

## Greeley County Commissioner Minutes

The Greeley County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m. on the 27th day of December 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 were County Attorney Cindy Bassett and County Clerk Mindy Grossart. Chairman Foltz announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted. 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 December 12, 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 claims & payroll, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. GENERAL: Country Market holiday meal 378.45. GENERAL FUND: Salaries, 32,606.81, EFTPS Matching SS, 2,494.43, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 2,185.88, Blue Cross Blue Shield, 16638.23, ROAD FUND: Salaries, 17,925.11, EFTPS Matching SS., 1,371.25, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 1,209.93.

Janet Wood submitted a letter of resignation from her position as County Superintendent effective December 31, 2023. After discussion, Leslie moved to accept the resignation with regret, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Next, the Board reviewed an agreement sent on behalf of Court Administrator, Corey Steel for the 2024 Greeley County Agreement for the Administrative Office of the Courts, and Probation-AOCP to provide continued Clerk of the District Court responsibilities. Michelle Soto is the Clerk Magistrate/Ex Officio District Court Clerk for Greeley County. Wadsworth moved to approve the AOCP/Greeley County Agreement, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

The County Board met with Margaret Valladao, Weed Superintendent for a performance review and to discuss weed control inspector progress. The County Attorney and County Board expressed job performance concerns with Margaret Valladao and noted the current Weed Superintendent appointment ends on the first regularly scheduled meeting in January, which will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. After the review, the Board discussed the Weed Department Budget which has expended 105% of the fiscal year budget that was approved for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Motion made by Leslie to transfer budget expenditure authority from General Miscellaneous to the Weed Department \$1,750 to cover the current expenses for 2023, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Margaret estimated she will need \$7,300 to cover expenses through the end of the fiscal year. Jeremy Brandt, Hamilton County Highway Superintendent & Weed Superintendent was present for the Weed Department discussion.

Aaron Bos, Directory, Investment Services Nebraska CLASS called in to speak with the Board regarding Nebraska Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System he explained it is a commingled investment pool established by interlocal agreement in accordance with Nebraska law permitting local governments to pool idle funds to invest and earn interest. Aaron is requesting the County Board adopt a resolution allowing Greeley County to invest with Nebraska CLASS. The Board discussed the importance of investing in the local banks within Greeley County. Leslie moved to table the resolution until January 9<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Tony Kuszak, representing Kuszak Hardware & Variety LLC met with the Board and presented some flooring estimates for the Courthouse. After discussion, County Attorney Cindy Bassett stated the County will need to go through the formal bidding process according to the County Purchasing Act. Bids will be advertised and opened during the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting.

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.  
Public Comment: None.

Sheriff Deaver informed the Board that Ted Scott will start training at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Sheriff Deaver requested an Executive Session. Wadsworth moved to enter executive session at 11:16 a.m. to discuss security, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Foltz moved to exit the executive session at 11:26 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Chairman Foltz, Vice Chairman Leslie, Commissioner Wadsworth, County Attorney Cindy Bassett, and Sheriff Paul Deaver were present for the executive session.

Motion by Wadsworth to adjourn at 11:34 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Dated this 29th day of December 2023.

Jordan Foltz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mindy A. Grossart  
Greeley County Clerk