr.	In Lieu of Hlth Ins	600.00
Kyle Shepard	Zoning Administrator	280.00
Appeara	Towel service	18.17
Mill's Hardware	Supplies	44.99
Hamilton	Telephone	361.33
Eakes	Office Supplies	254.95
Kerry Gunther	Painting	1,090.00
MIPS	Program	831.89
Dixie Kraus	Janitor	163.00
Custer Public Power District	Electricity	151.73
Village of Taylor	Sewer/Landfill Fee	36.58
J & J Sanitation	Garbage	34.00
NACO	County Board Handbook	100.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	Equipment Rental	52.00
Region 3 Beh. Health	County tax match	437.89
Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies	46.98
Region 26	3rd quarter assessment	7,536.98
Holt County Treasurer	District #8 Probation	208.03
Western Cartographers	Plat Maps	105.50
Das State Accounting	Technology fee	52.00
Verizon Wireless	Wireless internet	40.05
County Assessors Association	Dues	60.00
Loup Basin RC&D Council	Weed Watch	200.00
Zane Young	Cash Pd out	198.90
Election Systems and Software	Election Supplies	26.32

Blue360 Media	Manuals	87.75
Madison County Sheriff	Service	6.00
Corner Stop	Fuel	179.04
T & A Guns	Sheriff supplies	380.00
Custer County Sheriff	Jail Keep	350.00
Schneiders Parts House	Parts	5.49
Platte Valley Transfer	Autopsy	227.25
Hitchcock Funeral Home	Autopsy	125.00
Ne Institute of Forensic Sciences	Autopsy	2,000.00
Cen Ne Cremation & Mortuary	Autopsy	750.00
Ne Association of Clerks et al.	Dues	75.00
District Court Association	Dues	50.00
Schaper & White	Secretary	150.00
Don Brown	Mileage	35.10
Greg Ralls	Mileage	17.55
Jack Ruppel	Mileage	28.08
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>57,086.06</b>

**AMBULANCE FUND**

Hamilton	Phone/Internet	102.67
Dearborn National Life Ins. Co.	EMT/FR Life Insurance	37.84
Corner Stop	Fuel	17.92
Insurance Aid Services	Billing	135.00
<b>AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>293.43</b>

**ROAD FUND**

Salaries		11,381.46
Internal Revenue Service	County Share Social Security	850.08
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp	County Share Retirement	768.24
Levi Williams	Phone/	40.00
Ed Sherbeck	Phone/Supplies/Mileage	86.80
Lonnie Owen	Phone/Mileage	89.73
Custer Public Power District	Electricity	105.73
J & J Sanitation	Garbage	17.40
Corner Stop Enterprises Inc.	Fuel	1,557.13
Burwell Independent Oil	Fuel	717.55
Maverick	Oil/Grease/Fluids	75.00
Bauer Built Tire	Tires	3,288.00
Garfield County	Rd Mtc. By others	137.50
Valley County Health System	Drug Test	55.00
Medical Enterprises	Drug Test	35.00
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Hwy Superintendent/Inspections	5,632.02
NMC Exchange	Repairs	2,901.14
<b>ROAD FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>27,737.78</b>

**VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Taylor Area Builders	Villagers	1,410.56
<b>VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,410.56</b>

**VISITORS PROMOTION FUND**

Amy Doheny	Facebook page	250.00
<b>VISITORS PROMOTION FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$250.00</b>

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

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court Monthly Fee Report, Sheriffs Quarterly report and Treasurer's semi-annual report.

Ralls 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 Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 145.

Wayne Bena, Deputy Secretary of State, presented County Clerk Ex-Officio Debbie Postany the Secretary of State's Citation and National Secretary of States Medallion for exemplary service for 42 years.

Zane Young, Loup County Weed Superintendent, met with the board to present his annual report. Topics discussed include but are not limited to; infestation report control plan, specific areas he has focus on, possible grant funds, noxious weed numbers decreasing and open files(none).

Chairman Brown opened the one and six road hearing at 2:00 PM.

Present were Commissioners Brown, Ralls and Ruppert, Deputy Clerk Ruzicka, County Attorney White and Hwy Superintendent Johnson. Highway Superintendent Johnson presented the one- and six-year road plan. Topics include but are not limited to; Almeria Bridge, South Lake Road, Upstream Bridge and Porcupine Bridge. Brown moved to adopt a resolution to accept the one and six road plan as presented by the Highway Superintendent. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 149.

Brown moved to accept Debbie Postany's resignation as County Clerk ex-officio as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and appoint Jessica Ruzicka to said Position as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Ralls moved to accept Tax List Corrections 21-15, 21-16 and 21-17. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Brown moved to appoint Kristi Meeks to replace Pat Morgan on the GLW Extension Board. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Brown moved to adopt a resolution to adopt the new comprehensive plan and zoning regulations. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 150.

Deanne Meeks, Kenneth Kraus and Trevor Kraus met with the board on behalf of the Loup County Fire Department. Discussed was the intention of the county to sell the old fire hall. The fire department has no use for the old building, they just need a new well at their new location. Ralls moved to donate the proceeds from the sale of the property to install the necessary well for the fire department, any excess funds to be retained by the county. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Tyler McNitt met with the board to discuss the trade in of the backhoe for a skid-steer with backhoe attachment, forks and bucket. Tyler weighed the pros and cons of each machine

with the board, the versatility of the skid steer versus the backhoe, type of trailer needed to haul the skid steer and availability of such a machine. Tyler will reserve the next standard flow machine or contact the board if a used machine comes available.

Debbie Postany met with the board to discuss turning over District Court responsibilities to the State. County Court and District court both use the Justice System so there is familiarity. Our caseload is so light we have to call the help desk to walk us through every case. The state is willing to take it over for no extra cost. We already provide an office for County Court; it can remain shared. Ralls moved to allow the State to take over District Court. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. FEMA projects are all 100% complete, Debbie closed out all the projects and gave the board an update on all payments that have been received and can be expected.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

s/ Donald Brown, Chairman of the Loup  
County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jessica Ruzicka  
Deputy Loup County Clerk