

Greeley County Commissioner Minutes

August 27, 2024

The Greeley County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m. on the 27th day of August 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 County Attorney Cindy Bassett, 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 August 13, 2024, meeting, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Additional review of a bill that was tabled during the August 13th Board Meeting from Kuszak Hardware & Variety LLC \$8,280. After reviewing the additional expenses of disposal for Asbestos removal/labor/abatement of asbestos tiles and adding LVT in 2 lower bathrooms, Leslie moved to approve Kuszak Hardware & Variety LLC, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Commissioner Wadsworth motioned to add an urgent item to the agenda regarding C003901305 Bridge Replacement, 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 payroll and claims, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. GENERAL: Greeley County Clerk supplies 209.32, Postmaster stamps 224. INHERITANCE TAX: Kuszak Hardware & Variety LVT Flooring/Asbestos Removal 8,280. GENERAL FUND: Salaries, 34,589.95, EFTPS Matching SS, 2,646.12, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 2,351.11, Blue Cross Blue Shield, 19,647.73, ROAD FUND: Salaries, 16,334.98, EFTPS Matching SS., 1,249.62, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 1,102.63.

Leslie moved to approve a Permit to Cross Under County Roadway with electricity for Colleen Hansen in the NW ¼ S-13 T-19 R-12, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Next, the Board reviewed two estimates to clean and remove the current wax finish on the floors on all three levels in the halls/common areas. Elegant Tile and Marble Co. submitted an estimate to clean stairs/risers and seal 4 sets of stairs, remove current wax finish and apply 2 to 3 coats of finish, mask off corners, fill in and repair with epoxy \$15,672.02. M.R. Cleaning Service submitted an estimate to scrub and resurface the Courthouse floors \$1,500. After a short discussion, Wadsworth moved to authorize the Chairman to sign an estimate after further discussion with the two companies, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Richard Martinsen, CPA, for Mueller & Honcik, P.C., was present to discuss the budget documents he prepared for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The County Board discussed with Martinsen the differences from last year's fiscal budget. Martinsen provided answers to questions asked regarding the proposed budget and publication. The proposed property tax request for 2024-2025 is \$2,497,022, which is different from the 2023-2024 property tax request of \$2,283,446. Motion made by Wadsworth to open the Budget Hearing at 9:45 a.m., seconded by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. No one testified in favor of the budget, Leo Reilly was present to testify in opposition to the Greeley County Budget. Motion made by Wadsworth to close the budget hearing at 10:00 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Wadsworth to open the public hearing at 10:01 a.m. regarding setting the final tax, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. No testimony was given in favor of or opposition to the final tax. Wadsworth moved to close the public hearing at 10:05 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Wadsworth to adopt the 2024-2025 County Budget that was published in the Cedar Valley News, Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations 2024-7, seconded by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provide that the Governing Body of Greeley County shall pass a resolution to set the amount of its property tax request after holding the required public hearing. Motion was made by Wadsworth and seconded by Leslie to approve Resolution 2024-8, setting the 2024-2025 property tax request, \$2,497,022 with a tax rate of .218599 per \$100 of assessed value.

Lance Harter, Highway Superintendent submitted a Bridge Replacement Cost Estimate for Structure No. C003901305 on 492nd Ave over Fish Creek. Proposed Structure: Twin 10 ft. arch x 54' long corrugated metal culvert pipe structure with headwall and wingwalls on each end. Project costs range \$120,000 - \$170,000. Motion made by Foltz to bid structure C003901305 for replacement, seconded by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Wadsworth moved to enter executive session at 10:10 a.m., for the purpose of discussing possible litigation, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Commissioners Foltz, Leslie, Wadsworth, Cindy Bassett and Joe McNally, McNally Law Office were present. Motion by Leslie to exit executive session at 10:24 a.m., and return to regular session, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Leslie to enter a second executive session at 10:25 a.m. for the purpose of discussing Courthouse Security, seconded by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Commissioners Foltz, Leslie, Wadsworth, County Attorney Cindy Bassett and Joe McNally were present.

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Wadsworth to adjourn at 10:38 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Dated this 30th day of August 2024.

Jordan Foltz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mindy A. Grossart
Greeley County Clerk