

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2024

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a special budget workshop at 1:00 p.m. and a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on August 8, 2024. Present were commissioners Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Absent, Bryan Crisp. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, Todd Yost, George Vinton, Crystal Wiens, Don Pettigrew, Mike Baum and Luke Bonkiewicz. During the budget workshop the board worked through preliminary valuation, budget documents and tentative budget requirement. The subdivisions preliminary budget requests were reviewed. Julie Kraye made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to have George Vinton send Mullen Hospital District a letter in regards to their request. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried. The budget workshop concluded at 3:30 p.m.

The minutes of the July 11th, 2024 meeting were read aloud and approved. Vice Chair Julie Kraye 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. Thad Emerson 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. Roads were discussed and the road budget was reviewed. Don Pettigrew presented the annual inventory for the roads department. Pettigrew also stated that the One-and-Six-Year Road Hearing will take place in the September meeting. Mike Baum discussed current projects and budget line items that are needed for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Baum also gave an update on the maintenance building. Walls are being built and then electrical will be installed. Thad Emerson made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-4 the Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2024. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

Luke Bonkiewicz with NACO attended the meeting and updated the board on current legislation, the NACO West building and a county employee wage study that has been released. Bonkiewicz also reminded the commissioners of the county explorer page on the NACO web page that provides county data and facts.

Clerk Jessica Hampton presented the county inventories. Thad Emerson made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the presented inventories. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried. Hampton presented her 3 Year Plan of Assessment. Thad Emerson made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the 3 Year Plan of Assessment. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried. Hampton requested to set the postcard hearing, if necessary, for Sept. 19, 2024 at 6 p.m. Hampton presented a letter regarding district court and the legislations attempt to consolidate. The new NACO benefit for student loan repayment was presented to the board.

Propane bids from Neal Oil and Sandhills Oil were opened. Julie Kraye made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to accept the propane bid from Sandhills Oil for the 2024-2025 heating season. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

Julie Kraye made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-5 to submit to the qualified electors of Hooker County, Nebraska at the November 5, 2024 general election the following question: "Shall Hooker County, Nebraska impose a 1% sales and use tax upon the same transactions within Hooker County, other than in Mullen, Nebraska which already imposes a local option sales and use tax, on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a sales and use tax to finance public safety services?". Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

Thad Emerson made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the SDL for Mullen Commercial Club's event, Sandhills Sharptail Shootout 9/19/2024-9/21/2024. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer Crystal Wiens presented treasurer's report.

Sheriff Todd Yost provided an update on the sheriff's office.

Library budget worksheet and annual report were presented.

Julie Kraye made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-6 special attorney for Frank Harding. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 11,900.36
Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 828.40
AT&T Mobility	\$ 157.56
Brouillette, Troshynski, Kingston & Jackson	\$ 312.50
Cardmember Service	\$ 390.69
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 369.51
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
Fair Law Office	\$ 425.00
Galls	\$ 150.74
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 664.09
Handyman Hardware	\$ 72.93
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 20.00
Hooker County Clerk	\$ 8.00
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 135.44
Kwik Stop	\$ 989.12
Lincoln County Clerk	\$ 919.75
Macke's Grocery	\$ 36.72
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00
MIPS, Inc	\$ 944.65
Mullen Auto & Diesel	\$ 8.84
NIRMA	\$ 52.00
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 110.00
The Radar Shop	\$ 128.00
Region II Human Services	\$ 421.49
Thomas County Treasurer	\$ 6,808.08
Verizon Wireless	\$ 131.62
Village of Mullen	\$ 663.59
West Central Area on Aging	\$ 602.60
West Publishing	\$ 298.50
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 25.36
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 43.91
IRS	\$ 9,472.22
Nebraska Department of Revenue	\$ 1,390.26
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 3,695.29
MASA Global	\$ 75.00
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00
Payroll	\$ 31,491.07

ROAD FUND

Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 118.79
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 664.09
Handyman Hardware	\$ 1.50
Kwik Stop	\$ 418.43
Macke's Grocery	\$ 14.74
Sandhill Oil	\$ 225.00
Cornhusker International	\$ 342.35
Custer Public Power District	\$ 78.91
Dooley Oil	\$ 249.74
Hampton Trucking & Repair	\$ 4,993.75
Inland Truck	\$ 2,343.67
Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 5,285.40
Nebraskaland Tire	\$ 1,184.60
NMC	\$ 1,529.20
Triple G Redmix LLC	\$ 11,464.27
IRS	\$ 4,164.58
NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 743.83
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,379.71
Payroll	\$ 12,578.50

LIBRARY FUND

Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 114.09
Macke's Grocery	\$ 5.95
Village of Mullen	\$ 402.79
Windstream of the Midwest	\$ 3.30
Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
Demco	\$ 62.92
EastWest Books	\$ 125.94
Ebsco	\$ 245.65
Jessica Hampton, exp	\$ 351.44
IRS	\$ 308.06
NE Department of Revenue	\$ 39.68
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 142.32
Payroll	\$ 1,411.06

LODGING TAX CAPITAL FUND

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INHERITANCE TAX FUND

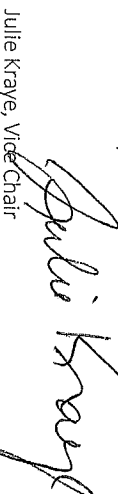
Handyman Hardware	\$ 4,342.13
VAP Construction	\$ 36,710.50

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, September 12th 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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Julie Kraye, Vice Chair