

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 AM

Dec 13th, 2023

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 13th day of December, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel and Ruppel, County Clerk Ruzicka, deputy clerks Jones and Copsey, Ed Sherbeck, Lonnie Owen, Dustin Copsey and Diane Dilsaver. County Highway Superintendent Johnson and County Attorney White were present later in the morning. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the November 8th, 2023 meeting minutes. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the December 13th, 2023 meeting was also affirmed by all members present. Chairman Larson referenced the Open Meeting Laws poster located in the meeting room and advised that handouts concerning said laws are available to the public.

Steckel moved to audit the claims. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

GENERAL FUND

Salaries		\$33,843.32
In lieu of insurance		\$15,000.00
AFLAC	Insurance	\$292.60
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$2,367.24
IRS	County Share SS	\$3,667.02
APPEARA	Rugs	\$82.23
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT services	\$1,241.20
CONTRYMAN	Audit Services	\$14,500.00
CORNER STOP	Fuel	\$275.15
CPPD	Electricity	\$32.22
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	Service	\$59.10
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	Network	\$150.00
DATASHIELD	Shredding	\$8.24
DAVE LARSON	PHONE & MILEAGE	\$60.96
DEB STARR	PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE & MILEAGE	\$42.62
EAKES	Office Supplies	\$253.43
EZ IT	IT services/Microsoft license	\$2,303.00
GLW	DEC. '23	\$1,866.38
HAMILTON	Phone and internet	\$411.65
JACK RUPPEL	PHONE & MILEAGE	\$250.48
JAMIE COPSEY	Phone and Cash pd out	\$157.31
JASON WHITE-OTHER/PHONE	PHONE	\$40.00
JD KEEFE	PHONE	\$40.00
JESSICA RUZICKA	PHONE	\$25.00
J13 ENTERPRISE, LLC	BUDGETPREP1081	\$3,036.41
KAROLE STROHL	Cemetery	\$200.00
KYLE SHEPARD	Phone and Cash pd out	\$64.94
LAURA KRAUS- EM MANAGER	ERGM MANAGER	\$75.00
LOUP COUNTY TREASURER	PETTY CASH	\$150.00
MARCIA WALES	Cemetery	\$200.00
MARYJO JONES	Phone and Cash pd out	\$121.54
MICK DUNBAR	Cemetery	\$200.00
MICROFILM	Scanning services	\$52.00
MIPS	Programming	\$1,045.07
NEXTONER	Office Supplies	\$165.86

NWCA	'24 MEMB. FORM	\$210.00
SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY PAY	\$1,380.26
SUMMER STROHL	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	Sherrif supplies	\$62.32
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	Sewer/garbage/Cemetery	\$249.08
ZANE YOUNG	PHONE	\$40.00
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		\$85,331.63

AMBULANCE FUND

CORNER STOP	Fuel	\$53.00
DEARBORN LIFE INS CO	Life insurance	\$27.52
HAMILTON	Internet	\$41.74
AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL		\$122.26

ROAD FUND

Salaries		\$14,008.25
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$945.56
IRS	EMPE FICA	\$1,044.65
BARCO	Signs and hardware	\$100.72
CARQUEST	Parts and shop supplies	\$43.35
CHUCK SHEPARD	PHONE	\$40.00
CORNER STOP	Fuel	\$1,683.78
CPPD	Electricity	\$67.85
DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE	\$40.00
ED SHERBECK	PHONE	\$40.00
GRINT FARM SUPPLY	Supplies	\$38.64
LEVI WILLIAMS	PHONE	\$40.00
LONNIE OWEN	PHONE	\$40.00
MAINELLI & WAGNER	Hwy super/County Surveyor	\$4,490.00
MIKE KUCHERA	CULVERT WORK	\$4,000.00
NMC	Parts	\$1,431.87
SPELTS	Supplies	\$93.38
TROTTER SERVICE	DEF	\$129.75
ROAD FUND TOTAL		\$28,277.80

EQUIPMENT FUND

NMC	Road Grader	\$90,000.00
Equipment fund total		\$90,000.00

Bridge FUND

MAINELLI & WAGNER	Bridge	\$562.50
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Larson moved to allow the claims. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Steckel moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring monies from the General Fund to the Road Fund. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. **Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 267.**

Ruppel moved to adopt two resolutions, one transferring funds from the Bridge to the Hwy buyback fund and one transferring funds from the Road to the Hwy Buyback fund. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

There was discussion on yearly salary increases for the road and weed departments. The board discussed what the increases were the past couple of years. Steckel moved to set the salaries for Ed Sherbeck and Lonnie Owen to \$25 per hour and a 4% increase for the

weed superintendent. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The board briefly discussed the Sheriffs Salary compared to other counties.

There was discussion on the homeschool mock trial using the courtroom, there is no problems with them using it.

Healing Hearts and Families met with the board to give an update on the diversion program and present the Memorandum of understanding. This program helps the sheriff and the community, it is funded through a grant and based out of Custer County.

Larson moved to sign the memorandum of understanding with Healing Hearts and Families. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Steve Neimeyer met with the board to discuss a new appointment to the GLW board. Steckel moved to appoint Jackie Lewis to the GLW Extension board for a term of 3 years. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

There was discussion on the Calamus Road Program Agreement. There is 4.73 miles of the road in Loup County from the county line to Dry Creek fishing area. Loup County's share is estimated to be \$361,386.23 due in two payments.

Larson moved to enter into an agreement with the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation for improving Calamus Road. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The board held a discussion on what to grant current employees for PTO and Comp time as we transition from a salary to an hourly wage. Steckel moved to grant the maximum PTO according to the table in the Employee Handbook based on years of service. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Steckel moved to grant Full time hourly employees 80 hours of comp time. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Larson moved to adopt the employee handbook effective January 1st 2024. 2nd Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

s/ David Larson, Chairman of the Loup
County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jessica Worm
Loup County Clerk