

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2024

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on February 8, 2024. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Todd Yost, Crystal Wiens and Don Pettigrew by telephone.

The minutes of the January 10th, 2024 meeting were read aloud and approved. Chairman Bryan Crisp announced the Public Meetings Law posted in the boardroom and copies of it and the agenda are available for the public.

The claims on file were audited by the board. Julie Kraye moved and Thad Emerson seconded the motion that the audited claims be allowed and warrants from the various county funds be issued for their payment. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Approved claims are listed below. Road bids for armor coat were opened at 3:30 p.m. Bryan Crisp opened and read the bids, Figgins Construction Co. \$69,992.20 & Topcoat Inc \$76,475.68. Bryan Crisp motioned and Thad Emerson seconded to accept Figgins Construction Co bid for ~~569,883.20~~ 569,992.20 for armor coat work to be completed in 2024. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Bryan Crisp provided an update regarding the maintenance building. Construction should begin the last week in February. Thad Emerson informed the board that Brenneman will be building the road for Dusty Paxton and wanted clarification on the agreement between Paxton and the County. He will pass on the information to Brenneman. Roads were discussed and monthly expenses reviewed.

Clerk Jessica Hampton asked to apply for round two of the Cybersecurity Grant with the assistance of Applied Connective. Bryan Crisp motioned and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to have Hampton apply for the second round of the Cybersecurity Grant with the assistance of Applied Connective. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Hampton also presented a letter that was received from the Nebraska Weed Control Association showing that Devan Polt was recognized as Outstanding Weed Superintendent of Region II for 2023. Legislative updates were discussed.

At 4:00 p.m. the board recessed to begin the Board of Equalization Hearing. The commissioners reconvened at 4:10 p.m.

Treasurer Crystal Wiens presented the monthly financial report. No questions or concerns regarding the financial report.

Sheriff Todd Yost updated the board on the Sheriff's Office. Yost reported that he has completed his administration certification and does not have to take the new sheriff's training until he has been officially elected into the sheriff's office.

Library budget worksheet was discussed, no questions regarding the budget.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND		ROAD FUND	
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins	\$ 10,506.97	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 1,098.25
Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 118.79
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 800.00	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
AT&T Mobility	\$ 315.08	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74
Brouillette, Troshynski, Kingston & Jackson	\$ 892.66	Handyman Hardware	\$ 149.00
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 369.52	Hooker County Tribune	\$ 120.00
Contryman Associates	\$ 14,000.00	Macke's Grocery	\$ 5.09
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 1,974.64
Cardmember Service	\$ 250.00	Michael Baum, exp	\$ 21.49
Fair Law Office	\$ 537.50	Custer Public Power District	\$ 100.53
First Concord Benefits Group	\$ 3,039.62	Daly Enterprises	\$ 351.97
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74	Doolley Oil Inc	\$ 1,012.31
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 40.00	Jerry Remus	\$ 254.64
Hooker County Court	\$ 102.00	Kully Pipe & Steel Supply	\$ 7,869.52
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 308.24	NMC	\$ 57.10
Macke's Grocery	\$ 15.66	T.O. Haas	\$ 743.96
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	Troyer Enterprises Inc	\$ 442.99
MIPS, Inc	\$ 899.60	WPCL	\$ 32.00
Midwest Special Services Inc	\$ 310.80	IRS	\$ 4,003.96
Neal Oil & Auto	\$ 451.50	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 695.46
Nebraska Association of County Assessors	\$ 75.00	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,394.45
Nebraska District Court Clerks Association	\$ 50.00	Payroll	\$ 12,404.43
Nebraska Association of County Treasurers	\$ 50.00	LIBRARY FUND	
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 89.00	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 114.08
Quill LLC	\$ 276.42	Macke's Grocery	\$ 21.86
Sandhills RC&D	\$ 50.00	Neal Oil & Auto Center	\$ 387.00
USPS	\$ 136.00	Village of Mullen	\$ 285.17
Verizon Wireless	\$ 131.58	Barbara A Held	\$ 12.09
Verizon Wireless	\$ 53.86	Broadart Co	\$ 261.75
Village of Mullen	\$ 402.56	Willow Lane Education	\$ 142.94
West Publishing	\$ 273.85	IRS	\$ 309.68
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 21.84	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 142.93
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IRS	\$ 7,414.24	Payroll	\$ 1,420.39
NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 1,040.80	LODGING TAX PROMOTION FUND	
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 3,058.29	Hooker County Tribune	\$ 7.56
MASA Global	\$ 62.50	Mullen Arts Center	\$ 1,700.00
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00	Mullen Arts Center	\$ 2,000.00
Payroll	\$ 25,741.37	Omaha Magazine	\$ 3,280.00
911 SURCHARGE FUND		Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway	\$ 530.00
Consolidated Tel Co, 911	\$ 343.16	SISB Polar Bear Tank Race	\$ 2,000.00

Meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, March 14th at 3:30 p.m. Additionally, the Hooker County Board of Equalization will meet for purposes of reviewing the permissive exemptions at 3:45 p.m. Meetings are held in the Commissioners Room and agendas for these meetings are kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the county clerk during normal business hours.

Attest:

Hooker County Board of Commissioners


Bryan Crisp, Chairman


Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk