

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
January 10, 2024

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on January 12, ~~2023~~²⁰²⁴. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp and Julie Kraye, absent, Thad Emerson. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Todd Yost and Devan Polt.

The minutes of the December 14th, 2023 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. Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion that the audited claims be allowed and warrants from the various county funds be issued for their payment. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried. Approved claims are listed below. Organization of commissioners was decided with a motion from Julie Kraye that Bryan Crisp remain the Board Chairman. Seconded by Bryan Crisp. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried. Bryan Crisp made the motion to keep Julie Kraye as Vice Chair of the Board. Seconded by Julie Kraye. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

Julie Kraye made a motion and Bryan Crisp seconded the motion that regular monthly meeting times remain at 3:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Hooker County Commissioners Room. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

A request from DaySpring Bank asking to be named depository bank was reviewed. Julie Kraye moved and Bryan Crisp seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2024-1 appointing DaySpring Bank the county depository bank and also naming Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust and DaySpring Bank as excess funds depositories. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

Bryan Crisp motioned and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to designate the Hooker County Tribune as the official county newspaper and additionally allow meeting notices to be posted on the county website, www.co.hooker.ne.us, as necessary. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion for the following board appointments for year 2024: Bryan Crisp—West Central District Health, Lexington Area Solid Waste; Thad Emerson—Region II Health & Social Services Agency, Sandhills RC&D Board; Julie Kraye—West Central Development District, Firstnet Broadband Initiative. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2024-2 appointing Don Pettigrew, qualified under license #S-289 Class A, to the position of County Road Superintendent and County Surveyor for the 2024 calendar year. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

Roads were discussed and monthly expenses reviewed. Road wages for 2024 were discussed. The Commissioners felt that the raise and wages set in 2023 were still appropriate. A letter from Brendan Lilley was read, the commissioners will keep Mr. Lilley's information available for contact when the need for a new road superintendent arises. Bryan Crisp gave an update on the new maintenance building. The site is prepped and materials have been delivered.

Weed Superintendent Devan Polt presented his annual report and review from the Noxious Weed Board and provided an update on noxious weeds in Hooker County. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the Noxious Weed Control Plan for Year 2024. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

A hearing was held at 4 p.m. in regards to DRC Investors LLC Class C Liquor License. Julie Kraye made a motion to approve DRC Investors LLC Class C Liquor License. Bryan Crisp seconded. Roll call vote two ayes, motion carried.

At 4:05 p.m. the board recessed to begin the Board of Equalization Hearing. The commissioners reconvened at 4:06 p.m.

The commissioners signed the annual signatures report for the Secretary of State.

Highway 2 Depot requested SDL's for Valentine's Dinner 2/14/2024 and Polar Bear Tanking Race 3/1-2/2024. Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion that the commissioners have no objection to these SDL permits. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

The Hooker County Treasurer's semi-annual report was presented to the board. Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's semi-annual report. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

Sheriff Todd Yost updated the board on the Sheriff's Office.

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

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to appoint Todd Yost as Hooker County's Emergency Manager. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 10,568.34	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 1,098.25
Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 118.78
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 800.00	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
Blue 360 Media	\$ 93.75	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74
Brouillette, Toshiynski, Kingston & Jackson	\$ 237.50	Handyman Hardware	\$ 40.85
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 369.45	Hooker County Tribune	\$ 0.60
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Kwik Stop	\$ 216.71
Eakes Office Solutions	\$ 202.53	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 3,537.33
Cardmember Service	\$ 849.00	Sandhill Oil	\$ 790.31
Fair Law Office	\$ 300.00	Windstream of the Midwest	\$ 3.21
First Concord Benefits Group	\$ 1,623.52	Bornigaars	\$ 88.14
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74	Crocell	\$ 183.33
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 40.00	Custer Public Power District	\$ 100.19
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 15.71	Emerson Equipment	\$ 120.72
Kwik Stop	\$ 569.36	NMC	\$ 3,575.66
Macke's Grocery	\$ 46.02	Triple G Redmix LLC	\$ 807.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	IRS	\$ 3,352.58
MIPS, Inc	\$ 1,185.85	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 566.08
Neal Oil & Auto	\$ 322.50	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,155.61
Nebraska UC Fund	\$ 155.90	Payroll	\$ 10,414.04
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 100.00	LIBRARY FUND	
Quill LLC	\$ 84.37	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 114.08
Kent Turnbull, exp	\$ 562.11	Handyman Hardware	\$ 78.75
USPS	\$ 66.00	Macke's Grocery	\$ 20.36
Verizon Wireless	\$ 53.86	Neal Oil & Auto Center	\$ 322.50
Verizon Wireless	\$ 131.58	Village of Mullen	\$ 249.89
Village of Mullen	\$ 381.05	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
West Publishing	\$ 273.85	MidAmerica Books	\$ 144.87
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 17.92	IRS	\$ 241.18
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 34.29	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 118.47
IRS	\$ 7,384.46	NE Department of Revenue	\$ 8.26
NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 1,036.88	Payroll	\$ 1,224.11
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 3,055.56	911 SURCHARGE FUND	
MASA Global	\$ 62.50	Consolidated Tel Co, 911	\$ 343.16
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00	LODGING TAX CAPITAL FUND	
Payroll	\$ 25,665.56	Bond Payment	\$ 9,481.25
STATE INSTITUTIONS FUND		GRANT FUND	
Region II Services	\$ 370.00	VAP Construction	\$ 15,000.00
ARPA FUND			
VAP Construction	\$ 36,499.50		

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, February 8th at 3:30 p.m. Additionally, the Hooker County Board of Equalization will meet for purposes of reviewing the permissive exemptions at 4:00 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



Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk



Bryan Crisp, Chairman