

## Greeley County Commissioner Minutes

January 23, 2024

The Greeley County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m. on the 23rd day of January 2024 in the Assembly Room, Greeley County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Greeley Citizen.

Answering present at Roll Call were Jordan Foltz, Joe Leslie, and Dennis Wadsworth. Also, present were County Attorney Cindy Bassett and County Clerk Mindy Grossart. Chairman Foltz stated a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the east wall of the County Boardroom and copies were available for the public if requested. Everyone present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Foltz stated Governor Jim Pillen announced that Nebraska is in a state of emergency after the snowstorm that started on January 12, 2024. The Greeley County Board of Commissioners signed a Disaster Declaration for the snowstorm with blowing and drifting snow that started on January 12, 2024.

Motion was made by Leslie to waive the reading and approve the county board minutes from the January 9, 2024, meeting, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

County payroll and vendor claims were reviewed by the board. Motion made by Leslie to approve payroll and claims, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: Leslie yes, Wadsworth yes, Foltz abstain, motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Salaries, 31,603.42, EFTPS Matching SS, 2,417.65, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 2,085.50, Blue Cross Blue Shield, 19,362.89, ROAD FUND: Salaries, 24,112.11, EFTPS Matching SS., 1,844.59, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 1,627.57.

Bill Hamer, Hamer Farms LLC applied for a Permit to Cross Under County Roadway with an electric line for an irrigation well. He plans to cross in the SE ¼ 13-17-12 to the SW ¼ 18-17-11. Leslie moved to approve the Permit to Cross, seconded by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Sheriff Paul Deaver met with the Board and gave some updates on his office. He advised the Board that Ted Scott is no longer employed with Greeley County. Sheriff Deaver also stated the construction in his office should be complete soon.

Public Comment: Matthew Jones, Nextera, stated they were in the area for check presentations and wanted to stop and give an update. Matthew explained they want to continue to work with emergency services in the area as they continue to prepare for the project. He indicated that they would design and build the switch yard and then will turn it over to NPPD. Matthew also said they continue to engineer the design and development of the roads to get to the turbine sites.

Ken Ryan, Planning & Zoning Chairman had some personnel questions. Wadsworth moved to enter executive session at 9:47 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, second by Leslie. The County Board, Cindy Bassett, County Attorney and Ken Ryan Planning & Zoning Chairman were present for the executive session. Motion made by Leslie to exit executive session at 9:59 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Next, Chairman Foltz opened sealed bids for Carpet and Tile installation and removal and disposal of old materials. Jim Martin: 1. \$87,500 for the advertised bid. 2. \$92,500 higher quality carpet with the following terms: Deposit \$6,500 required before the carpet is ordered, additional \$20,000 required when the carpet is delivered, additional \$30,000 due when the project is 50% complete, balance due upon completion. Kuszak Hardware & Variety LLC \$98,822.60, with the following terms: deposit required to order materials, payment in

full after completion. Leslie moved to approve the bid from Kuszak Hardware & Variety LLC, motion failed for lack of a second. After discussion, Foltz moved to table the carpet bid decision until February 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Wadsworth. The Board has additional questions they would like to ask both bidders and wanted additional time to research grant money guidelines to determine if carpet would qualify as one of the uses allowed. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Additional Public Comment: Duane Dilsaver commented on the decommissioning and the road fund. He would like the Board to consider using the interest money to protect the taxpayers and to use it for decommissioning and roads. Kristy Barnes agreed that the money should be used for decommissioning and roads.

Leslie moved to enter executive session at 10:16 a.m. for the purpose of discussing security, second by Leslie. The Board, Sheriff Deaver and County Attorney Cindy Bassett were present. Motion made by Wadsworth to exit executive session at 10:32 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Wadsworth to enter executive session at 10:34 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, second by Leslie. The County Board and County Attorney Cindy Bassett were present for the third executive session discussion. Motion made by Wadsworth to exit executive session at 11:29 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Wadsworth to adjourn at 11:31 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Dated this 29th day of January 2024.

Jordan Foltz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mindy A. Grossart  
Greeley County Clerk