

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Brown, Ralls and Ruppel, County Clerk Ruzicka, and Donna Steckel. Meeting notice published September 7<sup>th</sup>, Burwell Tribune. Call to Order Special Meeting for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request. The floor was open for public comment.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

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8:45 A.M.

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

## GENERAL FUND

Salaries		24,529.92
Internal Revenue Service	County Share Social Security	2,342.58
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp.	County Share Retirement	1,712.71
AFLAC	Various Ins/All Funds	250.80
MaryJo Jones	Janitor	163.00
MaryJo Jones	Phone/Cash pd out	32.84
Deb Starr	Phone	25.00
Summer Strohl	Phone	25.00
Jessica Ruzicka	Phone/Cash pd out	587.57
Kyle Sheppard	Phone/Cash pd out	43.75
Dustin Spanel	Uniform Allow/cash pd out	287.94
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	317.85
Custer County Sheriff	Jail Keep	50.00
ISS	Fire Ext. Inspection	16.00
Hamilton	Telephone	343.89
J&J Sanitation	Garbage	37.82
MIPS	Program	777.76
The Burwell Tribune	Publishing	238.57
Custer Public Power District	Electricity	185.76
Jeffres	Rock	1,181.08
Dunne-Rite Plumbing	Parts and Labor	310.00
Village of Taylor	Sewer/Landfill Fee	36.58
Primus Lawn Service	Mowing	60.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	Equipment Rental	52.00
Ernie Beguin	Real Estate	1,500.00
Register of Deeds	Filing fees	14.50
DAS State Accounting	Network	65.00
Verizon Wireless	Wireless internet	82.92
GLW District Extention office	County Share	1,776.68
Corner Stop	Fuel	174.54
Eakes Office Solutions	Office Supplies	12.79
Petersen Legal Services	Court Appointed Attorney	230.00
NEWorks	Fees	155.11
Collin Chytka	Labor	4,130.05
NACO	Registration	175.00
USPS	Postage	300.00
Emory Haynes	Veterans Service Officer	3,000.00
Schaper & White	Secretary/service fees	150.00
V-Bar Trailer Sales	Parts	900.00
Custom Cage	Parts	980.00
Valley Thunder Rods & Rest.	Labor	65.00
Don Brown	Mileage	25.00
Greg Ralls	Mileage	6.25

Jack Ruppel	Mileage	80.00
Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies	309.03
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>55,675.29</b>

**AMBULANCE FUND**

Corner Stop	Supplies	6.00
Dearborn National Life Ins. Co.	EMT/FR Life Insurance	37.84
Hamilton	Phone	102.61
<b>AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>146.45</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	140.00
Lonnie Owen	Phone/Mileage/Supplies	40.00
Custer Public Power District	Electricity	39.16
J&J Sanitation	Garbage	17.92
Maverick Truck Stop	Fuel	90.00
Barco	Signs	11,310.63
Mainelli Wagner & Ass.	Hwy Superintendent	2,160.00
Corner Stop	Fuel	3,068.16
Sharon Sherbeck	Mowing	30.00
Paulsen Inc.	Gravel	9,835.38
<b>ROAD FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>39,769.47</b>

**EQUIPMENT FUND**

Central Nebraska Bobcat	Bobcat	77,581.00
<b>EQUIPMENT FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$70,581.00</b>

**ARPA FUND**

Arrow Mfg Inc	Ambulance	103,974.00
<b>ARPA FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>103,974.00</b>

Ruppel 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.

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 228.

Brown moved to adopt a resolution for signing the annual certification program. 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 233.

The board held the Calamus Marine Inc. liquor license hearing. Present Commissioners Brown, Ralls and Ruppel, Terry and Martha Rowse and County Clerk Ruzicka. Chairman Brown opened the hearing at 9:00 A.M. Brown moved to recommend approval of the Class C liquor license for Calamus Marine Inc. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Chairman Brown closed the hearing at 9:35 A.M.

The board held a discussion on what to do with the old Sheriff's vehicle that has been replaced. Options proposed included; listing it as surplus property and either taking sealed bids or listing it on Big Iron with a reserve, keeping it for the road department to use or trade it in on something larger for the road department. Ed Sherbeck made the

point that a half ton would not be very useful for the road department. They are going to need something that would be able to pull a trailer with the bobcat on it. Commissioner Brown suggested taking some pictures and seeing if it could be traded in for a  $\frac{3}{4}$  or 1 ton at Joe's Motors, he will call to see if they are interested before moving forward with any decisions.

Ralls moved to adopt a resolution establishing the Opioid Recovery fund. 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 229.

Ruppel moved to adopt a resolution establishing the 650 Road/Bridge Buyback Fund. 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 232.

Ralls moved to adopt the 2022-23 Loup County Budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. 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 230.

Brown moved to adopt a resolution setting the Loup County Property tax request 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 231.

The Board discussed the proposed agreements from Rock County. The Jordan agreement was tabled from last month. Commissioner Brown as well as Road employee Ed Sherbeck feel Loup County does more to maintain that shared road that Rock County does. Sherbeck would like to propose that Rock County takes over the maintenance for half of the year. Highway Superintendent will be in contact with Rock County before any decisions are made.

Faye Packard and Loup County Zoning administrator Kyle Shepard met with the board for a lot split application of 8.861 acres in the SE1/4 of 12-21-17. Brown moved to approve the lot split application. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Cody Griffith and Travis Barker from EZ IT met with the board to discuss the county's needs in Cybersecurity and IT. They went over pricing, what the price included and excluded, the experience they have with public entities and what they could offer our county. Brown moved to hire EZ IT to provide services in Cybersecurity and IT. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The board reviewed 2 proposals from audit companies. Proposals were from Contryman and associates and Dana F. Cole. Ruppel moved to sign the agreement with Contryman and associates. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Almeria Cemetery requested to have more funding. Ruppel moved to keep the funding the same. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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