

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

June 14th, 2023

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 14th day of June, 2023 at 8:30 A.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel and Ruppel, County Clerk Ruzicka and Deputy Clerk Jones. 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 May 27th, 2023 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions to same. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the June 14th, 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

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| SALARIES | | \$34,039.94 |
| IN LIEU OF INSURANCE | | \$6,000.00 |
| AFLAC | INSURANCE | \$271.70 |
| AMERITAS | EMPE RET | \$2,374.59 |
| APPEARA | RUGS | \$147.18 |
| APPLIED CONCEPTS, INC. | SHERIFF EQUIPMENT | \$2,300.00 |
| BURWELL TRIBUNE | PUBLISHING | \$907.50 |
| CORNER STOP | FUEL | \$311.99 |
| CPPD | ELECTRICITY | \$30.50 |
| DAS STATE ACCOUNTING | NETWORK | \$25.28 |
| DAVE LARSON | PHONE&MILEAGE | \$81.92 |
| DEB STARR | PHONE | \$25.00 |
| DONNA STECKEL | PHONE&MILEAGE | \$288.25 |
| DUSTIN SPANEL | UNIFORM ALLOW & Mileage | \$407.85 |
| EAKES | Office supplies | \$446.83 |
| EQUIPMENT SINKING FUND | TRANSFER '23 | \$28,000.00 |
| GLW | MAY&JUNE '23 | \$3,553.36 |
| HAMILTON | Phone | \$414.62 |
| IRS | EMPE FICA | \$2,995.44 |
| J&J SANITATION | GARBAGE | \$80.64 |
| JACK RUPPEL | PHONE&MILEAGE | \$106.15 |
| JASON WHITE-OTHER/PHONE | PHONE | \$40.00 |
| JD KEEFE | PHONE | \$40.00 |
| JESSICA RUZICKA | PHONE | \$25.00 |
| JORDAN'S AUTO REPAIR | MAINTENANCE | \$98.44 |
| KYLE SHEPARD | PHONE | \$25.00 |
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| L-TRON CORPORATION | SHERIFF EQUIPMENT | \$8,857.22 |
| LANCASTER C. SHERIFF'S O. | SHERIFF FEES | \$6.00 |
| LAURA KRAUS | EMRG MANAGER | \$75.00 |
| LONGHORN ELECTRIC | SOLAR INSTALLATION | \$6,459.74 |
| LOUP CEN. LANDFILL ASSOC. | '23 PORTION | \$563.00 |
| MARYJO JONES | PHONE&SUPPLIES | \$51.96 |
| MAVERICK FERTILIZER | WEED CHEMICAL | \$1,193.97 |
| LARSON HSA ACCOUNT | HSA FLATWATER | \$600.00 |
| MICROFILM | SCANNING | \$52.00 |
| MIDLAND TELECOM | SHERIFF EQUIPMENT | \$4,835.39 |
| MIPS | PROGRAM | \$1,007.84 |
| NACO | '23 CO. WORKSH | \$200.00 |
| NEBRASKA STATE PATROL | DUES | \$61.50 |
| NIRMA | INSURANCE PREMIUMS | \$22,216.00 |
| POSTANY CONSTRUCTION | DOOR REPAIR | \$80.00 |
| SCHAPER & WHITE | SECRETARY PAY/DUES | \$834.00 |

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| SENN. DUN. JEN.WICKHAM,PC | COUNTY COURT COSTS | \$75.00 |
| STAPLES | Office supplies | \$94.20 |
| SUMMER STROHL | PHONE | \$25.00 |
| TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY | LIBRARY | \$1,060.00 |
| VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF | APR'23JAILKEEP | \$100.00 |
| VERIZON | PHONE | \$82.55 |
| VILLAGE OF TAYLOR | SEWER/GARBAGE | \$49.08 |
| WARTA | LAWN CARE | \$105.00 |
| ZANE YOUNG | PHONE/CASH PD OUT | \$114.55 |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND | | \$132,086.18 |

AMBULANCE FUND

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| CORNER STOP | FUEL | \$71.24 |
| DEARBON INS COMPANY | LIFE INS | \$30.96 |
| HAMILTON | PHONE | \$102.19 |
| AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL | | \$204.39 |

ROAD FUND

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| SALARIES | | \$12,405.78 |
| AMERITAS | EMPE RET | \$837.39 |
| BURWELL TRIBUNE | PUBLISHING | \$35.40 |
| CORNER STOP | FUEL | \$2,088.61 |
| CPPD | ELECTRICITY | \$61.13 |
| CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF | PUBLISHING | \$33.50 |
| DAVE LARSON | EYEWASH STATIO | \$52.74 |
| ED SHERBECK | PHONE | \$40.00 |
| IRS | EMPE FICA | \$926.89 |
| J&J SANITATION | GARBAGE | \$43.78 |
| JORDAN'S AUTO REPAIR | PARTS AND LABOR | \$404.86 |
| LEVI WILLIAMS | PHONE | \$40.00 |
| LONNIE OWEN | PHONE&MILEAGE | \$113.36 |
| MAINELLI & WAGNER | APRIL-MAY '23 | \$3,555.00 |
| MAVERICK | FLUIDS | \$99.00 |
| NMC | PARTS AND LABOR | \$4,736.24 |
| ROWDY EXPRESS | HAULING | \$5,391.00 |
| SHARON SHERBECK | MOWING CO SHOP | \$45.00 |
| THOENE FARM SERVICES | PARTS | \$303.48 |
| TNT DIESEL,INC | PARTS AND LABOR | \$1,443.00 |
| ROAD FUND TOTAL | | \$32,656.16 |

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| GWORKS | GIS SERVICES | \$5,985.00 |
| GIS FUND TOTAL | | \$5,985.00 |

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| ED HOEVET EXCAVATING | BRIDGE WORK | \$1,430.00 |
| MAINELLI & WAGNER | BRIDGE WORK | \$11,315.00 |
| BRIDGE FUND TOTAL | | \$12,745.00 |

Larson moved to allow the claims. 2nd by Steckel. 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 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 318.

Steckel moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring funds from General Fund to Ambulance 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 319.

Ruppel moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring funds from Road to Equipment Sinking Fund. 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 320.

Steckel moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring funds from Inheritance tax fund to Equipment sinking 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 321.

Larson moved to reappoint Dean Ralls to the Loup County Veteran's Committee. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The board reviewed a letter from Jessica Owen pertaining to road ditch maintenance.

The board discussed road ditch maintenance and areas it is not getting done. South Lake Road is a problem because of the large ROW and multiple land owners along the road. In the future the maintenance could be done by county employees by possibly purchasing a tractor and an attachment for the bobcat to take care of trees and brush.

Larson moved to declare the Bobcat Backhoe attachment as surplus property. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Larson moved to allow the community center to place their benches outside our building until the time the post office boxes are removed. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Deputy Clerk Jones and County Attorney White spoke with the board about the importance of accurate time records. From a legal standpoint accurate time records are imperative. Some of the many reasons accurate time records are important are; If the county were to be audited by Wage and Hour, if there were a Workman's comp claim or if there was an accident with a county employee. An option may be to get a time system on an app or a time system put in the shop. The Personnel policy needs to be reviewed and updated before road employees can be moved to hourly from salary. The clerk will reach out to other counties to begin a new personnel policy. Kyle Shepard, zoning administrator, met with the board to continue the discussion on E911 address sign in the county. The board would like Shepard to move forward with 3 informal quotes on purchasing the signs.

Steckel moved to enter into closed session at 9:55 AM for the purpose of discussing the sign audit and possible litigation. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Present in the closed session commissioners Larson, Steckel, Ruppel, Clerk Ruzicka, Deputy Clerk Jones, Attorney Jason White and Hwy Superintendent Johnson.

Came out of closed session at 10:05 after discussing the sign audit and possible litigation. The board discussed a liquor license ordinance to stay open until 2 AM. The board took no action on the matter.

Steckel moved to enter in the CBMP agreement for Porcupine Bridge with the State of Nebraska. 2nd by Larson. 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 Ruzicka
Loup County Clerk