

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

October 11, 2023

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 11th day of October, 2023 at 8:30 A.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Ruppel and Steckel, County Clerk Ruzicka, Jamie Copsey, Ed Sherbeck and deputy clerk Jones. 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 September 13th, 2023 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions to same. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the October 11th, 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, Ralls, Ruppel. Nays; absent; none, not voting; none.

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	AFLAC	\$271.70
AMERITAS	RET	\$2,131.93
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	EMPE FICA	\$3,081.67
DAVE LARSON	HSA FLATWATER	\$1,000.00
SALARIES		\$30,166.83
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$11,000.00
APPEARA	RUGS	\$82.23
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	IT SERVICES	\$199.00
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	\$353.60
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$315.72
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER D	ELECTRICITY	\$33.79
DAS STATE ACCTG	SUBSC.	\$150.00
DAVE LARSON	PHONE&MILEAGE	\$81.92
STARR,DEBORAH,A	PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE&MILEAGE	\$42.62
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$26.04
EMORY HAYNES	2023VETSERVOFF	\$3,000.00
EZ IT SOLUTIONS	IT SERVICES	\$690.00
GLW DISTRICT EXT	SEPT'23&OCT'23	\$3,732.76
HAMILTON	PHONE&INTERNET	\$414.63
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$37.82
RUPPEL,JACK	PHONE&MILEAGE	\$50.48
JAMIE COPSEY	PHONE/CASH PD OUT	\$660.00
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
LOUP COUNTY TREASURER	TREAS PETTY CA	\$149.39
JONES,MARYJO	PHONE	\$278.86
MICROFILM IMAGING SYS	IMAGING	\$52.00
MIPS	SUBSCRIPTION	\$1,045.07
REGION 26 COUNCIL	DUES	\$10,102.12
NEB. DEPT OF REVENUE	ASSESSOR EXAM	\$150.00
ROCK CTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	JAIL BOARD	\$45.00
SCHAPER & WHITE LAW FIRM	SECRETARY PAY	\$500.00
STROHL,SUMMER,L	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
USPS	TREAS. POSTAGE	\$906.00

VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$82.85
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER PAYMENT	\$49.08
WARTA SERVICES & REPAIR	3X MOW&TRIM	\$45.00
YOUNG,ZANE,Q	PHONE	\$40.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$72,283.11

VISITORS PROMOTION

DARCIA KOVARIK PHOTO	1/2MARK.DIREC.	\$1,509.65
LOUP COUNTY HIST SOC.	MOW HIST, LAWN	\$720.00
TAYLOR AREA BUILDERS	TAB	\$1,500.00
VISITORS PROMOTION FUND TOTAL		\$3,729.65

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT

TAYLOR JUNIOR RODEO	RODEO ARENA	\$1,237.03
VISITORS PROMOTION FUND TOTAL		\$4521.21

AMBULANCE FUND

DEARBORN LIFE IN COMPANY	LIFE INSURANCE	\$13.76
HAMILTON	AMBULANCE	\$102.43
LAURA KRAUS	AMB. SUPPLIES	\$272.31
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	AMB. SUPPLIES	\$54.69
AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL		\$443.19

ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$16,782.84
AFLAC		\$20.90
AMERITAS	RET	\$1,132.84
IRS	EMPE FICA	\$1,256.91
BARCO MUNICIPAL	SIGNS	\$3,416.85
BAUER BUILT	TIRES	\$4,043.32
BRAD WHITE EQUIPMENT	GRAPPLE	\$3,300.00
BURWELL INDEPENDENT OIL	FUEL	\$1,381.96
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	PARTS	\$346.24
CHARLES SHEPARD	PHONE	\$40.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$2,584.87
CPPD	138842	\$49.36
DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE	\$40.00
SHERBECK,ED	PHONE	\$40.00
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$19.39
JEFFRES SAND AND GRAVEL	GRAVEL/HAULING	\$7,148.60
WILLIAMS,LEVI	PHONE	\$40.00
OWEN,LONNIE,W	PHONE	\$40.00
MAVERICK TRUCK STOP	TIRE MOUNTING	\$230.00
NMC, INC.	REPAIRS/MAINT/LABOR	\$4,586.44
PLUS ONE INDUSTRIES, INC	AUTOGATE	\$2,735.00
ROWDY EXPRESS, INC.	HAULING	\$2,022.00
SHARON SHERBECK	SEPT MOWING	\$15.00
TNT DIESEL, INC	REPAIRS	\$574.00
ROAD FUND TOTAL		\$51,846.52

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

Larson moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring monies from the General Fund to the Road and Special Road Funds. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; absent; none, not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 page 363.

Steckel moved for the adoption of a resolution closing the special road fund. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; absent; none, not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 page 364.

The board reviewed the Sheriffs Quarterly Fee Report.

The board reviewed the tax remaining reports and the distress warrant notice report from the treasurer.

The board reviewed the Clerk of the district court fee report.

A rental purchase agreement with NMC was discussed among the board. A 2016 maintainer with 8,300 hours rent for one month rental with option to purchase trading in the old machine.

Larson moved to enter into the rental purchase agreement with NMC. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; absent; none, not voting; none.

The board reviewed a sample of a postcard to be sent to residents in Loup County about road ditch maintenance. The post cards will be sent in the near future. The road department has been helping some landowners with piling trees that have been cut out of the road ditch and would continue to help anyone who reaches out. Chuck Shepard is studying to get an applicators license. The county will purchase a new sprayer for the weed department and the road department to share.

Paper timesheets are still not being filled out entirely and correctly as well as being turned in on time. The clerk's office is going to look into an app to use as a time record system. The system would be mandatory for all hourly employees to keep their time.

The board reviewed a working copy of the Employee handbook.

Commissioner Larson spoke about putting a propane heater in the County shop, a propane tank would have to be rented or purchased. New lighting will be put in the shop and the roof needs to be looked at. The roof on the weed building also needs to be looked at and a new overhead door put in. The sheriff's department may need a fenced in area for storage.

The board discussed having all county equipment come back to the shop at the end of the day. If there was a winter storm forecasted special permission would be needed in order to take a machine home for the night. There are liability issues with county equipment being kept on private property.

There was discussion on creating a road foreman position. The road department would answer to the road foreman instead of each individual commissioner. The foreman would be in charge of giving work assignments, safety meetings etc.

Larson moved for the creation of the Road department foreman position. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; absent; none, not voting; none.

Larson moved to approve tax list corrections 21, 23, 24, and 25 for the State of Nebraska removing property tax. 2nd by Steckel Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; absent; none, not voting; none.

Steckel moved to enter into an agreement with Central Plains Valuation for appraisal services and pickup work. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; absent; none, not voting; none.

Hwy Superintendent updated the board on porcupine bridge (no update), upstream bridge design has begun and the culvert project began may need more dirt work that originally anticipated.

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

ATTEST:

Jessica Ruzicka
Loup County Clerk

LOUP COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

11:00 A.M.

October 11, 2023

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to recess from the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting the 11th day of October, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson Steckel and Ruppel, Jamie Copsey and County Clerk Ruzicka. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the previous meeting minutes with no corrections or additions to same. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the October 11th, 2023 meeting was also affirmed by all members present. Chairman Larson referenced the Open meeting laws poster located in the meeting room and advise that handouts concerning said laws are available to the public.

Larson moved for the adoption of a resolution setting the levies for fiscal year 2023-2024. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; absent; none, not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 365.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned back to regular session.

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

ATTEST:

Jessica Ruzicka
Loup County Clerk