

Greeley County Commissioner Minutes
November 14, 2023

The Greeley County Board of Commissioners convened in an open and public session at 9:30 a.m. on the 14th day of November 2023 in the County 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 were 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 October 24, 2023, meeting, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

County payroll and vendor claims were reviewed by the board. Motion made by Wadsworth to approve payroll and claims, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. GENERAL: Amazon Business L.E. supplies 433.28, Appera janitor supply 126.96, Applied Connective Technologies service 2917.08, Cindy Bassett meal/parking/mileage reimb. 521.97, Gerri Behnk mileage reimb. 125.76, Black Hills Energy service 706.34, Clearly service 748.81, Country Market janitor supply 155.94, Country Partners fuel 498.56, Crowne Plaza lodging 243.90, DAS State Acctg-Central Finance data processing 206.75, Paul Deaver meals 20.30, Eakes Office Solutions supply/equipment 1,598.17, First Concord Benefits Group bc/bs contribution 547.15, Margaret Feeman prior service 13., Great Plains Communications internet 250., Greeley County Clerk reimb. 90., Greeley County Court court costs 143., Mindy Grossart mileage/supply reimb. 182.76, Holiday Inn lodging 114.95, Howard/Greeley RPPD service 312.21, Teresa Kehler mileage reimb. 32.75, Microfilm Imaging Systems scan rental 40., Mid-Nebraska Disposal garbage hauling 718.70, MIPS services 1,954.06, Charlotte Murphy prior service 21., NACO dues 1,687.56, Nebraska Health & Human Services institution costs 93., Nebraska Sheriffs Association dues 175., Nebraska Weed Control Association dues 210., People's Service L.E. supply 12.99, Phonograph-Herald publishing 467.01, Pitzer Digital print/publish 1,439.47, Platte Valley Communications service 47.50, Radio Time Billing service 396., Stealth Broadband internet 65., Catherine Sweeney prior service 10., Trotters Whoa & Go II Scotia fuel 189.86, Tyler Technologies maintenance agreement 204.66, Margaret Valladao mileage/meal reimb. 1,687.01, Valley County Sheriff inmate housing 100., Verizon Wireless phone service 80.02, Village of Greeley service 280.52, Vision Service Plan vision insurance 399.37, Connor Wood mileage reimb. 62.88, Greeley County Treasurer general to road 500,000. ROAD: Ace Irrigation & Manufacturing culverts 97,501., AKRS Equipment parts/grease/oil 188.70, Appera uniform/towel service 308.08, Black Hills Energy heat fuel 407.34, Bloom Repair part/labor/grease-oil 1,667.68, Bomgaars Supply shop supply/misc. 104.44, Corner Garage fuel treatment 189., Country Partners fuel/grease-oil 25217.12, Ed Hovet Excavating bridge materials/machine hire 272,689.07, Filter Care of Nebraska repair parts 99.10, Grossarts shop supply/pipes-bolts-etc. 193.14, Hamilton phone/internet 93.49, HillBill's Diesel parts/grease-oil/shop supply 69.64, Hotsy Equipment shop supply 101.32, Howard/Greeley RPPD service 197.66, Island

Supply Welding Company oxygen/acetylene 19.84, Jeffres Sand & Gravel road gravel 17,638.24, Joe Diessner Trucking Gravel Hauling 5566., Mid-Nebraska Disposal garbage disposal 44.40, Midwest Service & Sales bridge materials/signs/pipes-bolts-etc 11,115.50, Miller Power Sports fuel 184.93, Molt MFG. parts/labor/steel 1,673., Murphy Tractor & Equipment labor 844.62, Nebraska Machinery Company parts/labor/pipes 8,548.06, The Parts Bin-Ord parts/shop supply/grease-oil 319.64, The Parts Bin-St.Paul parts/grease-oil 42.21, People's Service fuel/tire repair 821.02, Platinum Truck Service labor/parts 1,622.32, Platte Valley Communications radio repair 542.75, Roache's Lumber & Redi-Mix build repair 85.97, Ruttman Repair labor/parts 4,544.219, Scotia Electric labor/machine hire 643.21, Scotia Welding parts/labor 452., Spalding Farm & Home shop supply/sm. tools 176.46, Swiatek Collision Center parts/labor 200., Trotter Fertilizer chemical supply 15.43, Trotter Truck Plaza tires repair 70., Trotters Whoa & Go II Scotia fuel 392.92, Ulrich Gravel road gravel 33,609.05, Village of Greeley water service 64.52, Village of Scotia service 63.30, Village of Spalding service 53.72. GENERAL FUND: Salaries, 31,704.62, EFTPS Matching SS, 2,425.40, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 2,089.58, Blue Cross Blue Shield, 16,638.23, ROAD FUND: Salaries, 16,909.78, EFTPS Matching SS., 1,293.62, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 1,141.39.

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.

Margaret Valladao, Weed Superintendent presented a Power Point Presentation on The Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act, prepared by Scott Erthum, Brown County Weed Superintendent.

Jessica Fenske and Jody Horky Diversion Specialists representing Healing Hearts and Families were present to review a Memorandum of Understanding for Community Based Juvenile Service & Aid for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The grant allows Healing Hearts & Families to implement strategies to address the most urgent priorities – particularly a diversion program along with drug/alcohol and bullying prevention activities for youth. Motion made by Wadsworth to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Healing Hearts & Families, seconded by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Next, the Board reviewed Resolution 2023-18 NIRMA Membership Recommitment. WHEREAS, Greeley County has previously entered into Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements with other Nebraska Counties and other public agencies to form and participate in the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association II (NIRMA II) as authorized by the Intergovernmental Risk Management act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4301 et seq.) and the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-801 et seq.); and

WHEREAS Counties and other Public Agencies as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4303 are allowed to participate in said cooperative undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that proper risk management requires the spreading of risk so as to minimize fluctuation in insurance needs and that benefits can be derived through the pooling of insurance purchasing by local government, and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II have provided coverages to the County in a cost-effective way which meet and exceed that provided by standard insurance carriers; and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II provide risk management services such as loss prevention, safety audits and assessments, claims and litigation management, and coverages tailored to address loss exposures counties and other related public entities face not economically available from other sources; and

WHEREAS, these coverages and risk management services are essential for the continued effective and efficient use of county taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the current Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements will expire on June 30, 2024, and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Greeley County Board hereby:

1. Extends its commitment to participate in NIRMA and NIRMA II for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027; and
2. Declares that this Resolution shall serve as an amendment and addendum to the previous Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements entered into by the County Board, said Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreement readopted by and incorporated herein by this reference as amended. The motion was made by Leslie to approve Resolution 2023-18, seconded by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Mary McGuire, Greeley County Treasurer presented a list of 12 Distress Warrants that were submitted to the Greeley County Sheriff's Office for service on 2022 and prior Delinquent Personal Property and IOLL's. Total Delinquent amount for 2022 and prior is \$6,691.83.

Heath Birkel with Birkel Electric applied for a Permit to Cross Under County Roadway with electric cable for Steven Holderman in the W ½ of N ¼ S-6 T-17 R-12. Motion made by Leslie to approve the Permit to Cross Under County Roadway, seconded by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Sheriff Paul Deaver gave a brief update to the Board. He requested an urgent item be added to the agenda. Motion made by Wadsworth to amend the agenda to add an urgent item for the County Sheriff [Discuss and take necessary action on a Pre-Employment Agreement with an applicant that has expressed interest in becoming a Deputy Sheriff for the Greeley County Sheriff's Office], seconded by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Wadsworth moved to approve the Greeley County Sheriff's Office Pre-Employment Agreement, seconded by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Leslie moved to enter executive session at 10:34 a.m. to discuss litigation, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Leslie moved to exit the executive session at 10:52 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Chairman Foltz, Vice Chairman Leslie, Commissioner Wadsworth, County Attorney Cindy Basset were present for the executive session.

Motion by Wadsworth to adjourn at 10:54 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Dated this 17th day of November 2023.

Jordan Foltz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mindy A. Grossart
Greeley County Clerk