

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
May 9, 2024

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on May 9, 2024. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Krave. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Todd Yost, Crystal Wiens, Don Pettigrew, TL Meyer, Judd Allen, Gregg Mooney, JB Walker, Jace Connealy, John Mundry, Pat Wright and Jim O'Brien. The minutes of the April 11th, 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 Krave 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. Roads were discussed and the road budget was reviewed. Pettigrew suggested a two percent increase in budget for 2024-2025 budget.

Bryan Crisp gave an update on the maintenance building. VAP could potentially be complete with their construction by the end of May. From there electrical and interior walls can be installed.

Judd Allen and Gregg Mooney with NACO spoke with the commissioners about the 13.9% increase in health insurance rates. Allen provided alternative insurance options for the commissioners. After much discussion Bryan Crisp made a motion to reenroll with Blue Cross Blue Shield at the \$2600 deductible with \$2000 buy down with First Concord and dental PPO plan. Thad Emerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

TL Meyer presented the 2024-2025 Central Sandhills Extension budget. Meyer presented a slight increase in the budget request. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to accept the 2024-2025 Central Sandhills Extension budget. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Mullen Golf Club requested a SDL for the Member/Guest Golf Tournament 6/29/2024. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to approve the SDL for the Mullen Golf Club. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Jessica Hampton notified the board about a grant Hooker County was awarded for \$1544.55, reimbursement for IT used for elections. Hampton and Crystal Wiens talked to the board about the repair of the color copier. Julie Krave made a motion and Bryan Crisp seconded the motion to have the color copier repaired. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer Crystal Wiens presented the monthly financial report. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to have the treasurer transfer \$15,000 from the road fund to the road equipment fund. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Several community members attended the meeting to discuss the Hooker County airstrip. The community members present believed that the airstrip is beneficial and would like to see it remain intact and available. Pat Wright suggested selling or leasing the airstrip. John Mundry suggested to remove the asphalt and have a grass landing strip. George Vinton talked about the legality of the airstrip and the need for insurance. Sheriff Todd Yost introduced his new Deputy JB Walker to the commissioners. He also discussed the need to purchase equipment and uniform gear for Walker.

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

CLAIMS

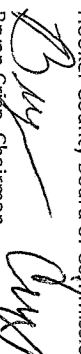
GENERAL FUND		ROAD FUND	
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 10,506.97	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 118.57
Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
Al's Lock & Safe	\$ 2.25	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 807.80	Mike Baum, exp	\$ 32.34
Brouillette, Troshynski, Kingston & Jackson	\$ 238.54	Croell	\$ 180.90
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 368.28	Custer Public Power District	\$ 78.95
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Emerson Equipment	\$ 1,392.00
Data Shield	\$ 108.00	Inland Truck	\$ 11,574.13
Cardmember Service	\$ 132.00	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 5,036.73
Election Systems & Software LLC	\$ 3,012.38	Nebraska Safety Center	\$ 110.00
Fair Law Office	\$ 25.00	Triple G Redmix LLC	\$ 7,527.11
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74	IRS	\$ 3,627.14
Gworks	\$ 2,626.00	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 626.98
Jessica Hampton, exp	\$ 319.49	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,145.00
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 60.00	Payroll	\$ 11,163.60
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 343.33	LIBRARY FUND	
Loup Basin RC&D Council	\$ 88.71	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 113.87
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	Village of Mullen	\$ 277.29
MIPS, Inc	\$ 899.60	Windstream	\$ 4.34
NACO	\$ 125.00	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
NACT	\$ 150.00	IRS	\$ 325.04
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 100.00	NE Department of Revenue	\$ 39.85
Quill LLC	\$ 67.97	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 142.93
Verizon Wireless	\$ 131.56	Payroll	\$ 1,513.36
Village of Mullen	\$ 420.20	911 SURCHARGE FUND	
West Publishing	\$ 273.85	Consolidated Tel Co, 911	\$ 343.16
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 26.75	STATE INSTITUTIONS FUND	
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 37.18	Region II Human Services	\$ 2,261.97
IRS	\$ 7,778.68	INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 1,088.58	Handyman Hardware	\$ 485.95
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 3,279.67	Village of Mullen	\$ 931.66
MASA Global	\$ 62.50	Hampton Well Drilling	\$ 15,553.25
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00	VAP Construction	\$ 39,953.00
Payroll	\$ 26,743.28		

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Tuesday, June 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