

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2024

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on February 8, 2024. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Todd Yost, Crystal Wiens and Don Pettigrew by telephone.

The minutes of the January 10th, 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 Kraye moved and Thad Emerson 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.

Road bids for armor coat were opened at 3:30 p.m. Bryan Crisp opened and read the bids, Figgins Construction Co. \$69,992.20 & Topcoat Inc \$76,475.68. Bryan Crisp motioned and Thad Emerson seconded to accept Figgins Construction Co bid for ~~\$69,881.20~~⁶⁹² for armor coat work to be completed in 2024. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Bryan Crisp provided an update regarding the maintenance building. Construction should begin the last week in February. Thad Emerson informed the board that Brenneman will be building the road for Dusty Paxton and wanted clarification on the agreement between Paxton and the County. He will pass on the information to Brenneman. Roads were discussed and monthly expenses reviewed.

Clerk Jessica Hampton asked to apply for round two of the Cybersecurity Grant with the assistance of Applied Connective. Bryan Crisp motioned and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to have Hampton apply for the second round of the Cybersecurity Grant with the assistance of Applied Connective. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Hampton also presented a letter that was received from the Nebraska Weed Control Association showing that Devan Polt was recognized as Outstanding Weed Superintendent of Region II for 2023. Legislative updates were discussed.

At 4:00 p.m. the board recessed to begin the Board of Equalization Hearing. The commissioners reconvened at 4:10 p.m.

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

Sheriff Todd Yost updated the board on the Sheriff's Office. Yost reported that he has completed his administration certification and does not have to take the new sheriff's training until he has been officially elected into the sheriff's office.

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

CLAIMS

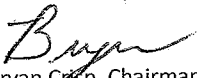
GENERAL FUND		ROAD FUND	
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 10,506.97	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 1,098.25
Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 118.79
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 800.00	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
AT&T Mobility	\$ 315.08	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74
Brouillette, Troshynski, Kingston & Jackson	\$ 892.66	Handyman Hardware	\$ 149.00
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 369.52	Hooker County Tribune	\$ 120.00
Contryman Associates	\$ 14,000.00	Macke's Grocery	\$ 5.09
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 1,974.64
Cardmember Service	\$ 250.00	Michael Baum, exp	\$ 21.49
Fair Law Office	\$ 537.50	Custer Public Power District	\$ 100.53
First Concord Benefits Group	\$ 3,039.62	Daly Enterprises	\$ 351.97
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74	Dooley Oil Inc	\$ 1,012.31
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 40.00	Jerry Remus	\$ 254.64
Hooker County Court	\$ 102.00	Kully Pipe & Steel Supply	\$ 7,869.52
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 308.24	NMC	\$ 57.10
Macke's Grocery	\$ 15.66	T.O. Haas	\$ 743.96
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	Troyer Enterprises Inc	\$ 442.99
MIPS, Inc	\$ 899.60	WPCI	\$ 32.00
Midwest Special Services Inc	\$ 310.80	IRS	\$ 4,003.96
Neal Oil & Auto	\$ 451.50	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 695.46
Nebraska Association of County Assessors	\$ 75.00	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,394.45
Nebraska District Court Clerks Association	\$ 50.00	Payroll	\$ 12,404.43
Nebraska Association of County Treasurers	\$ 50.00	LIBRARY FUND	
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 89.00	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 114.08
Quill LLC	\$ 276.42	Macke's Grocery	\$ 21.86
Sandhills RC&D	\$ 50.00	Neal Oil & Auto Center	\$ 387.00
USPS	\$ 136.00	Village of Mullen	\$ 285.17
Verizon Wireless	\$ 131.58	Barbara A Held	\$ 12.09
Verizon Wireless	\$ 53.86	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
Village of Mullen	\$ 402.56	Willow Lane Education	\$ 142.94
West Publishing	\$ 273.85	IRS	\$ 309.68
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 21.84	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 142.93
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 34.81	NE Department of Revenue	\$ 39.85
IRS	\$ 7,414.24	Payroll	\$ 1,420.39
NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 1,040.80	LODGING TAX PROMOTION FUND	
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 3,058.29	Hooker County Tribune	\$ 7.56
MASA Global	\$ 62.50	Mullen Arts Center	\$ 1,700.00
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00	Mullen Arts Center	\$ 2,000.00
Payroll	\$ 25,741.37	Omaha Magazine	\$ 3,280.00
911 SURCHARGE FUND		Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway	\$ 530.00
Consolidated Tel Co, 911	\$ 343.16	SJSB Polar Bear Tank Race	\$ 2,000.00

Meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, March 14th at 3:30 p.m. Additionally, the Hooker County Board of Equalization will meet for purposes of reviewing the permissive exemptions at 3:45 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 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		ROAD 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, Troshynski, 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	Bomgaars	\$ 88.14
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74	Croell	\$ 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 Redimix 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

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on April 11, 2024. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Todd Yost, Crystal Wiens, Val Jansante and Carol Wright.

The minutes of the March 14th, 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. 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, three ayes, motion carried. Approved claims are listed below.

Roads were discussed and the road budget was reviewed. Thad Emerson asked the board if the county would be supplying the auto gates for the Paxton road that is being built. The commissioners determined that the auto gates would be the responsibility of the landowner. The complaint reported to the Clerk regarding Hackberry Road was passed onto the board. Crisp will notify the road department of the complaint. Bryan Crisp gave a maintenance building update, the concrete would be complete by the end of April. Crisp will work on a bid sheet for the needed electrical work.

Val Jansante with Congressman Adrian Smith's office attended the meeting and provided updates from Mr. Smith's office.

The Hooker County airstrip discussion was tabled until the May meeting.

Thad Emerson made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the SDL application from Highway 2 Depot for the alumni barbeque to be held 6/8/2024 at the Hooker County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Jessica Hampton requested the June 2024 meeting be moved to Tuesday, June 11th at 3:30 p.m. to be able to attend the budget workshop and clerks convention. The board had no objections to moving the meeting to June 11th at 3:30 p.m.

Treasurer Crystal Wiens presented the monthly financial report. Wiens reported that all taxes are current and there are no delinquent taxes owed in Hooker County. No questions or concerns regarding the financial report. A transfer of \$665.11 from the Inheritance Fund to the ARPA Fund for a clerk's error was requested. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the transfer of \$665.11 from the Inheritance Fund to the ARPA Fund. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

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

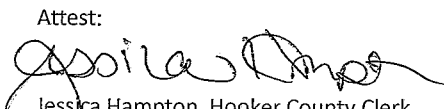
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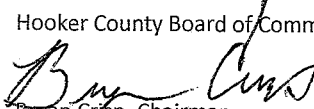
The Mullen Hospital District was discussed and Carol Wright was present to provide information regarding the Mullen Hospital District. Wright presented the board with a profit and loss statement for the hospital district covering the time frame of 7/1/2023 through 4/11/2024. The board requested that Wright supply quarterly or semi-annual profit and loss statements from the Mullen Hospital District going forward. This will help in understanding how the current tax funds are being distributed. A discussion was had about the future of the Mullen Hospital District. It was determined that if the hospital district is not operating in the realm of the statutorily defined manner of a hospital district by the fall of 2025 then the necessary steps to disband would begin by January 2026. Discussion was had about withdrawal of land and the statutory process. It was discovered that to remove land from a hospital board you must go through a petition process and election. Wright notified the board that the Mullen Hospital District meets every second Monday of the month at 5 p.m. at the rest home.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND		ROAD FUND	
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 10,506.97	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 1,098.25
Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 118.79
Acme Printing	\$ 183.85	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 807.80	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74
AT&T Mobility	\$ 315.12	Handyman Hardware	\$ 16.14
Brouillette, Troshynski, Kingston & Jackson	\$ 712.50	Kwik Stop	\$ 402.49
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 369.49	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 4,136.51
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Sandhill Oil	\$ 1,139.50
Eakes Office Solutions	\$ 139.31	Vinton Feed Store	\$ 51.50
Cardmember Service	\$ 122.03	Croell	\$ 2,484.80
Election Systems & Software LLC	\$ 1,739.57	Custer Public Power District	\$ 102.78
Fair Law Office	\$ 737.50	Emerson Equipment	\$ 4,250.00
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74	Great Plains Sandhills Family Medicine	\$ 28.00
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 20.00	NMC	\$ 1,403.59
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 231.00	Sandhill Fertilizer	\$ 128.40
Kwik Stop	\$ 598.16	Triple G Redimix LLC	\$ 1,615.18
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	WPCI	\$ 32.00
MIPS, Inc	\$ 899.60	IRS	\$ 3,397.58
Neal Oil & Auto	\$ 258.00	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 575.42
NPAS	\$ 274.62	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,174.01
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 70.00	Payroll	\$ 10,528.34
Quill LLC	\$ 135.16	LIBRARY FUND	
Region II Human Services	\$ 57.73	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 114.09
USPS	\$ 185.00	Hooker County Tribune	\$ 35.00
Verizon Wireless	\$ 131.58	Macke's Grocery	\$ 13.25
Village of Mullen	\$ 406.80	Neal Oil & Auto Center	\$ 258.00
West Publishing	\$ 273.85	Village of Mullen	\$ 258.70
Crystal Wiens, exp	\$ 143.38	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 25.71	CSLP	\$ 152.27
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 30.75	People Magazine	\$ 135.20
Todd Yost, exp	\$ 68.00	IRS	\$ 294.30
IRS	\$ 7,584.46	NE Department of Revenue	\$ 43.42
Nebraska Dept of Revenue	\$ 1,048.44	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 155.98
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 3,139.38	Payroll	\$ 1,318.84
MASA Global	\$ 62.50	911 SURCHARGE FUND	
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00	Consolidated Tel Co, 911	\$ 343.16
Payroll	\$ 26,044.13	INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
STATE INSTITUTIONS FUND		Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 4,260.02
Region II Services	\$ 369.00	Handyman Hardware	\$ 548.85
		Village of Mullen	\$ 7,115.62

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, May 9th 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.

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Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk

Hooker County Board of Commissioners

Bryan Crisp, Chairman

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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.

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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.

Haying the fairgrounds was on the agenda. The board decided to make no changes to who hays 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 Yost 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

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Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35	George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00
Al's Lock & Safe	\$ 9.00	Payroll	\$ 25,056.21
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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 Cty Clerks, ROD, Elect, etc	\$ 50.00	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
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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

Hooker County Board of Commissioners

Bryan Crisp, Chairman

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 Kraye. 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 Mundorf, 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 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. 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 Byran 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 Kraye 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 Mundorf 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 Redimix 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

Hooker County Board of Commissioners

Bryan Crisp, Chairman

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on June 11, 2024. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, Patty Wolfenden and Todd Yost. The minutes of the May 9th, 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. Bryan Crisp moved and Thad Emerson 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. The board discussed having gravel hired and hauled from North Platte for the Paxton road. The board requested an estimate on trucking from Patty Wolfenden. Bryan Crisp gave an update on the maintenance building. Spray foam insulation should be complete by the end of June.

Crisp requested to have full time and part time road employment on the agenda. In the discussion it was determined that the two current road positions need to remain full time positions.

The clerk, Jessica Hampton presented a letter from the Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding road work on highway 2 west that will occur in 2025. Also presented was the NIRMA Insurance update for fiscal year 2024-2025. Health insurance was discussed and specifically in-lieu of insurance. Bryan Crisp made a motion to cap in-lieu of the NIRMA at \$2200 starting 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025. Julie Kraye seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Hampton asked to apply for the most recent opioid settlement available to Hooker County. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to apply for the most recent opioid settlement. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Highway 2 Depot requested a SDL for the Mullen Family Fun Day 7/4/2024. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the SDL for the Highway 2 Depot. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Hampton updated the commissioners on change of valuation notices and assessment.

Treasurer's monthly financial report was presented. Thad Emerson made a motion and Bryan Crisp seconded the motion to have the treasurer transfer \$1,069.21 from the Inheritance fund to the ARPA fund. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

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

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

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND			
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 11,577.93	Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 34.80
Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35	IRS	\$ 8,587.56
All Star Auto Glass	\$ 475.00	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 1,256.25
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 840.01	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 3,585.21
AT&T Mobility	\$ 314.96	MASA Global	\$ 75.00
Doug Boyer	\$ 15.00	George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00
Brouillette, Troshynski, Kingston & Jackson	\$ 150.00	Payroll	\$ 29,036.66
Margaret Cavanaugh Boyer	\$ 15.00	ROAD FUND	
Checks for Less	\$ 48.95	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 118.57
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 368.28	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74
Eakes Office Solutions	\$ 254.99	Kwik Stop	\$ 586.78
Robert Edis	\$ 210.00	Macke's Grocery	\$ 17.02
Pat Edis	\$ 210.00	B's Enterprises	\$ 1,672.00
Cardmember Service	\$ 126.00	Custer Public Power District	\$ 76.91
Galls	\$ 454.15	Figgins Construction	\$ 29,663.21
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 2,391.12
Jessica Hampton, exp	\$ 145.00	NMC	\$ 4,220.26
Karen Happ	\$ 202.50	Triple G Redimix LLC	\$ 8,285.44
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 20.00	IRS	\$ 4,254.58
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 961.67	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 763.44
Kwik Stop	\$ 1,478.50	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,408.54
Macke's Grocery	\$ 73.27	Payroll	\$ 12,816.01
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	LIBRARY FUND	
Mid States Organized Crime Information Center	\$ 50.00	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 113.87
MIPS, Inc	\$ 899.60	Macke's Grocery	\$ 36.37
Mullen Auto & Diesel	\$ 119.94	Village of Mullen	\$ 328.06
NACO	\$ 1,023.48	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
Dan Newman	\$ 210.00	Windstream	\$ 3.62
NIRMA	\$ 29,866.00	IRS	\$ 312.78
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 60.00	NE Department of Revenue	\$ 43.42
Quill LLC	\$ 552.39	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 155.98
Region II Human Services	\$ 511.00	Payroll	\$ 1,430.05
Sandhill Fertilizer	\$ 385.55	911 SURCHARGE FUND	
United States Postal Service	\$ 837.55	Consolidated Tel Co, 911	\$ 343.16
USPS	\$ 272.00	Keith County Management	\$ 12,987.16
Bev Uphoff	\$ 242.16	INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
Verizon Wireless	\$ 131.56	Mike Baum, exp	\$ 35.92
Village of Mullen	\$ 489.48	Hampton Well Drilling Inc	\$ 800.00
West Publishing	\$ 273.85	ROAD STP FUND	
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 31.35	Figgins Construction	\$ 40,328.99

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Tuesday, July 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

Hooker County Board of Commissioners

Bryan Crisp, Chairman

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD
EMERGENCY MEETING
JUNE 28, 2024

Attendance:

Board Members Julie Kraye & Thad Emerson, absent Bryan Crisp

Public: Jessica Hampton and Crystal Wiens

The Hooker County Board convened at 8:30 a.m. in the commissioners room on June 28, 2024 for an emergency meeting to correct a fund balance.

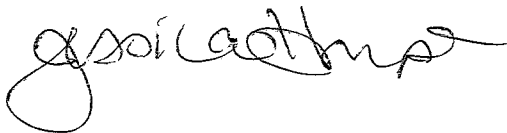
Thad Emerson made a motion to transfer \$861.64 from the General Fund to the 911 Surcharge Fund.

Julie Kraye seconded the motion. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

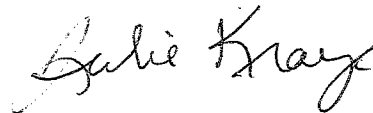
Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Attest:

Hooker County Board of Commissioners

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jessica Hampton".

Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julie Kraye".

Julie Kraye, Vice Chairman

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the courthouse on July 11, 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 and Kylie Joyce.

Bryan Crisp recessed the meeting at 3:00 for the Board of Equalization. Commissioners reconvened at 4 p.m.

The minutes of the June 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. 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, three ayes, motion carried. Approved claims are listed below.

Roads were discussed and the road budget was reviewed. Bryan Crisp gave an update on the maintenance building insulation is complete, the building is ready for the concrete approach and walls. The clerk notified the board that the road department is completing an application for a permit to construct an access off of Highway 97 onto John Howell's property and the existing county road.

Kylie Joyce with Region II Services presented to the commissioners the available programs and services that Region II Services is able to provide to Hooker County residents.

Clerk Jessica Hampton requested to set the budget workshop for 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2024. Hampton presented the most recent opioid award for chairman Crisp's signature. Thad Emerson made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to designate CSG as the printing service for the joint public hearing postcards. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to appoint Jessica Hampton, Clerk to prepare the 2024-2025 budget. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Julie Kraye made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to pay the 2024 dues to West Central Nebraska Area Agency on Aging. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Thad Emerson made a motion and Bryan Crisp seconded the motion to prepare a 1% sales tax resolution for the August meeting. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Thad Emerson made a motion and Bryan Crisp seconded the motion to approve the following SDL's for the Highway 2 Depot: Ranch Rodeo 7/27/2024; Fair 8/3/2024; Phipps Wedding Reception 8/31/2024. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer Crystal Wiens presented the semi-annual treasurer's report. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approved the semi-annual report as presented. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Sheriff Todd Yost provided an update on the sheriff's office. Yost requested approval to apply for a grant through the Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation to apply for the expense of two Getac laptop's, docking stations and radar in the amount of \$12,294.88. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to have Yost apply for the grant. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Library budget worksheet and annual report were presented.

CLAIMS

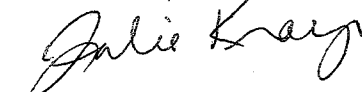
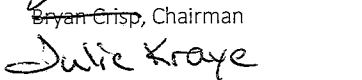
GENERAL FUND		ROAD FUND	
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 11,954.94	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 118.59
Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
Acme Printing	\$ 183.85	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 664.09
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 828.40	Handyman Hardware	\$ 20.74
AT&T Mobility	\$ 157.48	Kwik Stop	\$ 505.70
Brouillette, Troshynski, Kingston & Jackson	\$ 550.00	Macke's Grocery	\$ 18.85
Cardmember Service	\$ 383.50	Sandhill Oil	\$ 1,148.50
Comfort Inn	\$ 359.85	Windstream of the Midwest	\$ 3.28
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 368.40	Andersen & Sons NAPA	\$ 115.07
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Croell	\$ 322.60
Data Shield	\$ 54.00	Custer Public Power District	\$ 71.93
Eakes Office Solutions	\$ 179.67	Inland Truck	\$ 171.10
Thad Emerson, exp	\$ 239.86	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 3,219.87
Fair Law Office	\$ 50.00	NMC	\$ 407.29
Garrett Tires & Treads	\$ 571.40	Pfister Wrecker Service	\$ 878.75
Government Forms & Supplies	\$ 523.00	Dan Rentfro	\$ 325.00
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 664.09	Triple G Redimix LLC	\$ 6,353.09
Jessica Hampton, exp	\$ 245.54	IRS	\$ 3,545.94
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 40.00	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 609.18
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 242.83	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,119.66
Kwik Stop	\$ 911.77	Payroll	\$ 10,947.49
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	LIBRARY FUND	
MIPS, Inc	\$ 944.65	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 113.89
Mullen Auto & Diesel	\$ 103.58	Macke's Grocery	\$ 63.93
Nebraska Sheriff's Association	\$ 175.00	Quill Inc	\$ 55.98
Nebraska Sheriff's Association	\$ 200.00	Village of Mullen	\$ 325.12
NATP	\$ 85.00	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 110.00	Lookout Books	\$ 127.74
Quill LLC	\$ 106.17	IRS	\$ 291.48
Ramada	\$ 214.00	NE Department of Revenue	\$ 38.07
United States Department of Treasury	\$ 21.00	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 136.40
Verizon Wireless	\$ 131.56	Payroll	\$ 1,314.98
Village of Mullen	\$ 516.15	STATE INSTITUTIONS FUND	
West Publishing	\$ 273.85	Region II Services	\$ 757.00
Crystal Wiens, exp	\$ 250.35	LODGING TAX PROMO FUND	
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 20.25	Joshua Barnes	\$ 250.00
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 32.15	Hooker County Tribune	\$ 7.56
IRS	\$ 9,477.14	Western NE Tourism	\$ 1,253.65
Nebraska Department of Revenue	\$ 1,396.51	LODGING TAX CAPITAL FUND	
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 3,531.72	Bond Payment	\$ 1,331.25
MASA Global	\$ 75.00	Mullen Public Schools	\$ 10,000.00
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00	Outdoor Recreation Products	\$ 26,106.00
Payroll	\$ 31,499.75		

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. to resume the Board of Equalization meeting. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, August 8th at 3:30 p.m. with a budget workshop to be held on Thursday, August 8th at 1 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


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		ROAD FUND	
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 11,900.36	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 118.79
Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 828.40	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 664.09
AT&T Mobility	\$ 157.56	Handyman Hardware	\$ 1.50
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Cardmember Service	\$ 390.69	Macke's Grocery	\$ 14.74
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 369.51	Sandhill Oil	\$ 225.00
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Cornhusker International	\$ 342.35
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Hooker County Clerk	\$ 8.00	NebraskaLand Tire	\$ 1,184.60
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 135.44	NMC	\$ 1,529.20
Kwik Stop	\$ 989.12	Triple G Redimix LLC	\$ 11,464.27
Lincoln County Clerk	\$ 919.75	IRS	\$ 4,164.58
Macke's Grocery	\$ 36.72	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 743.83
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,379.71
MIPS, Inc	\$ 944.65	Payroll	\$ 12,578.50
Mullen Auto & Diesel	\$ 8.84	LIBRARY FUND	
NIRMA	\$ 52.00	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 114.09
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 110.00	Macke's Grocery	\$ 5.95
The Radar Shop	\$ 128.00	Village of Mullen	\$ 402.79
Region II Human Services	\$ 421.49	Windstream of the Midwest	\$ 3.30
Thomas County Treasurer	\$ 6,808.08	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
Verizon Wireless	\$ 131.62	Demco	\$ 62.92
Village of Mullen	\$ 663.59	EastWest Books	\$ 125.94
West Central Area on Aging	\$ 602.60	Ebsco	\$ 245.65
West Publishing	\$ 298.50	Jessica Hampton, exp	\$ 351.44
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 25.36	IRS	\$ 308.06
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 43.91	NE Department of Revenue	\$ 39.68
IRS	\$ 9,472.22	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 142.32
Nebraska Department of Revenue	\$ 1,390.26	Payroll	\$ 1,411.06
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 3,695.29	LODGING TAX CAPITAL FUND	
MASA Global	\$ 75.00	Condon Signs	\$ 4,375.00
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00	INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
Payroll	\$ 31,491.07	Handyman Hardware	\$ 4,342.13
		VAP Construction	\$ 36,710.50

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Attest:

Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk

Hooker County Board of Commissioners

Julie Kraye, Vice Chair

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on September 12, 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, Terra Boyer, Carol Wright, Devan Polt.

The minutes of the August 8th, 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. 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, three ayes, motion carried. Approved claims are listed below.

The public hearing for the review of the Six Year Road Improvement Project Program was held at 3:30 p.m. Julie Kraye made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-7 a long range six-year plan of highway, road and street improvements based upon priority of needs. Thad Emerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Roads were discussed and the road budget was reviewed. Bryan Crisp will meet with Mike Baum to go over the road budget. Crisp informed the board that the armor coat project is complete and looks good. The new maintenance building construction is on-going. Electrical is ready for install and bids. Requesting electrical bids for October 2024 meeting.

Terra Boyer and Carol Wright were present to discuss the budget request for the Mullen Hospital District. Wright provided a profit and loss statement for fiscal year 2023-2024. Discussion was had regarding the building and current operations and expenses. After discussing the previous fiscal years budget and the budget request it was decided that the request could be lowered and expenses covered.

The budget hearing was held at 3:45 p.m. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-8 Final Allocation of Levy Authority for fiscal year 2024-2025. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Julie Kraye made a motion and Bryan Crisp seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-9 Adoption and Appropriations of County Budget fiscal year 7/1/2024-6/30/2025. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Crisp seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-10 Setting the Property Tax Request General Fund to \$976,760.45 and 911 Surcharge Fund to \$21,959.09. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Noxious Weed Supervisor, Devan Polt provided an update on current issues and activities.

The board discussed preparing a resolution for the October meeting in regards to the findings that Hooker County is listed with Immigration Customs Enforcement as a sanctuary county. Hooker County is not a sanctuary county and is looking into ways of resolving the findings.

Clerk Jessica Hampton presented a letter from NIRMA regarding election of board members. No action taken. County Government Day is scheduled for October 10 and Hampton asked that the meeting time be moved to 1 p.m.

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to approve the following SDLs for Highway 2 Depot, Hooker County Community Foundation Event 10/5/2024 and Kostman/Hollenbeck Wedding 10/12/2024. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to approve an SDL for St. Mary’s Church and Missions for Oktoberfest 10/26/2024. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer Crystal Wiens presented treasurer’s report and projections for cash flow through December.

Sheriff Todd Yost provided an update on the sheriff’s office. The new laptops and docking stations are installed. Mid Nebraska Community Foundation granted the sheriff’s office \$8,000 towards the expense of the new equipment. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to transfer the \$8,000 from the Grant Fund to the General Fund. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

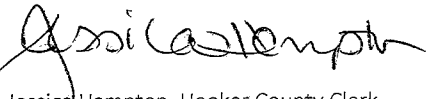
Library budget worksheet was presented.

Thad Emerson made a motion and Bryan Crisp seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-11 special attorney for Clyde D. Sexton. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

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	\$ 813.20	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 664.09
AT&T Mobility	\$ 157.56	Handyman Hardware	\$ 38.17
Cardmember Service	\$ 679.15	Kwik Stop	\$ 358.19
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 369.51	Sandhill Oil	\$ 620.00
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Ace Irrigation	\$ 3,589.74
Data Shield	\$ 54.00	Michael Baum, exp	\$ 21.57
Fair Law Office	\$ 43.75	Bomgaars	\$ 89.92
Galls	\$ 70.62	Cornhusker International	\$ 1,568.39
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 664.09	Croell	\$ 319.28
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 10.00	Custer Public Power District	\$ 69.99
Hooker County Clerk	\$ 32.34	Dooley Oil	\$ 2,320.04
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 483.00	Inland Truck	\$ 6,956.77
Kwik Stop	\$ 848.08	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 4,814.75
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	NebraskaLand Tire	\$ 4,199.76
MIPS, Inc	\$ 944.65	NMC	\$ 4,357.93
Mullen Motors	\$ 245.27	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$ 40.78
NACO	\$ 50.00	Paulsen Inc	\$ 7,000.00
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 100.00	Triple G Redimix LLC	\$ 11,144.74
Quill LLC	\$ 47.58	IRS	\$ 3,542.78
Region II Human Services	\$ 36.55	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 608.34
Sandhill Fertilizer	\$ 441.65	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,118.06
Verizon Wireless	\$ 131.62	Payroll	\$ 10,936.80
Village of Mullen	\$ 726.76	LIBRARY FUND	
West Publishing	\$ 298.50	Applied Connective	\$ 2,051.00
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 28.80	Consolidated Telephone	\$ 114.09
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 36.04	Handyman Hardware	\$ 16.95
IRS	\$ 9,127.30	Village of Mullen	\$ 466.46
Nebraska Department of Revenue	\$ 1,347.61	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 3,471.21	IRS	\$ 309.46
MASA Global	\$ 75.00	NE Department of Revenue	\$ 40.38
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 144.85
Payroll	\$ 30,123.94	Payroll	\$ 1,417.85
911 SURCHARGE FUND		STATE INSTITUTIONS FUND	
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 686.32	Region II Human Services	\$ 769.07
LODGING TAX PROMO FUND		INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
NETA Dues	\$ 300.00	Handyman Hardware	\$ 1,945.02
LODGING TAX CAPITAL FUND		Village of Mullen	\$ 734.33
Hondo Lanes	\$ 13,738.50		

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, October 10th at 1:00 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:

Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk

Hooker County Board of Commissioners

Bryan Crisp, Chairman

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 12th, 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	Macke'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 Redimix 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	LIBRARY FUND	
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	911 SURCHARGE FUND	
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 343.16
Payroll	\$ 31,552.33	LODGING TAX PROMO FUND	
INHERITANCE TAX FUND		Hooker County Tribune	\$ 7.56
Handyman Hardware	\$ 3,090.56	LODGING TAX CAPITAL FUND	
		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 14th 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:

Hooker County Board of Commissioners


Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk


Bryan Crisp, Chairman

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2024

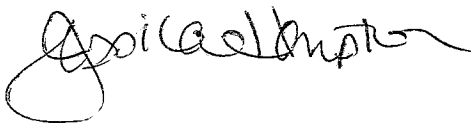
The Hooker County Board of Equalization convened at 1:15 p.m. in the commissioners room on October 10, 2024. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were George Vinton, Toni Massey, Hayley Donohoe and Jessica Hampton.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Hampton", written in a cursive style.

Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Crisp", written in a cursive style.

Bryan Crisp, Chairman

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2024

Attendance:

Board Members: Julie Kraye & 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 5th, 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

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2024

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on December 12, 2024. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp and Julie Kraye, absent Thad Emerson. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, Todd Yost, George Vinton, Crystal Hardy, TL Meyer, Dwain Bryner, Bryce Lamb, Ryan Dickinson and Mike Baum.

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 November 14th, 2024 meeting were read aloud. Bryan Crisp made a motion to approve the minutes, Julie Kraye seconded. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

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, two ayes, motion carried. Approved claims are listed below.

Roads were discussed and the road budget was reviewed. Bryan Crisp gave a building update, the electrical is complete. He looked into the cost of heaters and it will be around \$8,000-\$10,000 for the heaters and install. This will also require a propane tank and install which will be around \$3,000. Mike Baum addressed the board and discussed the stretch of road in Thomas County that Hooker County has maintained for the past several years, with the agreement that Thomas County would maintain a similar in length stretch in Hooker County. Baum stated that he has continued his maintenance of the Thomas County road, but the Hooker County road has not been maintained more than once a year and only after the land owner has called Thomas County to request maintenance. Baum is suggesting that if Thomas County will not take care of the road in Hooker County he would like to cease maintenance on the Thomas County road we currently maintain. Baum is going to contact the Thomas County Road Department to discuss. Further discussion will occur in the January meeting.

A letter from Topkote was read in the meeting notifying the board of retirement and closing of the business.

Bryce Lamb with Healing Hearts & Families attended the meeting to update the board of the community-based juvenile services their diversion program provides to Hooker County. Bryan Crisp made a motion to sign the memorandum of understanding for 2025 community-based juvenile services aid with Healing Hearts & Families. Julie Kraye seconded the motion. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

Dwain Bryner attended the meeting to express his concerns regarding the closing of Hooker County Transit. He understands the restrictions of using Federal Grants with mandates and of budget restraints. Bryner would like to see Hooker County Transit find other revenue sources so that the service could continue. One suggestion from Bryner was to contact Custer Care and see if they would be able to assist with riders who have Medicaid. Another idea was to see if the Mullen Community Foundation would be able to assist financially. The commissioners agreed to look into other revenue sources and/or transit services. Further discussion will take place in the January meeting.

Ryan Dickinson of Dickinson Land Surveyors Inc. attended the meeting to discuss becoming the Hooker County Surveyor. After an introduction of his company and how his company would assist Hooker County, the commissioners decided they will appoint Dickinson in the January meeting.

TL Meyer presented the Constitution and By-Laws for Central Sandhills Extension. Julie Kraye made a motion and Bryan Crisp seconded the motion to approve the presented Constitution and By-Laws for Central Sandhills Extension. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried. Meyer also requested that the board appoint Ryan Ridenour as the Hooker County board member for Central Sandhills Extension. Bryan Crisp made a motion, Julie Kraye seconded the motion to appoint Ryan Ridenour as the Hooker County board member for Central Sandhills Extension. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

Jessica Hampton updated the board about Hooker County Transit. Hampton has been in communication with the Nebraska Department of Transportation in regards to ending Hooker County Transit. There will be a formal hearing in the January meeting for the ceasing of operation. Hampton is still determining all required steps from the state to complete this process. The county does have the opportunity to purchase one or all of the vans if Hooker County would like to retain the use of the vehicle. Bryan Crisp and Julie Kraye agreed to keep the mini van after determining value and cost. This will be addressed again in the January meeting. Hampton did report that our insurance carrier did not have a problem with Hooker County continuing a transit program without the use of the federal or state programs. This will be further discussed in the January meeting.

Clerk Jessica Hampton reminded the board that Hampton, Crystal Hardy and Todd Yost would all be attending the NACO Conference December 18-20. Hampton also requested for the courthouse to be closed on Christmas Eve. Neither board member had an objection.

Treasurer Crystal Hardy presented treasurer’s report and projections of cash flow through January 2025. Jessica Hampton presented a spreadsheet that showed November cash available for the county and projections through January 2025. Hardy requested the authority to transfer up to \$30,000 from Inheritance Tax to the General Fund for payroll expenses if deemed necessary. Bryan Crisp made the motion to authorize the treasurer to transfer up to \$30,000 from Inheritance Tax to the General Fund for December payroll expenses if necessary. Julie Kraye seconded. Roll call vote, two ayes, motion carried.

Sheriff Todd Yost let the board know that the push-to-talk phones are up and running and service seems to be very good with the new system.

Library budget worksheet was presented.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND		ROAD FUND	
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 11,927.65	Cardmember Service	\$ 18.99
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Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 842.20	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 664.09
AT&T Mobility	\$ 184.33	Handyman Hardware	\$ 290.47
Blue 360 Media	\$ 102.95	Kwik Stop	\$ 210.87
Brouillette, Troshynski, Kingston & Jackson	\$ 900.00	Sandhill Oil	\$ 264.38
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Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 380.47	Andersen & Sons NAPA	\$ 82.93
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Cornhusker International	\$ 2,381.53
Data Shield	\$ 54.00	Custer Public Power District	\$ 83.58
Election Systems & Software	\$ 2,983.34	Daly Enterprises	\$ 4.90
Fair Law Office	\$ 137.50	Great Plains Sandhills Family Medicine	\$ 47.00
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 664.09	Inland Truck	\$ 450.00
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Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 3,482.03	STOP FUND	
MASA Global	\$ 75.00	AT&T Mobility	\$ 998.00
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00	INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
Payroll	\$ 29,738.96	K.C. Electric	\$ 25,914.00
		Vap Construction	\$ 2,106.00

Meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, January 9th 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