

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 13th day of July, 2022 at 8:30 A.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Brown and Ruppel, County Clerk Ruzicka, David Larsen, Donna Steckel, Ken Stobbe and Ed Sherbeck. Commissioner Ralls was absent. County Highway Superintendent Johnson and County Attorney White were present later in the morning. Chairman Brown called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the June 8th, 2022 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions to same. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the July 13<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.

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

**GENERAL FUND**

Salaries		23,767.92
Internal Revenue Service	County Share Social Security	2,283.13
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp.	County Share Retirement	1,658.28
AFLAC	Various Ins/All Funds	250.80
MaryJo Jones	Janitor	163.00
MaryJo Jones	Phone/Cash pd out	41.53
Deb Starr	Phone	25.00
Summer Strohl	Phone	25.00
Jessica Ruzicka	Phone	25.00
Kyle Sheppard	Phone/Cash pd out	138.31
Dustin Spanel	Uniform Allow/cash pd out	320.95
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	302.71
Western Cartographers	Plat Maps	149.66
Loup Basin RC&D Council	Dues	75.00
Hamilton	Telephone	378.21
Borders Law	Court Appt. Attorney Fees	543.20
Collin Chytka	Floor Installation	1,374.68

J&J Sanitation	Garbage	37.82
Petersen Legal Services	Court Appt. Attorney Fees	170.00
MIPS	Program	777.76
The Burwell Tribune	Publishing	354.80
Custer Public Power District	Electricity	148.66
Eakes	Office Supplies	420.94
Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies	604.38
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	50.00
Nebraska DMV	Driving records	37.50
Region 3 Beh. Health Services	County Match	429.14
Holt County Treasurer	Dist. #8 Probation	327.90
DAS State Accounting	Network	65.00
Verizon Wireless	Wireless internet	82.84
Mid Nebraska Ind. Services	County Share	607.00
Corner Stop	Fuel	483.21
Region 26	Quartly PMT	8,607.90
Kyle Shepard	Meeting Fees	250.00
Village of Taylor	Dumpster	401.25
Great Plains Asbestos Control	Abatement	7,500.00
Schaper & White	Secretary/service fees	150.00
Don Brown	Mileage	31.25
Jack Ruppel	Mileage	20.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$61,163.31</b>

#### **AMBULANCE FUND**

Hamilton	Phone/Internet	102.61
Dearborn National Life Ins. Co.	EMT/FR Life Insurance	37.84
Matheson Tri-Gas	Medical Supplies	91.95
Valley Co Ambulance Service	Intercept	150.00
Anderson Pharmacy	Medical Supplies	38.84
<b>AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$421.24</b>

#### **ROAD FUND**

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	40.00
Ed Sherbeck	Phone/Supplies/Mileage	56.25
Lonnie Owen	Phone/Mileage/Supplies	40.00
Custer Public Power District	Electricity	42.67
J&J Sanitation	Garbage	17.92
Burwell Independent Oil	Fuel	888.65
Garfield County	Rd Mtc.	200.00
Corner Stop Enterprises Inc.	Fuel	4,351.26
Sharon Sherbeck	Mowing	60.00
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc, INC	Hwy Superint./Bridge inspec.	2,000.00
Olcott Welding and Repair	Parts/Labor	131.60
Maverick Truck Stop	Fuel	75.00
<b>ROAD FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$20,901.57</b>

#### **VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Taylor Area Builders	Beautification Maint.	1441.40
Taylor Area Builders	Visitor's Center	895.65
<b>VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,337.05</b>

**VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND**

Loup County Hist. Society	Website Expenses	1,500.00
<b>VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,500.00</b>

**EQUIPMENT FUND**

Woodhouse	Sheriff Pickup	49,999.00
<b>EQUIPMENT FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$49,999.00</b>

**ARPA FUND**

Taylor public Library	Repairs	25,000.00
<b>EQUIPMENT FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$25,000.00</b>

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

The Board reviewed the Sheriffs Quarterly Fee 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 Brown. Roll call vote; yes; Brown and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; Ralls not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 204.

Ruppel moved for the adoption of a resolution concerning tax sales. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Roll call vote; yes; Brown and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; Ralls not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 205.

Ruppel moved for the adoption of a resolution setting preliminary levies for the County Fire Department and Ag Society. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Roll call vote; yes; Brown and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; Ralls not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 206.

Ken Stobbe present to discuss with the board; road signs, snow removal of Longhorn Lane and maintenance of South Lake Road. Ken stated that Longhorn Lane and 460<sup>th</sup> both needed new signs. The board responded that Longhorn Lane is a private road therefore not the county's responsibility and all county road signs are in the process of being replaced. Ed Sherbeck added the signs have been delivered to the county shop.

Ken asked the Board if there was any way the County could run a maintainer down Longhorn Lane during the winter for snow removal. Currently they have to hire someone to do snow removal to the County Road. The board answered with the argument that if they began with one private road, they would set the precedent to do all private roads in the county. County attorney also argued that the County has no authority to run the maintainer on private roads except in an emergency. The adjacent property owners are responsible for all maintenance of private roads. Ken asked what it would take to get the county to take over the maintenance of Longhorn Lane. County attorney responded; the board would have to agree to take responsibility. Ken also discussed South Lake Road, he stated that the road is unsafe, he counted 90 spots where asphalt is missing, there are

guardrails missing, people swerve to miss potholes and there are no lines on the road at all. Commissioner Brown stated that he has had a load of millings delivered and Levi has filled some of the holes. Ken brought a photo of a product he suggested to fill in the holes, it comes in a 40-pound bag. Commissioner Brown and Sheriff Spanel have been in contact about the holes in the road and are continuing to flag. Later in the meeting County Engineer Johnson stated that Game & Parks is planning on starting the South Lake Project in the spring. 5 miles of South Lake Road in Loup County would be planned for repair.

Brown moved to designate the state print shop to print LB 644 post cards. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Brown and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; Ralls not voting; none.

Deb Starr, Loup County Treasurer met with the board to have her deputy's hours paid. County Attorney advised if the hours have already been worked, they should be paid. Each official has the power to set their own hours for their individual office. The Treasurer's office takes customers until 5:00 and then needs to balance. On driver's examiner day their office needs to stay open over the lunch hour.

Ruppel moved to pay the deputy treasurer in the amount of \$56 for hours worked. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Roll call vote; yes; Brown and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; Ralls not voting; none. Sheriff Spanel met with the Board to go over a draft of an interlocal agreement he has come up with. He stated that it is important to have coroner services readily available at all times. The interlocal agreement would cover emergency or as needed assistance to Loup County Sheriff. Law enforcement is in a crisis currently and as the state is short troopers there are not as many available for assistance to the counties. Sheriff Spanel will present the interlocal agreement to Garfield County.

Brown moved to declare the current sheriff's vehicle as surplus property. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Brown and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; Ralls not voting; none.

Bids for the computer declared as surplus property were opened. Having only one bid Brown moved to accept the bid from Jason White for \$150. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Brown and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; Ralls not voting; none.

The board recessed at 11:00 a.m. for the Board of Equalization meeting and returned at 11:55 a.m.

Ruppel moved to approve Region III Behavioral Health Services FY 22/23 County match in the amount of \$1,716.57. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Roll call vote; yes; Brown and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; Ralls not voting; none.

Ruppel moved to approve all inventories on file. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Roll call vote; yes; Brown and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; Ralls not voting; none.

Emory Haynes, Loup County Veteran's Service Officer presented the annual report to the board. The veteran Population of Loup County is 59, Federal and State benefits into Loup County were \$757,000, \$12,850 per veteran.

County Engineer Johnson spoke to the board about a grant he would like to apply for to acquire funding to replace 2 bridges in the county. The board was favorable of him

applying for the grant. Commissioner Brown called Commissioner Ralls since the bridges are in his district and he agreed.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

Jessica Ruzicka  
Loup County Clerk