

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

1:00 P.M.

November 10th, 2021

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 10th day of November, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Brown, Ralls and Ruppel and Deputy County Clerk Ruzicka. 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 October 13th, 2021 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions to same. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the November 10th, 2021 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. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

GENERAL FUND

Salaries		25,471.62
Internal Revenue Service	County Share Social Security	2,422.61
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp.	County Share Retirement	1,772.53
AFLAC	Various Ins/All Funds	250.80
Debbie Postany	Phone	25.00
Dixie Kraus	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	475.78
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/HSA	347.44
Debbie Postany	In Lieu of Hlth Ins	252.56
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
Kyle Shepard	LPAPC meetings	350.00
Kyle Shepard	Cash Pd out	87.31
Hanna-Keelan Associates	Zoning Regulations	7,000.00
Debbie Postany	Cash Pd out	71.78
Nebraska Central Telephone	Telephone	382.87

NACO	Dues	979.50
Dixie Kraus	Cash Pd out	13.47
MIPS	Program	870.99
Dixie Kraus	Janitor	163.00
Custer Public Power District	Electricity	141.48
Village of Taylor	Sewer/Landfill Fee	36.58
J & J Sanitation	Garbage	35.02
Primus Lawn Service	Mowing	15.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	Equipment Rental	52.00
Spelts Lumber	Courthouse	69.24
Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies	781.60
Postany Construction	Labor and materials	12,247.50
Deb Starr	Cash Pd out	604.92
Loup City Public Schools	Reimburse publishing	20.73
Custer County Chief	Publishing	255.76
United States Post Office	Postage	58.00
Emory Haynes	Veterans Service Officer	3,000.00
Mills Hardware	Paint	134.97
Das State Accounting	Technology fee	52.00
Verizon Wireless	Wireless internet	40.01
Graham Tire	Tires	629.36
Burwell Independent Oil	Sheriff Car	241.75
Valley County Sheriff	Jail Keep	50.00
Dustin Spanel	Cash Pd out	330.45
Corner Stop	Fuel	172.27
GLW Extention office	Support	1,720.72
Schaper & White	Secretary	150.00
Don Brown	Mileage	11.20
Greg Ralls	Mileage	5.60
Jack Ruppel	Mileage	17.92
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		70,201.34

AMBULANCE FUND

Nebraska Central Telephone	Phone/Internet	102.67
Dearborn National Life Ins. Co.	EMT/FR Life Insurance	27.52
McCook Community College	EMT Classes	77.00
Corner Stop	Fuel	67.99
Nebraska Central Telephone	Phone/Internet	102.96
AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL		275.18

ROAD FUND

Salaries		8,869.17
Internal Revenue Service	County Share Social Security	657.89
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp	County Share Retirement	598.68
John Schroder Jr.	Phone/	40.00
Ed Sherbeck	Phone/Supplies/Mileage	110.56
Lonnie Owen	Phone/Mileage	40.00
Custer Public Power District	Electricity	44.51
J & J Sanitation	Garbage	17.40
Corner Stop Enterprises Inc.	Fuel	1,497.81
Burwell Independent Oil	Fuel	730.80
Maverick	Oil/Grease/Fluids	52.50
Jeffres Sand and Gravel	Gravel	197.93
Garfield County	Rd Mtc. By others	462.50
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Hwy Superintendent	4,022.76
Valley County Health	Drug Testing	23.00
NMC Exchange	Parts/Labor	944.37
DMV	Records Request	7.50
Postany Construction	Survey	75.00
ROAD FUND TOTAL		18,392.38

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

Loup County Historical Society	Museum Director	420.00
VISTORS PROMOTION FUND TOTAL		\$420.00

REPLACEMENT BRIDGE FUND

NDOT	Inspections	2,793.06
REPLACEMENT BRIDGE TOTAL		\$2,793.06

Ralls moved to allow the claims. 2nd by Brown. 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.

Ruppel moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring monies from the General Fund to the Road and Special Road Funds. 2nd 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 118.

Ralls moved for the adoption of a resolution authorizing the signing of the year-end certification of county Hwy Superintendent. 2nd 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 119.

Brown moved to appoint Richard Johnson, license #S-541, Class A, as the Loup County Hwy Superintendent for a one-year period from November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The board held the Creekside at Calamus West GRS liquor license hearing. Present Commissioners Brown, Ralls and Ruppel and Deputy County Clerk Ruzicka. Chairman Brown opened the hearing at 1:30 P.M. Brown moved to recommend approval of the Class C liquor license for Creekside at Calamus West GRS. 2nd by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Chairman Brown closed the hearing at 1:35 P.M.

Jessica Fenske with Healing hearts and families met with the board to go over the memorandum of understanding to be signed by the chairman. The diversion program has added 4 additional counties; Thomas, Logan, Hooker and McPherson. Ralls moved to allow Chairman Brown to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Greg Ralls on behalf of the Loup County Fire Department discussed the possibility of selling the old fire hall. A new well would have to be put in at the new fire hall. The County owns both properties. Ralls moved to allow the Fire Department to put in a new well at the property the new fire hall is located on. 2nd by Brown. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Brown moved to allow notices to be temporarily posted at Corner Stop while the post office is closed. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Brown moved not to participate in the Opioid Litigation Settlement agreement. 2nd by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting;

none. Loup County Zoning administrator Shepard met with the Board to discuss changes to the Zoning regulations. Discussion ensued about camper hookups, in and out of town limits and commercial campground restrictions. Ruppel moved to approve the new zoning regulations as written by Hanna:Keelan Associates, P.C. 2nd by Brown. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Chairman Brown opened a Special Use hearing, present 3 commissioners, Deputy County Clerk Ruzicka and Zoning Administrator Shepard at 2:39 P.M. The board reviewed Special use application for Tom Ries for property located in 26-21-17, N1/2 Lot 6. Ralls moved to approve the Special Use permit for Tom Ries subject to specific conditions, requirements and/or limitations applicable to property use. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Chairman Brown closed the hearing at 2:45 P.M.

The Board met with the elected officials to discuss salaries for the 2023 term. County Attorney White discussed the additional duties that are being put on the county officials and the possibility of positions being eliminated in the smaller counties. Ralls moved to set the 2023 salaries to the minimum salaries recommended by Naco with a 4% cost of living increase for the next 3 years. 2nd by Brown. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The board discussed the hours submitted by the deputy Treasurer. Ralls moved to amend the personnel policy to say no hourly courthouse employee will be paid for hours that the courthouse is not open and part-time employees will not receive paid holidays. 2nd by Brown. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Loup County Sheriff Spanel met with the board to discuss changes brought on by LB 51. Discussion included but was not limited to changes in hiring uncertified officers and new policies.

The board reviewed the new commissioner's districts set by GWorks. Deputy Clerk Ruzicka is to contact GWorks to find out what it would take to change them.

Brown moved to enter into a contract with Nebraska Interactive, LLC. Dba NIC Nebraska for the Loup County Website rewrite. 2nd by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Ruppel moved to accept Tax List Correction 21-13 to remove personal property assessed in the wrong county. 2nd by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

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

