

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

November 8th, 2023

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 8th day of November, 2023 at 8:30 A.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel and Ruppel, Deputy Clerk Copsey, Deputy Clerk Jones and County Clerk Ruzicka. County Highway Superintendent was present later in the morning. County Attorney White was absent. Also present at some point throughout the meeting was Jay Jenkins, Karmetta Ruppel, Jake Stern, John Schroder, Ed Sherbeck, Lonnie and Ruth Owen, Diane Dilsaver and Lance Owen. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the October 11th, 2023 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions to same. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the November 8th, 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		\$34,455.50
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$11,000.00
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$292.60
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$2,432.60
IRS	EMPE FICA	\$3,407.84
APPEARA	RUGS	\$82.23
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES	\$221.78
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	\$750.35
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$388.43
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$34.60
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NET. SUBSC.	\$150.00
DAVE LARSON	PHONE & MILEAGE	\$60.96
DEB STARR	PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE & MILEAGE	\$42.62
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$51.76
EZ IT	IT SERVICES	\$690.00
GLW	EXTENTION AGENT	\$1,866.38
HAMILTON	PHONE&INT&REPA	\$457.29
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$37.82
JACK RUPPEL	PHONE&MILEAGE	\$50.48
JAMIE COPSEY	PHONE	\$25.00
JASON WHITE-OTHER/PHONE	PHONE	\$40.00
JD KEEFE	PHONE	\$40.00
JESSICA RUZICKA	PHONE & CASH PD OUT	\$105.47
JORDAN'S AUTO REPAIR	OIL & LABOR	\$228.04
KYLE SHEPARD	PHONE	\$25.00
LAURA KRAUS- EM. MAN.	ERMG MANAGER	\$75.00
MARYJO JONES	PHONE & CASH PD OUT	\$69.70
MICROFILM	MICROFILM	\$52.00
MIDLAND TELECOM	EQUIPMENT & LABOR	\$2,300.00
MIPS	PROGRAMS	\$1,045.07
NACO	DUES	\$1,011.93
NACO PLANNING & ZONING	NACO ZON. DUES	\$40.00

NEBRASKA SHERIFF'S ASS.	DUES	\$205.00
REGION 26	NAME BADGES	\$30.00
REGION 3 BEH. HEALTH SER.	COUNTY MATCH	\$395.30
SCHAPER & WHITE	SEC. SALARY	\$500.00
SUMMER STROHL	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	TAYLOR LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
VERIZON	PHONE & INTERNET	\$82.88
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	VILLAGE SEWER	\$49.08
WARTA	MOWING	\$90.00
ZANE YOUNG	PHONE	\$190.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$64,182.71

AMBULANCE FUND

CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$143.93
DEARBORN LIFE IN COMPANY	INSURANCE	\$27.52
HAMILTON	PHONE	\$102.43
AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL		\$273.88

ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$12,806.35
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$864.43
IRS	EMPE FICA	\$952.71
ACE IRRIGATION	CULVERTS	\$5,212.80
BURWELL INDEPENDENT OIL	FUEL	\$2,335.20
CARQUEST	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$91.22
CHUCK SHEPARD	PHONE	\$40.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$3,143.61
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$48.70
DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE	\$40.00
ED SHERBECK	PHONE	\$40.00
GRINT FARM SUPPLY	SIGNS/POSTS/SHOP SUPP	\$87.18
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$19.39
LEVI WILLIAMS	PHONE	\$40.00
LONNIE OWEN	PHONE	\$40.00
MAINELLI & WAGNER	HWYSUP&CALAMRD	\$3,895.00
MARYJO JONES	CASH PD OUT	\$77.91
MAVERICK	TIRE DISPOSAL FEE	\$70.00
NMC	PARTS & LABOR	\$12,268.74
OLCOTT WELDING	AUTOGATE	\$614.09
POSTANY CONSTRUCTION	LABOR&OVE.DOOR	\$2,025.00
SPELTS	PARTS/TOOLS/PATCH	\$2,391.72
VALLEY COUNTY HEALTH SYS	DRUG TEST	\$23.00
ROAD FUND TOTAL		\$47,127.05

EQUIPMENT FUND

MAINELLI & WAGNER	BRIDGE	\$6,743.87
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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.

Larson moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring monies from the General Fund to the Road 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 372.

Larson moved to appoint Richard Johnson, license #S-541, Class A, as the Loup County Hwy Superintendent for a one-year period from November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024. 2nd by Ruppel Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Steckel moved to adopt a resolution of intent for Flood plain management. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. There was discussion on road ditch maintenance about the postcards that were mailed to all residents outside of Taylor and questions some residents had pertaining to the statute.

Larson moved to adopt a resolution transferring \$100,000 from the ARPA fund to the LATCF. 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 373.

Jay Jenkins with the University of Nebraska Extension met with the board to follow up on the agreement he presented in September. The agreement will go into effect January 1st 2024 and will be sent via DocuSign. Jay also mentioned the interlocal agreement between Loup, Wheeler and Garfield counties. County Attorney White is working on an agreement. Larson moved to renew the agreement effective January 1st, 2024 through December 31st, 2024 with the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation where the Clerk Magistrate as Clerk of the County Court for County shall be the Ex Officio Clerk of the District Court. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Steckel moved to adopt a resolution for the amendment and addendum to NIRMA/NIRMA II Interlocal agreement. 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 374.

Concerned citizens came to the board to express disagreement with the possibility of a new policy requiring the road department employees to bring equipment back to the shop every day and a road foreman position. Discussion ensued regarding previous sign audits conducted by NIRMA, road department employees and wages, spraying road ditches, and the South Lake Road project.

Steckel moved for the adoption of a resolution for signing the year end certification of the highway superintendent. 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 375.

Larson moved to be in concurrence to award the bid for South Lake Road with the county share to be approximately \$361,386.25. 2nd by 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 Commissioner

ATTEST:

Jessica Ruzicka
Loup County Clerk