

## Greeley County Commissioner Minutes

June 25, 2024

The Greeley County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m. on the 25th day of June 2024 in the Assembly 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 Joseph McNally, McNally Law Office, and County Clerk Mindy Grossart. Chairman Foltz stated a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted and copies were available for the public if requested. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Leslie to waive the reading and approve the county board minutes from the June 11, 2024, meeting, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Leslie moved to enter executive session at 9:35 a.m., for the purpose of discussing possible litigation, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Commissioners Foltz, Leslie, Wadsworth, and Joe McNally were present. Motion by Wadsworth to exit executive session at 9:44 a.m., and return to regular session, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Wadsworth to add an urgent item to the agenda: Discuss & take necessary action on transferring budget expenditure authority from General Miscellaneous to the Weed Budget and Building and Grounds Budget, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Wadsworth moved to transfer budget expenditure authority from General Miscellaneous to the Weed Budget \$500 and Building & Grounds \$1,500, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

A public hearing for the 2024 One- & Six-Year Road Improvement Plan was opened at 9:45 a.m. motion made by Leslie, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. The purpose of the public hearing testimony in favor of or opposition to the proposed 2024 1 & 6 Year Road Plan for Greeley County. Lance Harter, Highway Superintendent presented the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan and answered questions. No testimony in favor or opposition to the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Highway Superintendent Lance Harter discussed each project with the Board. Motion made by Wadsworth to close the public hearing at 10:00 a.m., second by Leslie. Motion to approve the One- & Six-Year Plan Resolution 2024-3 as modified was made by Leslie, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Next, Lance Harter presented a speed study on 806<sup>th</sup> Road, from 498<sup>th</sup> Ave to 500<sup>th</sup> Ave (2 miles), Greeley County OCE Project #62-C-9. Wadsworth moved to open the 806<sup>th</sup> Road Speed Study Public Hearing at 10:05 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Lance completed an engineering study of the site conditions. He stated this segment has sight concerns and it seems prudent to post a reduced regulatory speed limit of 35 mph, beginning 800 feet west of 499<sup>th</sup> Ave and extending 2,700 feet east of 499<sup>th</sup> Ave. Testimony in favor: Lacey Foster explained that she has safety concerns for their children. Testimony in opposition: Francis Kehler stated his concerns about equipment, hay bales and trees in right of way and recommended the site be surveyed. Donald Dugan questioned setbacks on the substation and had concerns with equipment and tress in the right of way. He recommended a fence to keep the children in the yard. Andrew O'Connor questioned if the recommendation of the reduction in speed was due to the right of way issues or road concerns? Lance explained his recommendation was made based upon the sight distance on the Crest and Sag Curves, significant grading and right-of-way acquisition would be required to correct the substandard sight distance. Motion made by Wadsworth to close the speed study on 806<sup>th</sup> Road at 10:15 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Wadsworth moved to approve Resolution 2024-4, pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 60-6, 190, that the speed limit of the following described roadway be ordered reduced as

described: Thirty-five (35) miles per hour commencing 800 feet west of 499<sup>th</sup> Avenue and ending 2,700 feet east of 499<sup>th</sup> Avenue, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

After speaking with Rick Martinsen, CPA it was decided a budget amendment public hearing will be held on July 1, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget amendment. The total operating budget will be increased from \$8,522,210 to \$8,697,210 due to overages in the Road Fund. Lance Harter, Highway Superintendent gave an update on some bridge projects that have been completed and noted the County will be receiving the remaining reimbursement next budget year.

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 FUND: Salaries, 32,226.00, EFTPS Matching SS, 2,465.28, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 2,160.77, Blue Cross Blue Shield, 18,416.40, ROAD FUND: Salaries, 16,883.10, EFTPS Matching SS., 1,291.55, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 1,139.63.

Heidi Borg, Agriculture Liaison, Congressman Smith's Office, was present to visit with the Board. She outlined some of the issues that the Congressman was involved in and gave an overview of her area of expertise. Heidi stated that she would be available for one hour following the Commissioner's meeting for anyone from the public to come in and discuss concerns or if anyone needs assistance with federal agencies. The Board thanked her for the update.

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Wadsworth to adjourn at 10:50 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Dated this 1st day of July 2024.

Jordan Foltz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mindy A. Grossart  
Greeley County Clerk