

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

June 8th, 2022

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 8th day of June, 2022 at 8:30 A.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Brown, Ralls and Ruppel, County Clerk Ruzicka and Donna Steckel. 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 May 11th, 2022 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions to same. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the June 8th, 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.

Ralls 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		23,207.92
Internal Revenue Service	County Share Social Security	2,242.60
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp.	County Share Retirement	1,620.48
AFLAC	Various Ins/All Funds	250.80
MaryJo Jones	Janitor	163.00
MaryJo Jones	Phone	25.00
Deb Starr	Phone	25.00
Summer Strohl	Phone	25.00
Jessica Ruzicka	Phone	25.00
Kyle Sheppard	Phone/Cash pd out	107.96
Dustin Spanel	Uniform Allow/cash pd out	2,327.26
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	332.99
NIRMA	County Insurance	18,276.00
Loup County Ag Society	County Share Demolition	4,173.33
Hamilton	Telephone	373.44
NACO	Dues	1,006.01
Collin Chytka	Floor Installation	2,607.06
J&J Sanitation	Garbage	37.82

Ottens Electric	Electrical work	192.00
MIPS	Program	758.49
Postany Construction	Painting	500.00
Custer Public Power District	Electricity	113.98
Eakes	Office Supplies	413.00
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	100.00
Appeara	Towel Service	18.17
Heartland testing and consulting	Asbestos testing	400.00
Ass. of Clerk, ROD, Election	Registration	125.00
DAS State Accounting	Network	78.00
Verizon Wireless	Wireless internet	82.86
Election workers	Election pay	1,226.73
Corner Stop	Fuel	329.39
Region 26	Annual Maint. And Reserve	550.00
Schneider's Parts House	Parts	146.13
Family Advocacy Network	Subscription fee	500.00
Equipment Fund	Sheriff	24,000.00
Schaper & White	Secretary/service fees	402.72
Don Brown	Mileage	11.70
Greg Ralls	Mileage	5.85
Jack Ruppel	Mileage	18.72
GLW Extension office	County Share	3,441.44
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		98,324.43

AMBULANCE FUND

Hamilton	Phone/Internet	101.77
Dearborn National Life Ins. Co.	EMT/FR Life Insurance	37.84
Corner Stop	Fuel	172.63
Matheson Tri-Gas	Medical Supplies	71.95
Valley County Ambulance Serv.	Intercept	150.00

AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL **534.19**

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	107.28
Ed Sherbeck	Phone/Supplies/Mileage	132.43
Lonnie Owen	Phone/Mileage/Supplies	40.00
Custer Public Power District	Electricity	161.66
J&J Sanitation	Garbage	17.92
Corner Stop Enterprises Inc.	Fuel	3,705.55
Burwell Independent Oil	Fuel	2,540.75
Garfield County	Rd Mtc.	150.00
NMC Exchange	Repairs	1,282.59
Medical Enterprises	Drug Testing	35.00
Jeffres Sand and Gravel	Gravel/Rock/Hauling	69,000.00
Paulsen Inc	Gravel/Rock/Hauling	40,000.00
Ulrich Gravel Inc	Gravel/Rock/Hauling	38,000.00
ROAD FUND TOTAL		168,171.40

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

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 194.

Ralls moved to reappoint Roger Goos to the Loup County Veteran's Committee. 2nd by Brown. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Ralls moved to retain the Veteran Service Officer, Emory Haynes. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Sheriff Spanel met with the Board. The old sheriff's safe was removed for placement of the new one. The old Safe can be scrapped, it needs to be moved over to the county shop with the rest of the scrap iron. Sheriff Spanel also spoke to the board about finding a new sheriff's vehicle to replace the current pickup. He would like to look for something larger like a Tahoe that is equipped to handle patrol equipment. Some new equipment may also be necessary that could cost up to \$25,000. Sheriff Spanel is going to begin searching for a Tahoe as they may be hard to find. Sheriff Spanel also talked to the board about exploring the option of an interlocal agreement with a neighboring county for emergency services when he is out of the area. Hiring a deputy is not a good option at this point because of the cost, difficulty in certification and housing shortage. There needs to be someone available at all times for coroner calls, an interlocal agreement is a good option. Sheriff Spanel will visit with the board again next month with more information.

Brown moved to approve the Region III Behavioral Health match request. 2nd by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Caleb Johnson met with the board over the phone to discuss some budget information. Some accounts have been mislabeled and need to be recoded to align with the state auditor's manual. There are some highlighted areas in the preliminary worksheets Caleb sent out that are in need of attention. Some line items have been miscalculated. Restricted funds have blocks of cash reserves that many not be necessary. One fund that is collecting property tax directly into needs to be changed. There needs to be changes with the Highway buyback fund that would make tracking funds easier.

County Highway Superintendent Johnson reviewed 3 quotes for the replacement of the E911 signs. His recommendation was Barco Municipal Products.

Brown moved to accept the quote from Barco Municipal Products and order the E911 signs, posts and necessary hardware for installation. 2nd by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Ruppel moved to declare the old Zoning computer, including the keyboard and mouse, surplus property. 2nd by Ralls. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Sealed bids will be accepted in the Clerk's office until July 8th, 2022.

Brown moved to approve the contract with Custer Public Power for the installation of Solar Panels contingent on a contract being signed by Longhorn Electric. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Brown, Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

County Attorney White discussed guardrail damage on South Lake Road and if work had been done or payment had been received. The board advised that the work had not been complete but insurance money has been received.

Ralls moved to approve the zoning amendment submitted by Zoning administrator Shepard. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Ralls and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; Brown. The amendment strikes verbiage in the Ag Res section that was mistyped.

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