

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 2024

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on March 14, 2024. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Todd Vost, Crystal Wiens, Don Pettigrew, TL Meyer, Devan Polt and Mike Baum.

The minutes of the February 8th, 2024 meeting were read aloud and approved with corrections. 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 Bryan Crisp 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. Don Pettigrew brought the armor coat contract with Figgins to be signed by the chairman. Pettigrew discussed the stretch of county road to be armor coated in year 2025. He then reviewed the monthly expenses and budget with the board. Mike Baum talked to the board about drags that will be on Big Iron in the near future. It was decided to wait and budget for a new drag. Baum also spoke to the board about the county road from the Sexton to O'Briens and some ideas on how to best smooth the road. More discussion to happen in future meetings.

Bids for the new well and septic at the new maintenance building site were opened by the chairman. Bids for the well were received from Cooley Well Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$13,311.00 and Hampton Well Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$10,828.20. Bids for the septic were received from Cooley Well Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$3,880.00 and Hampton Well Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$3,800.00. After review of the bids Thad Emerson made a motion to accept the low bid and to accept the same company, Hampton Well Drilling, Inc., to install the well and septic. Bryan Crisp seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

The board was asked to pass a resolution to increase the speed on Highway 97 South from Mullen to Tryon. By the time of the meeting it was determined that the state had already approved and put up new signs.

At 3:45 p.m. the board recessed to begin the Board of Equalization Hearing. The commissioners reconvened at 3:50 p.m. Devan Polt brought the Hooker County Noxious Weeds Reports and Requirement Summary for review and signature by the chairperson. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve and sign the Hooker County Reports & Requirement Summary. Polt also asked the board about gophering road in the spring and fall. It was decided that for 2024 Hooker County would stay with fall application and look at budgeting for spring of 2025 application. Polt also talked to the board about applying sandbur control on the courthouse and dog park grass. It was agreed that the funding is in the current budget and sandbur control should be applied.

TL Meyer with Central Sandhills Extension presented the 2023 Extension Annual Report and updates within Extension.

Having the fairgrounds was on the agenda. The board decided to make no changes to who has the fairgrounds.

The 2024 Upper Loup NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented to the board. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2024-3 adopting the most recent and FEMA-approved version of the Upper Loup NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in its entirety. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Jessica Hampton updated the commissioners on 2024 assessment and presented the NIRMA Annual Report.

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

Sheriff Todd Vost updated the board on the Sheriff's Office and that he has a prospective deputy.

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

The Mullen Hospital District was discussed. Discussion was had amongst the board regarding the function and operation of the Mullen Hospital District. George Vinton provided the county board with a statute that shows authority to approve or disapprove the levy request. Vinton also provided statute referencing the dissolution of a hospital district.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 10,506.97	MASA Global	\$ 62.50
Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35	George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00
Al's Lock & Safe	\$ 9.00	Payroll	\$ 25,056.21
Hooker County Treasurer	\$ 6.00	ROAD FUND	
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 808.32	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 118.79
Brouillette, Troshynski, Kingston & Jackson	\$ 119.32	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 369.52	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74
Cranmore Fire Protection	\$ 355.00	Andersen & Sons NAPA	\$ 216.57
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Custer Public Power District	\$ 139.53
Data Shield	\$ 54.00	Daily Enterprises	\$ 110.00
Cardmember Service	\$ 991.42	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 1,341.34
Fair Law Office	\$ 150.00	NMC	\$ 723.12
First Concord Benefits Group	\$ 3,571.36	Rose Equipment	\$ 1,356.50
Galls	\$ 256.99	Triple G Redimix LLC	\$ 5,333.03
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 1,098.25
Jessica Hampton, exp	\$ 29.48	Kwik Stop	\$ 571.92
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 40.00	Handyman Hardware	\$ 22.84
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 90.00	Macke's Grocery	\$ 8.42
Kwik Stop	\$ 892.51	IRS	\$ 3,323.36
Loup Basin RC&D Council	\$ 200.00	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 555.07
Macke's Grocery	\$ 62.76	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,134.40
Marsh McLennan Agency	\$ 3,718.00	Payroll	\$ 10,405.14
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	LIBRARY FUND	
MIPS, Inc	\$ 899.60	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 114.08
Mullen Motors	\$ 254.00	Neal Oil & Auto Center	\$ 290.25
NE Assoc Cly Clerks, ROD, Elect, etc	\$ 50.00	Broadart Co	\$ 261.75
NACO	\$ 50.00	Junior Library Guild	\$ 276.08
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 50.00	Macke's Grocery	\$ 14.31
Quill LLC	\$ 29.96	Village of Mullen	\$ 272.42
Thomas County Treasurer	\$ 6,581.24	IRS	\$ 308.80
Verizon Wireless	\$ 131.58	NE Department of Revenue	\$ 41.19
Verizon Wireless	\$ 53.86	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 147.83
Village of Mullen	\$ 411.54	Payroll	\$ 1,411.68
West Central District Assessor's Assoc	\$ 25.00	911 SURCHARGE FUND	
West Publishing	\$ 273.85	Consolidated Tel Co, 911	\$ 343.16
Crystal Wiens, exp	\$ 117.06	LODGING TAX PROMOTION FUND	
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 22.66	Joshua Barnes	\$ 6,000.00
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 35.60	Hooker County Tribune	\$ 7.56
Todd Vost, exp	\$ 12.00	WNTC Member Dues	\$ 2,009.83
Neal Oil & Auto	\$ 322.50	INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
IRS	\$ 7,287.66	VAP Construction	\$ 17,803.50
NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 1,038.03	ARPA FUND	
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 2,976.00	VAP Construction	\$ 33,696.00

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, April 11th at 3:30 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:


Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk

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Bryan Crisp, Chairman