

## Greeley County Commissioner Minutes

January 10, 2023

The Greeley County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m. on the 10th day of January 2023 in the Boardroom, Greeley County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Cedar Valley News.

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

The meeting was then turned over to the County Clerk. Mindy Grossart, County Clerk acting as temporary Chairman asked for nominations for a 2023 County Board Chairman. Leslie moved to nominate Jordan Foltz as Chairman for 2023, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Jordan Foltz, Chairman asked for nominations for a Vice Chairman for 2023, Wadsworth nominated Joe Leslie for Vice Chairman, second by Foltz. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Leslie to designate Cedar Valley News as the Official County newspaper for 2023, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. The Greeley County website ([www.greeleycounty.ne.gov](http://www.greeleycounty.ne.gov)) is declared as an official means of publication. Leslie moved to set the county board meetings for the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise advertised, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion was made by Wadsworth, second by Leslie to approve the Board Appointments that Greeley County is associated with for 2023. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Wadsworth moved, second by Leslie to approve Resolution 23-1, appointing Dennis Wadsworth as the representative to Loup Central Landfill Association and Joe Leslie as alternate. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Josh Grummert, RLS was present to meet the Board and express interest in providing a proposal for the 2023-2026 Greeley County Surveyor Appointment. The Board previously received a letter of reference for Grummert Professional Services from County Highway Superintendent Lance Harter. The Board thanked Josh for attending the Board Meeting. Leslie moved to appoint Josh Grummert as the County Surveyor, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Leslie to appoint Janet Wood as the County School Superintendent, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion by Leslie to appoint Lance Harter as Highway Superintendent, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Foltz moved to appoint Rod Johnson & Bill McManus as Co- Emergency Managers, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion by Wadsworth to appoint Carol Trumler as Planning & Zoning Administrator: in addition to her monthly salary Carol will receive \$25.00 phone reimbursement monthly, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Leslie to appoint Margaret Valladao as Weed Superintendent, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Mark Bauer submitted a letter of retirement from the position of Greeley County Emergency Manager. Motion made by Foltz to accept the letter of retirement with regret, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. The Board expressed their appreciation for everything he has done for Greeley County, especially during the 2019 flood.

The County Mileage reimbursement rate is set at \$0.655 according to Section 81-1176 effective January 1, 2023, subject to change if the government adjusts the rate. The Sheriff's Department is entitled to charge an additional 3¢ if serving papers.

The following banks were reviewed as depositories for the year 2023: First National Bank, State Bank of Scotia, Citizen's State Bank, Homestead Bank, Henderson State Bank & NPAIT. Leslie moved to approve the 2023 depositories and to authorize the County Treasurer to invest idle funds appropriately second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

A physician from the Howard County Medical Center will remain as the County Doctor. Motion made by Leslie to set the County burial policy as follows: the County will pay \$1,000.00 for cremation, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Any and all resources such as savings and checking accounts, cash on hand, insurance, and any funeral benefit through Social Security or other sources are to be applied against the county funeral allowance.

All contractors will file proof of liability insurance with the County Clerk prior to any work being done.

The County Officials rate salary was set in Resolution dated December 28, 2021. County Assessor Deputy, Clerk Deputy, Treasurer Deputy are set between 65%-75% and Sheriff Deputy 65%-85% of the official's salary. After a short discussion and review of comparable wages, motion by Wadsworth to approve 5% increases for all hourly employees and an additional one dollar increase for Road Shop Foremen, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Wadsworth moved to approve the 2023 official holidays as set by State Statute 25-2221, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. All days declared by law or proclamation of the President &/or Governor to be a holiday.

Motion was made by Leslie to waive the reading and approve the county board minutes from the December 28, 2022 meeting, second by Foltz. Roll Call Vote: Leslie yes, Foltz yes, Wadsworth abstain, motion carried.

Jon Howard gave a letter of resignation to the then Greeley County Sheriff Dave Weeks. The letter was given to the Clerk's Office on December 27, 2022. Leslie moved to accept the letter of resignation effective December 23, 2022 as requested, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Lance Harter, Hwy Superintendent and Josh Gilbertson met with the Board to present a proposal for Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections, review plans and consider bidding materials for the Hill Road Structure Replacement (S-17 T-18 R-12), and discuss the 2022 Bridge Inspection Recommendations. Leslie moved to approve the proposal for FCB, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Wadsworth to bid materials for the Hill Road Structure Replacement, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Bids will be opened on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. Lance also provided the Board with some updates in regards to sign inventory/retro-reflectivity, County Bridge Match Program, Bridge Inspection program updates and advice from NIRMA.

Next, the Board reviewed a claim submitted by Jon Howard for 717.5 hours vacation and 312.75 hours of holiday. Motion made by Leslie to deny the claim based on lack of supporting documents, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Foltz moved to add Year End Weed Reports to the agenda, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Leslie moved to approve monthly reports from the Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, Sheriff & Treasurer. Motion made by Foltz, second by Leslie to approve the Year End Weed reports. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

An Interlocal Agreement between Greeley County and Boone County for Veterans Service was reviewed by the Board. Motion made by Wadsworth to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Boone County, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

County payroll and vendor claims were reviewed by the board. Motion made by Leslie to approve claims & payroll, seconded by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. GENERAL: Appera janitor supply 93.52, Applied Connective Technologies comp. consult/IT supply 2169.88, Gerri Behnk reimb. registration/mileage 391.25, Black Hills Energy heat service 1438.33, Bloom Repair vehicle repair/scanner hookup 399.90, Bomgaars Supply bldg. repair 15.97, Harold Bose prior service 69.24, Clearly internet/phone 793.53, Comfort Inn lodging sheriff 359.85, Country Market janitor supply/meals 355.39, Country Partners fuel 84.91, DAS State Acctg. – Central Finance data processing 85.84, Eakes Office Solutions office supply/data processing 371.65, First Concord Benefits Group BC/BS contribution/admin. fee 704., Paul Glaser reimb. mileage 23.13, Great Plains Communications phone service 250., Greeley County Assessor plat book/reimb. & meals 103.76, Grossarts bldg. repair 4.50, William Hamer reimb. mileage 14.38, Holt County Treasurer probation #8 1<sup>st</sup> half 844.62, Howard/Greeley RPPD light service 282.36, Cody Jensen reimb. mileage 16.88, Kramer’s Wrecker Service towing 190., LB413164 – Blue 360 Media sheriff manual/law books 448.13, Charles Maser prior service 80.78, Microfilm Imaging Systems scan rental 40., Mid-Nebraska Disposal garbage hauling 698.10, Daniel Miller reimb. mileage 26.25, MIPS data processing/tax statements 2677.05, Charlotte Murphy prior service 21., NACO registration 165., Nebraska Health & Human Services institution costs 93., Nebraska Weed Control Association registration 120., Corrine Nekoliczak prior service 103.86, Pitzer Digital print/publish 122.61, Donald Poss prior service 80.78, R & R Pump fuel 49., Region 26 Council 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. Assessment 19,336.69, Region 3 Behavioral Health Services mental health 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr 1531.05, RR Donnelley law enforcement supply 82.54, Catherine Sweeney prior service 10., Trotters Whoa & Go II fuel 389.40, Carol Trumler reimb. office supply/cell phone reimb. 43.36, US Cellular cell phone 214.66, Margaret Valladao reimb. mileage/meals 402.85, Verizon Wireless cell phone 40.01, Village of Greeley water service 208.19, Vision Service Plan vision ins. 398.69, Connor Wood reimb. mileage 118.75. ROAD: Ace Irrigation & Manufacturing culverts 2,8161, AKRS Equipment Solutions shop supply/parts/pipes, bolts, etc 510.69, Appera uniform/towel service 377.94, Black Hills Energy heat fuel 965.89, Bomgaars Supply shop supply 26.90, Corner Garage shop supply 162., Country Partners fuel/grease, oil 4,737.79, Filter Care of Nebraska parts 79.80, Grossarts shop supply 33.75, Hamilton phone/internet 93.31, Howard County Medical Center service tests 144., Howard/Greeley RPPD light service 569.20, Iron Dr. Welding repair labor 2,148.82, Loup Central Landfill Association garbage disposal 52.65, Martin Marietta road gravel 585.91, Medical Enterprises drug test 70., Mid-Nebraska Disposal garbage disposal 42.70, Miller Power Sports fuel 250.75, Molt MFG parts/labor 418.72, Murphy Tractor & Equipment parts/labor 1,261.85, NMC parts/grease 653.48, The Parts Bin Ord parts/shop supply 125.96, The Parts Bin St. Paul parts 17.49, Peoples Service parts/tire repair/labor 7,269.80, Platte Valley Communications radio repair 625., PPK Two Transportation grave hauling 551.45, Ruttman Repair labor/parts/grease, oil, etc. 7,272.13, Spalding Farm & Home shop supply 112.10, State of Nebraska Motor Fuels Division motor fuel tax 511., Toofast Supply shop supply/misc. labor 35., Ulrich Gravel road gravel 17831.34, Village of Greeley water service 61.94, Village of Spalding light service 82.92, Vlach construction machine hire 8,110.00, James Wilford storage fee 50. GENERAL FUND: Salaries, 28,601.15, EFTPS Matching SS, 2,187.98, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 1,905.29, Blue Cross

Blue Shield, 17,894.34, ROAD FUND: Salaries, 9,591.41, EFTPS Matching SS., 733.73, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 647.42.

Leslie moved to enter BOE at 10:52 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Tax list correction #1264 Magdalene M Keber Trustee/Edmund Keber property ID 010000081-PP original amount 103,894, Deducted amount 103,894 – clerical error machinery auction 3/23/23 and paid accelerated taxes in 2022 was reviewed. Motion by Wadsworth, second by Leslie to approve tax correction #1264 for accelerated taxes. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Leslie, second by Wadsworth to adjourn BOE at 10:54 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Foltz moved to enter executive session at 10:56 a.m. for the purpose of discussing possible litigation, second by Wadsworth. Leslie moved to exit executive session at 11:37 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion by Leslie to enter a second executive session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation at 11:43 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Leslie moved to exit executive session at 12:34 p.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Sheriff Paul Deaver was present for the discussion during the second executive session.

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Wadsworth to adjourn at 12:35 p.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Dated this 16th day of January 2023.

Jordan Foltz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mindy A. Grossart  
Greeley County Clerk