

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 AM

Jan 10th, 2024

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 10th day of January, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel and Ruppel, County Clerk Worm, Deputy County Clerk Copsey, Lonnie Owen. County Highway Superintendent Johnson was present later in the morning. County Attorney White was absent. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the December 13th, 2023 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions to same. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the January 10th, 2024 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.

Chairman Larson called the Reorganization meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Steckel moved to nominate and appoint David Larson to the chairperson position for 2024 and cease nominations. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Larson moved to nominate and appoint Donna Steckel to the vice chairman position for 2024 and cease nominations. 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 naming Taylor Branch, UBT, Nebraska Federal Investment Trust and Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust as the County's depositories for 2024. 2nd by Ruppel. 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 395.

Steckel moved for the adoption of a resolution naming Larson to serve on the Region #26 Council for 2024. 2nd by Ruppel. 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 396.

Larson moved for the adoption of a resolution regarding forced spraying and individual notices pursuant to the noxious weed control act. 2nd by Steckel. 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 397.

Larson moved to set the following wage scales and to make the following appointments for 2024. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Mid-Nebraska Individual Services: Steckel, Region III Governing Board/Mental Health Board: Steckel, 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: Larson/Steckel alternate., Loup Basin: RC&D: Ruppel

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

GENERAL FUND

SALARIES		\$39,826.66
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$13,308.33
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$292.60
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$2,852.83
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	EMPE FICA	\$3,996.08
DAVE LARSON	HSA FLATWATER	\$691.67
APPEARA	RUGS	\$85.11
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES	\$216.20
ASHLEY ELEY	PHONE	\$40.00
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PUBLICATIONS	\$1,104.10
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$94.17
DAS STATE ACCTG	NETWORK	\$150.00
DAVE LARSON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$82.88
STARR,DEBORAH,A	PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE	\$48.04
EZ IT SOLUTIONS	IT SERVICES	\$690.00
GLW	EXTENSION	\$1,866.38
HAMILTON	PHONE & INTERN	\$413.59
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$82.03
RUPPEL,JACK	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$50.72
JAMIE COPSEY	PHONE	\$25.00
WHITE,JASON,S	PHONE	\$40.00
JEFFREY KEEFE	PHONE	\$40.00
RUZICKA,JESSICA	PHONE	\$25.00
SHEPARD,KYLE,E	PHONE	\$25.00
LAURA KRAUS	EMRG. MANAGER	\$75.00
JONES,MARYJO	PHONE	\$93.52
MICHAEL STARR	SNOW REMOVAL	\$50.00
MICROFILM IMAGING	MICROFILM	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAMS	\$1,045.07
REGION 26 COUNCIL	DUES	\$10,102.12
REGION 3 BEH HEALTH SER	DUES	\$395.30
SCHAPER & WHITE LAW FIRM	SEC. SALARY	\$500.00
STROHL,SUMMER,L	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	JAN SEWER/GARB	\$49.08
WESTERN CARTOGRAPHERS	PLAT MAPS	\$84.40
YOUNG,ZANE,Q	PHONE	\$40.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$79,642.88

AMBULANCE FUND

DEARBORN LIFE INS CO	LIFE INS.	\$27.52
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$65.21
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND		\$92.73

ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$5,885.25
AMERITAS LIFE INS	EMPE RET	\$397.25
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FEDERAL TAXES	\$424.80
ACE IRRIGATION	CULVERTS	\$534.87
BARCO MUNICIPAL PROD	SIGNS/POSTS	\$801.36
BURWELL INDEPENDENT OIL	FUEL	\$1,587.25
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	PARTS	\$271.39
CENTRAL NEBRASKA BOBCAT	PARTS	\$1,110.16
CHARLES SHEPARD	PHONE	\$40.00
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$119.86

DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE	\$40.00
SHERBECK,ED	PHONE	\$40.00
EDGHILL MOTORS, INC.	REPAIRS	\$664.97
EZ IT SOLUTIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$1,449.99
GARFIELD COUNTY TREAS	ROAD MTC.	\$1,650.00
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$138.32
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$44.50
OWEN,LONNIE,W	PHONE	\$125.76
MIPS	PRODUCTS/SERVICES	\$644.94
SPELTS LUMBER CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$84.09
TOTAL ROAD FUND		\$16,054.76

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

AMY DOHENY	FACEBOOKREPORT	\$350.00
LOUP COUNTY HIST SOCIETY	MUSEUM	\$810.00
TAYLOR AREA BUILDERS	INFO. CENTER	\$1,204.27
TOTAL VISITORS PROMOTION		\$2,364.27

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND

LOUP COUNTY HIST SOCIETY	MUSEUM	\$616.20
TAYLOR AREA BUILDERS	MEMORIAL BRICK	\$1,409.29
VET OF FOR WARS POST 6159	MOWING	\$675.00
TOTAL VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND		\$2,700.49

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

The board reviewed the Sheriff's Quarterly report, Clerk of the District Court Monthly Fee report, Treasurer's tax remaining reports, Fund Balances and Budget remaining spreadsheets.

Ruppel moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring monies from the General Fund to the Road and Special Road Funds. 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 394.

The board discussed with Clerk Worm the need for a credit card to use for office supplies, continuing education and hotel stays. The office previously used a Staples credit card for office supplies but they no longer offer that service.

Larson moved to allow tax list corrections 26 & 27 to remove a RV hookup added by mistake. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The board discussed the MPCC levy that was incorrectly adopted and the choice whether to fix it or not. Larson moved to not take any action and keep the levy as originally adopted. 2nd by Steckel.

Sheriff Spanel met with the board. Discussion included but not limited to; introduction of the new office manager for the Sheriff's Department, claims process, timesheets and payroll processes, mileage sheets, credit card, office hours, burn permits, leasing a copy machine, surplus property, office equipment replacement, VIN inspections and gun permits, quarterly reports, changing the lock on the Sheriff's office door, finding a new location for the Sheriff's office, Sheriff's office Facebook page and data master.

Steckel moved to enter into the lease agreement with Eakes for a 60 month term on a printer for the Sheriff's department. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Zane Young, Weed Superintendent met with the board to present his annual report, give an estimate for a new sprayer, and discuss the need for a Ranger.

Budget preparer Caleb Johnson met with the board to present the renewal of his contract for budget preparation services. There was a \$200 increase from last year and that rate would be locked in for 3 years. Larson moved to enter into this agreement with J13 Enterprises for the next 3 years (2024, 2025, 2026). 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Jason Chaplin, CPPD; April Gross, CPPD; Patrick Hanrahan, NPPD and Chris Hegert, NPPD presented the Calamus Power Project to the board.

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