

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 2024

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the courthouse on October 10, 2024. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, Todd Yost, George Vinton, Crystal Wiens, Toni Massey, Hayley Donohoe, Trisha Vest and Jaylon Forsen. 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 minutes of the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting were read aloud. Bryan Crisp made a motion to approve the minutes, Julie Kraye seconded. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

The claims on file were audited by the board. Thad Emerson 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. Bryan Crisp will meet with Mike Baum to go over the road budget. A few budget concerns were addressed, one being that only \$7,000 remains in the gravel budget and over a third of the road budget has been spent in the first three months of the fiscal year. Road projects are currently put on hold. Discussion was had regarding ways to address the budget concerns. Suggested options were to complete the electrical in the new maintenance building and then to put all other projects on hold. The commissioners also discussed delaying armor coat for a year or two. More discussion will occur in the November meeting.

Two bids were received for the new maintenance building electrical work. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to accept the bid from K.C. Electric Inc. for the amount of \$25,656.00. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Bryan Crisp recessed the meeting at 1:15 p.m. for the Board of Equalization. Commissioner reconvened at 1:23 p.m. Thad Emerson made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to adopt resolution 2024-13 that reinforces that Hooker County is not a sanctuary jurisdiction. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Jessica Hampton presented a letter of understanding from Contryman Associates, P.C. regarding the counties annual audit. Bryan Crisp signed the letter of understanding.

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to approve the SDL for Munson's Market Inc for 10/19/2024. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer Crystal Wiens presented treasurer's report and projections of cash flow through December 2024. Wiens notified the commissioners that Hooker County has \$134,209.44 less in the bank than one year ago and is unable to transfer funds to the Library and Institutions Funds. Jessica Hampton presented a spreadsheet that showed September cash available for the county and projections through December 2024. Looking at presented projections the county will need to use funds from Inheritance Tax to cover claims and payroll in the month of December. The lack of reserve in the prior fiscal year budget has created cash flow problems for the current fiscal year. Commissioners are looking at various ways to address the cash flow and budget concerns and will discuss in the November meeting.

Sheriff Todd Yost provided an update on the sheriff's office. Library budget worksheet was presented.

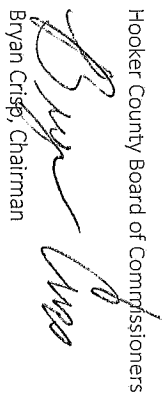
**CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND		ROAD FUND	
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 11,927.65	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 118.79
Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 10,513.08	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 664.09
AT&T Mobility	\$ 157.56	Kwik Stop	\$ 362.25
Brouillette, Troshynski, Kingston & Jackson	\$ 162.50	Wacke's Grocery	\$ 22.17
Cardmember Service	\$ 120.00	Sandhill Oil	\$ 5,915.00
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 386.51	Allard Precast	\$ 1,100.00
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Barco Municipal Products	\$ 602.59
Data Shield	\$ 54.00	Michael Baum, exp	\$ 123.52
Eakes Office Solutions	\$ 160.02	Frederick Cooley, exp	\$ 7.05
Election Systems & Software	\$ 2,063.37	Croell	\$ 192.38
Galls	\$ 46.36	Custer Public Power District	\$ 72.03
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 664.09	Glen Garner, exp	\$ 375.00
Jessica Hampton, exp	\$ 143.38	Great Plains Sandhills Family Medicine	\$ 28.00
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 40.00	Inland Truck	\$ 54.06
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 347.17	MARC	\$ 272.11
Kwik Stop	\$ 987.33	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 805.46
Loup Basin RC&D	\$ 96.78	NMC	\$ 119.16
Macke's Grocery	\$ 29.96	Nebraskaland Tire	\$ 2,099.88
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	Nebraska Truck Center Inc	\$ 420.64
MIPS, Inc	\$ 944.65	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$ 11.72
Mullen Motors	\$ 164.00	Triple G Redirnix LLC	\$ 10,540.96
NACO	\$ 492.00	WPCI	\$ 32.00
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 70.00	IRS	\$ 3,512.74
Quill LLC	\$ 56.08	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 601.88
Region II Human Services	\$ 154.24	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,105.58
Thomas County Treasurer	\$ 6,808.07	Payroll	\$ 10,858.77
USPS	\$ 101.60	<b>LIBRARY FUND</b>	
Verizon Wireless	\$ 131.68	Consolidated Telephone	\$ 114.09
Village of Mullen	\$ 656.25	Macke's Grocery	\$ 9.38
West Publishing	\$ 298.50	Village of Mullen	\$ 408.00
Crystal Wiens, exp	\$ 105.45	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 23.09	Michael Frederick	\$ 75.00
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 36.81	Nebraska Library Commission	\$ 500.00
John G Wright	\$ 45.00	IRS	\$ 289.36
IRS	\$ 9,811.30	NE Department of Revenue	\$ 35.99
Nebraska Department of Revenue	\$ 1,439.01	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 128.82
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 3,849.10	Payroll	\$ 1,307.25
MASA Global	\$ 75.00	<b>911 SURCHARGE FUND</b>	
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 343.16
Payroll	\$ 31,552.33	<b>LODGING TAX PROMO FUND</b>	
<b>INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>		Hooker County Tribune	\$ 7.56
Handyman Hardware	\$ 3,090.56	<b>LODGING TAX CAPITAL FUND</b>	
		Mullen Golf Course	\$ 15,310.30

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 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

Hooker County Board of Commissioners  
  
Bryan Crisp, Chairman

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 2024

The Hooker County Board of Equalization convened at 1:15 p.m. in the commissioners room on October 10, 2024. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were George Vinton, Toni Massey, Hayley Donohoe and Jessica Hampton. Resolution 2024-12 was reviewed by the commissioners. Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2024-12 setting the levies for the current tax year. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Attest:

Hooker County Board of Commissioners



Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk



Bryan Crisp, Chairman

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 22, 2024

Attendance:

Board Members: Julie Krave & Thad Emerson, Bryan Crisp  
Public: Jessica Hampton, Crystal Wiens, George Jenkins, Russ Finney, Scott Finney

The Hooker County Board held a special meeting, open house at 6:30 p.m. in the Hooker County Courtroom on October, 22, 2024. The open house was an opportunity for the commissioners to talk about the ballot question to impose a county sales and use tax of 1% in Hooker County. The commissioners informed the public that the sales and use tax will be applicable to residents and businesses outside of the Village of Mullen limits. The estimated sales and use tax revenue for one year is roughly \$100,000 that can only be used to finance public services. Examples of public services are the sheriff's budget, 911 fund, public defender budget and jail budget. The sales and use tax if passed by a majority of votes cast in the November 5<sup>th</sup>, General Election will take effect in the second quarter or April 2025.

The commissioners notified the public that they are actively searching for ways to increase revenue for Hooker County through avenues that are not real and personal property based. If the ballot question is passed the commissioners will use the revenue to contribute to the 911 fund and the sheriff's budget. The 2024-2025 budget for 911 is \$25,000 and the sheriff's budget is \$217,000. The estimated \$100,000 will apply in budget years 2025-2026, but will help reduce the amount required from personal and real property tax.

Scott Finney asked about sales and use tax revenue received from Hooker County being used for the Mullen Rural Fire District. The commissioners have discussed that if the revenue from the sales and use tax were plentiful enough, they would like to see an interlocal agreement between Hooker County and the Mullen Rural Fire District to provide a portion of the receipted funds to the fire district. The commissioners thanked those that attended and adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Attest:

Hooker County Board of Commissioners



Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk



Bryan Crisp, Chairman