

## Greeley County Commissioner Minutes

January 14, 2025

The Greeley County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m. on the 14th day of January 2025 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 Joe McNally, McNally Law Office and County Clerk Mindy Grossart. Foltz stated a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the east wall of the boardroom and copies are available for the public if requested. Everyone present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was then turned over to the County Clerk. Mindy Grossart, County Clerk acting as temporary Chairman asked for nominations for a 2025 County Board Chairman. Leslie moved to nominate Jordan Foltz as Chairman for 2025, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Jordan Foltz, Chairman asked for nominations for a Vice Chairman for 2025, Wadsworth nominated Joe Leslie for Vice Chairman for 2025, second by Foltz. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Leslie moved to set the county board meetings for the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise advertised, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion by Leslie to designate Cedar Valley News as the Official County newspaper for 2025, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. The Greeley County website ([www.greeleycounty.ne.gov](http://www.greeleycounty.ne.gov)) is declared as an official means of publication. Motion was made by Wadsworth, second by Leslie to approve the Board Appointments that Greeley County is associated with for 2025. Jordan: Mid Nebraska Individual Services, Region III Governing Board and Region 26, Joe: South Central Nebraska Agency on Aging, CCC Governing Advisory Council, and Loup Basin Regional Health Department, Dennis: Loup Central Landfill, Mid Plains Center for Behavioral Health and CNCS Housing Board. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Leslie to appoint Josh Grummert, RLS, as the Greeley County Surveyor, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Wadsworth moved to appoint Staci Rother Greeley County School Superintendent/Fair Assistant, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion by Leslie to appoint Lance Harter as Highway Superintendent, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion by Leslie to appoint Trevor Nekoliczak as Planning & Zoning Administrator, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Wadsworth moved to appoint Bill McManus as Emergency Manager, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

The following banks were reviewed as depositories for the year 2025: First National Bank, State Bank of Scotia, Citizen's State Bank, Homestead Bank, Henderson State Bank, Cedar Rapids State Bank, NFIT & NPAIT. Leslie moved to approve the 2025 depositories and authorized the County Treasurer to invest idle funds appropriately second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

The County Mileage reimbursement rate is set at \$0.70 according to Section 81-1176 effective January 1, 2025, subject to change if the government adjusts the rate. The Sheriff's Department is entitled to charge an additional 3¢ if serving papers.

Leslie moved to approve a physician from the Howard County Medical Center to remain as the County Doctor, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Leslie to set the County burial policy as follows: the County will pay \$1,000.00 for cremation, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. All resources such as savings and checking accounts, cash on hand, insurance, and any funeral benefit through Social Security or other sources are to be applied against the county funeral allowance.

All contractors will file proof of liability insurance with the County Clerk prior to any work being done.

Wadsworth moved to approve the 2025 official holidays as set by State Statute 25-2221, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. All days declared by law or proclamation of the President &/or Governor to be a holiday. Motion made by Wadsworth to approve Courthouse Hours 8-4, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Wadsworth moved to enter BOE at 9:45 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Knights of Columbus #13584 filed an Application for Exemption for a 2015 H&H Trailer VIN#533TC1626FC248695 Religious exemption. Motion by Leslie, second by Wadsworth to approve Knights of Columbus #13584 Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Wadsworth, second by Leslie to adjourn BOE at 9:48 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Leslie to waive the reading and approve the county board minutes from December 26, 2024, board 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.

County payroll and vendor claims were reviewed by the board. Motion made by Leslie to approve claims & payroll, seconded by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. GENERAL: Amazon Business office supplies/law enforcement supplies/uniforms/build. repair/ 706.43, Anderson Pharmacy prisoner medical 11.30, Appera janitor supply 135.46, Applied Connective Technologies office equipment/law enforcement supplies/computer consult/IT supplies/surveillance 8,283.16, Cindy Bassett reimb. dues/law books 255., Black Hills Energy heat service 1,402.65, Bomgaars Supply grounds repair 71.94, Central Nebraska Attorneys crt. appt. attorney 210., Clearly internet/phone 755.25, Comfort Inn lodging 1,499.40, Country Market janitor supply 88.20, Country Partners fuel/oil 441.98, DAS State ACCTG – Central Finance data processing 206.75, Paul Deaver postage/duplicate keys reimb. 45.46, Eakes Office Solutions supplies/data processing 1,989.27, Election Systems & Software voting supply 230., Farm & Home Publishers wall map 185., First Concord Benefits Group bc/bs contribution 2,794., First National Bank ach fee 33.90, Margaret Freeman prior service 13., Galls uniform allowance 190.98, Great Plains Communications phone service 250., Greeley County Clerk supplies 145.53, Greeley County Court court costs 34., Mindy Grossart mileage 297.48, Grossarts Inc supplies 150., Hampton Inn lodging 417., Mark Haschke mileage reimb. 127.30, Holt County Treasurer 589.14, Hometown Leasing copier lease 280.72, Howard County Clerk 8<sup>th</sup> district expense 1,721.11, Howard/Greeley RPP D light service 311.34, Johnstone Supply Boiler repair 272.92, K & S Welding and Repair vehicle repair 82.39, LB413164-Blue 360 Media law books 198.90, Loup Basin RC & D Council dues 200., Marvin Planning Consultants comp. plan 2,300., Charles Maser prior service 80.78, McNally Law Office special Attorney fee 1,326., Microfilm Imaging Systems scan fee 40., Mid-Nebraska Disposal garbage hauling 747.50, MIPS data processing 2,206.07, Charlotte Murphy prior service 21., NACO registration 175., National Sheriffs' Association dues 125., Nebraska Health & Human Services institution costs 93., Corrine Nekoliczak prior

service 103.86, Nordhues Plumbing building repair 175., Novus Glass windshield repair 95., Tom Nowak mileage reimb. 60.30, Paper Tiger Shredding doc. shredding 102., People's Service oil change/parts 364.83, Peterson Legal Services crt. appt. attorney 400., Phonograph-Herald print/publish 120., PIP Marketing Signs Print title envelopes 325.14, Pitzer Digital print/publish/subscriptions 560.66, Donald Poss prior service 80.78, Radio Time Billing 396., Region 3 Behavioral Health Services mental health 1,461.39, State of Nebraska Dept. of Corrections prisoner keep/medical 6,640.69, Stealth Broadband internet 65., Catherine Sweeney prior service 10., Thomson Reuters-West subscription 610., Trotters Whoa & Go II Scotia sherif fuel 962.88, Valley County Sheriff prisoner keep 1,160., Verizon Wireless phone service 254.74, Village of Greeley water service 219.50, Vision Service Plan vision insurance 450.59, Yosten Law crt. appt. attorney 3,920., 911 Custom uniform allowance 40., Greeley County Treasurer general to road transfer 175,000. ROAD: Aiden Freeman reimb. training 225., AKRS shop supplies/sm. tools/bolts/shop tools 104.53, James Anderson machine hire 28,740., APPEARA uniform/towel service 294.68, Black Hills Energy heat service 1,054.55, Bloom Pest Control pest control 142., Bomgaars Supply shop supplies/parts/sm. tools 114.93, CINTAS shop supplies 88.79, Corner Garage fuel 125., Country Partners fuel/parts 6,502.51, Eakes Office Solutions supplies 103.20, Grossarts shop supplies/pipes, bolts, etc./sm. tools 90.33, Grummert Professional Services surveyor fee 6,300., Hamilton phone/internet 290.93, Howard County Medical Center drug/alcohol testing 114., Howard/Greeley RPPD light service 340.87, Iron Dr. Welding repair labor 649.19, Island Supply Welding Company oxygen/acetylene 19.84, J.J. Keller & Associates dues/subs/reg/training 396.07, Jeffres Sand & Gravel training/meals 1,150., K & S Welding and Repair labor 270., L & D Wild West Auto storage container 6,700., Logan Studley training 225., McManus Dirt Work machine hire 45,650., Medical Enterprises drug testing 70., Mid-Nebraska Disposal garbage hauling 46.20, Midwest Service & Sales signs/repair/parts 1,930., Miller Power Sports equip. fuel 180.43, Molt MFG. parts/oxygen, acetylene 436.80, Murphy Tractor & Equipment parts/labor 2,631.93, Nebraska Machinery Company parts/labor 7,275.52, Nordhues Truck Wash grader wash 200., Oak Creek Engineering contractual services 2,940., Ord Glass & Paint parts/labor 406.95, The Parts Bin – Ord grease, oil/shop tools 740.59, The Parts Bin – St. Paul parts/sm. tools 42.98, People's Service fuel 121.48, Platinum Truck Service labor/parts/grease, oil 919.13, Ruttman Repair labor/parts 5,205.84, Scotia Welding parts/labor 700., Spalding Farm & Home shop supplies 11.68, State of Nebraska Motor Fuels Division motor fuel tax 220., Swiatek Collision Center parts/labor 268., TooFast Supply sm. tools 99.99, Trotter Truck Plaza tire repair/parts/labor 12,947.62, Trotters Whoa & Go II Scotia fuel 174.97, Ulrich Gravel road gravel 4,149.01, Village of Greeley water service 71., Village of Scotia water/sew/garb 63.90, Village of Spalding light service 94.60, James Wilford storage fee 50. REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION: Mobile Binders books/paper 423.32. GENERAL FUND: Salaries, 34,743.19, EFTPS Matching SS, 2,657.89 Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 2,371.23, Blue Cross Blue Shield, 18,053.04, ROAD FUND: Salaries, 19,004.81, EFTPS Matching SS., 1,453.89, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 1,282.82.

Mary McGuire, Treasurer submitted a list of Pledged Collateral held by the Greeley County Treasurer for deposits/investments with the First National Bank of Ord, Greeley Branch. Motion made by Leslie to approve the Pledged Collateral, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Lance Harter, Greeley County Highway Superintendent presented an Agreement for Professional Services between Oak Creek Engineering, LLC and Greeley County for engineering services. Structure No. C003902505 Replacement, SE ¼ S-13 T-18 R-11 498<sup>th</sup> Ave, just north of 807<sup>th</sup> Road, remove existing bridge, Construct Corrugated Metal Culvert Pipe Structure with Headwalls, minor road grading near structure, Road closed to traffic during construction. Design, permitting and material bidding \$8,900. Wadsworth moved to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with Oak Creek Engineering, LLC, second by Leslie. 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. The County Board and Joe McNally, McNally Law Office were present. Motion made by Wadsworth to exit executive session at 10:23 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Foltz moved to enter a second executive session at 10:23 a.m. for the purpose of possible litigation, second by Leslie. The Board, Joe McNally, McNally Law Office and Sheriff Deaver were present. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Leslie to exit executive session at 10:47 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

The County Officials rate salary was set in Resolution dated December 28, 2021. County Assessor Deputy, Clerk Deputy, Treasurer Deputy are set at 75% and Sheriff Deputy 65%-85% of the official's salary. After a short discussion, motion by Leslie to approve 5% increases for all employees, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Sheriff Deaver stated that they have a full docket for court, and everything has been running smooth.

Public Comment: None. Chairman Foltz gave a brief update on the Greeley Wind Nebraska, LLC project. He explained the Road Use Agreement and Decommissioning Plan are ready for approval. Trevor Nekoliczak, Planning & Zoning Administrator advised the Board that Marvin Planning Consultants sent survey postcards with a QR code to scan and complete the survey or hard copies will be available on the main floor of the Courthouse. Chairman Foltz encouraged everyone to complete the survey.

Motion by Leslie to adjourn at 10:49 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Dated this 21st day of January 2025.

Jordan Foltz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mindy A. Grossart  
Greeley County Clerk