

Greeley County Commissioner Minutes

September 12, 2023

The Greeley County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m. on the 12th day of September 2023 in the Board Room, 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. Chairman Foltz noted that the open public meetings act information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested. Everyone present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Leslie to waive the reading and approve the county board minutes from the August 22, 2023, meeting, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Monthly reports were reviewed from the Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, Sheriff, and Treasurer. Motion made by Leslie, second by Wadsworth to approve the monthly reports. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Leslie to open the Budget Hearing at 9:35 a.m., seconded by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. No one appeared to testify for or against the Greeley County Budget. Rick Marinsen, CPA was present to answer budget questions. Motion made by Leslie to close the budget hearing at 9:52 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. After discussion, a motion was made by Leslie to approve the 2023-2024 budget as advertised, Resolution 2023-13 second by Wadsworth. Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations 2023-13 WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 12th day of September 2023. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Greeley County, Nebraska as follows: SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Greeley County for said fiscal year. SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

County payroll and vendor claims were reviewed by the board. Claim #23090033 Marvin Planning Consultants \$1,000 was pulled, additional clarification is needed before the claim can be considered for payment. Motion made by Leslie to approve payroll and claims, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. GENERAL: Amazon Business sheriff vehicle repair 50.98, Appera janitor supply 123.12, Applied Connective Technologies computer consult/IT/data processing 2,960.78, Black Hills Energy heat fuel 77.20, Bomgaars Supply asphalt patch 119.94, Boone County vets agreement 2,002.32, Clearly internet/phone 746.56, Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care fertilizer 665., Colonial Research janitor supply 138.09, Comfort Inn lodging 689.70, Computer Hardware office equipment 1,199.95, Country Market meals/supplies 681.24, Country Partners fuel 654.04, Dana F. Cole & Company 80% audit 13,698.25, DAS State Actg-Central Finance data processing 206.75, Designs Plus Embroidery uniforms 88., Eakes Office Solutions supplies 743.53, Farm & Home Publishers print/publish plat books 500., First Concord Benefits Group service 2,992.41, Margaret Freeman prior service/clerical salary 139, Great Plains Communications phone/internet 250, Greeley County Assessor print/publish door hangers 10.69, Greeley County Clerk plat map reimb. 50, Greeley County Clerk supplies 76.73, Greeley County Court court costs 98, Mindy Grossart mileage 229.25, Hall County Dept. of Corrections house inmate 55, Harouff Law crt appt. attorney 1,410., Herman Plumbing Co testing 176.38, Hometown leasing lease 98.93, Howard/Greeley RPPD light Service 660.43, Teresa Kehler mileage 218.77,

McNally Law Office attorney fees 1,436.37, Microfilm Imaging Systems rent fee 40., Mid-Nebraska Disposal garbage haul 698.10, MIPS data processing 1,954.06, Charlotte Murphy prior service 21., NACO registrations 315., NAISMA registration 65., Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment registration/appraisals 910., Nebraska Health & Human Services institution costs 93., Nebraska Supreme Court contract 4,114.82, NYE Uniform Co. 93.99, People's Service oil change/repairs 79.75, Phonograph-Herald print/publish 67.50, Pitzer Digital print/publish 1,583., Postmaster postage 66., Tara Raney vehicle sheriff repair 2,606.83, St. Paul Veterinary Clinic annual fee 20., State of Nebraska Dept of Correction inmate medical 3,675.77, Stealth Broadband internet 65., Catherine Sweeney prior service 10., Trotters Whoa & Go II sheriff fuel 48.23, Carol Trumler phone reimb. 25., University of Nebraska training 95., US Postal Service envelopes 812.50, Valley County Sheriff house inmate 50., Verizon wireless service 80.02, Village of Greeley service 383.19, Vision Service Plan insurance 386.77, Connor Wood mileage 145.41, Janet Wood contract 300., Greeley County Treasurer general to road 200,000. ROAD: ACE Irrigation & Manufacturing culverts 49,086.75, AKRS Equipment parts 658.74, Appera uniform/towel 368.93, Black Hills Energy heat fuel 115.80, Bloom Repair parts/labor 3,021.41, Bomgaars Supply signs/bld.repair 210.94, CINTAS misc. 38.34, Country Partners fuel/parts/grease 24,392.59, Ed Hoevet Excavating contract service 129,695.90, Hamilton phone/internet 92.98, HillBill's Diesel parts/oil/shop supplies 156.01, Howard County Medical Center drug/alcohol test 297., Howard/Greeley RPPD light service 206.65, Island Supply Welding Company oxygen/acetylene 19.84, Jeffres Sand & Gravel road gravel 20,408.65, Joe Diessner Trucking gravel/crush concrete hauling 25,747., K & S Welding and Repair tire repair 60., Loup Central Landfill Assoc. garbage disposal 182.93, Martin Marietta road gravel 4,027.49, Medical Enterprises drug test 140., Mid-Nebraska Disposal garbage disposal 42.70, Molt Mfg. pipes/bolts 8., Oak Creek Engineering inspection fees 9,600., Parts Bin-Ord repair parts 171.27, Parts Bin-St. Paul shop supplies 111.56, People's Service fuel/parts/tire repair/labor 4,176.15, Platinum Truck Service labor/parts/oil 1,729.27, Ruttman Repair parts/labor 5,756.97, Scotia Welding parts/labor 7,893.75, Spalding Farm & Home shop supplies 55.52, Superior Asphalt Tar & Chip asphalt 26,052., Trotters Whoa & Go II fuel 219.72, Ulrich Gravel road gravel 46,352.41, Village of Greeley service 63.69, Village of Scotia service 63.30, Village of Spalding service 61.38, James Wilford storage fee 50.

Mary McGuire, Greeley County Treasurer presented a list of distress warrants that were issued November 1, 2022, and returns from the Greeley County Sheriff. Motion made by Leslie to approve the report, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Jacqueline Wells, Boone & Greeley County Veterans' Service Officer recommended that the terms of Lucas Thompson be extended on January 1, 2023, to January 1, 2026, and Mike Goodrich be extended on January 1, 2024, to January 1, 2027. Motion made by Leslie to approve and renew the appointment of Lucas Thompson and Mike Goodrich, as recommended by the Veterans' Service Board Members and Veterans' Service Officer, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Next, the Board reviewed a Permit to Cross Under County Roadway for Poss Angus, Danny & Kristi Poss in the South ½ of S-15 T-17 R-12 crossing with an electric line to the North ½ of S-22 T-17 R-12. Motion made by Wadsworth to approve the Permit to Cross Under County Roadway, seconded by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Lance Harter, Highway Superintendent submitted a grant application to the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project No. HSIP-STWD (203), CN 01063, Statewide Stop Sign Program. The Nebraska Department of Transportation enclosed an agreement and resolution for approval. This agreement is between Greeley County and the State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation. The Statewide Upgrade Existing STOP Sign Location of Rural Roads Team selected Greeley County for funding with Federal-aid funds. Greeley County will receive 22 option 1. STOP sign (R1-1-30) w/red reflective strip 12' Perforated Square Steel Tube (PSST) post w/post stub STOP AHEAD sign (W3-1-30 symbol) w/yellow reflective strip 12' PSST Post w/post stub, 104 option 2. STOP sign (R-1-1-30) w/red reflective strip 12' Perforated Square Steel Tube (PSST) post w/post stub and 32 option 3. STOP AHEAD sign (W3-1-30 symbol) w/yellow reflective strip 12' PSST Post

w/post stub. Wadsworth moved and Leslie seconded the motion to approve the agreement with the State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Resolution 2023-14 Signing of the Project Program Agreement was reviewed. Leslie moved and Wadsworth seconded the approval of Resolution 2023-14. Whereas: Greeley County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain Federal Funds; and Whereas: Greeley County understands that it must strictly follow all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project; and Whereas: Greeley County and Nebraska Department of Transportation wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project. Be it Resolved: by the Board of Commissioners of Greeley County that; The Chair of the Greeley County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Agreement between Greeley County and NDOT. Greeley County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement, NDOT Project Number: HSIP-STWD (203) NDOT Control Number: 01063 NDOT Project Name: Statewide STOP Sign Program. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed information received from Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency. They provide cyber vulnerability scanning, and all services are available at no cost to federal agencies, state, local, tribal and territorial governments. CISA's vulnerability scanning is persistent internet scanning as a service and part of CISA's service offering. VS service continuously assesses the health of your internet-accessible assets by checking for known vulnerabilities, weak configurations or configuration errors and suboptimal security practices. VS service also recommends ways to enhance security through modern web and email standards. Motion made by Wadsworth to authorize CISA to conduct continuous network and vulnerability scanning of Greeley County's publicly accessible networks and systems, seconded by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. CISA will work with Applied Connective Technologies to start the Cyber Hygiene scans.

Margaret Valladao, Weed Superintendent presented an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement from Sandhills Weed Management Area (SWMA). The organizational boundaries of the SWMA shall include but not limited all or parts of the Nebraska counties of Arthur, Blaine, Boone, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Custer, Garfield, Grant, Greeley, Hooker, Holt, Keya Paha, Logan, Loup, McPherson, Nance, Rock, Thomas, Valley and Wheeler. The purpose of SWMA will be to facilitate cooperation and coordination in identifying and managing noxious and invasive plant species amount all land managers, landowners, government entities and others with interests in the SWMA, identify funding and resources for noxious and invasive plant species management, develop outreach and educational programs to further the efforts of SWMA. Leslie moved and Wadsworth seconded the SWMA Interlocal Cooperative Agreement. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Wadsworth moved to enter executive session at 10:16 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. The County Board, Attorney and Sheriff were present for the executive session. Motion made by Wadsworth to exit executive session at 10:45 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Leslie to open the Tax Request Hearing at 10:46 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. The public hearing was for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request. No one appeared to testify for or against the Greeley County Property Tax Request. Rick Martinsen, CPA stated the 2023-2024 Property Tax Request is \$2,283,446, with a tax rate of .215975 which is a 9% decrease from last year. Wadsworth moved to close the public hearing at 10:48 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Wadsworth to approve Resolution 2023-15, second by Leslie. Resolution 2023-15 Whereas, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provide that the Governing Body of Greeley County passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request; and Whereas, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; Now, Therefore, the Governing Body of

Greeley County resolves that: 1. The 2023-2024 property tax request be set at General Fund: \$2,283,446 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 6%. 3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be .221037 per \$100 of assessed value. 4. Greeley County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be .215975 per \$100 of assessed value. 5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Greeley County will increase last year's budget by 13%. 6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2023. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Sheriff Paul Deaver gave a brief update to the Board regarding Law Enforcement Contracts.

Kristy Barnes spoke during public comment time.

Chairman Foltz called for a recess at 10:55 a.m., the County Board reconvened at 11:02 a.m.

Wadsworth moved to enter a second executive session at 11:03 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. The County Board, Attorney and Clerk were present for the executive session. Motion made by Leslie to exit executive session at 11:45a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Leslie to enter a third executive session at 11:47 a.m. for the purpose of discussing litigation, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. The County Board and Attorney were present for the executive session. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Wadsworth to exit executive session at 12:03 p.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Wadsworth to adjourn at 12:07 p.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Dated this 15th day of September 2023.

Jordan Foltz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mindy A. Grossart
Greeley County Clerk