Greeley County Commissioner Minutes March 25, 2025

The Greeley County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m. on the 25th day of March 2025 in the 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 stated a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the east wall of the County Boardroom and copies were available for the public 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 March 11, 2025, meeting, second by Wadsworth. 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 Treasurer \$25,000, transfer general to road. GENERAL FUND: Salaries, 34,870.16, EFTPS Matching SS, 2,667.61 Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 2,382.92, Blue Cross Blue Shield, 19,867.98, ROAD FUND: Salaries, 13,531.28, EFTPS Matching SS., 1,035.16, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 913.36.

Trevor Nekoliczak, Planning & Zoning Administrator, presented an Administrative Subdivision for Towey 1. The property is in the SE ¼ of S-1 T-18 R-9, James Towey plans to subdivide 5 to 7 acres. The present and desired use of the property is for a home & shed. Towey Farms GP, LLC is listed as the owner. Motion made by Leslie to approve Towey 1 Administrative Subdivision, seconded by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Kayla Hinrichs, Extension Educator, Maddie Prososki, Asst. Extension Educator and Brian Cox, Engagement Zone Coordinator, met with the Board to provide some updates. Kayla introduced Maddie Prososki, Assistant Extension Educator, and informed the Board that they hired Angie Wright as the new Office Manager. Angie will be in the Greeley County office on Mondays. Maddie stated that she previously worked for UNL Extension in Saline County and recently moved to the Fullerton area. Maddie is helping pilot a Health Rocks program in the area schools. Kayla invited everyone to attend an Open House in Greeley County on Friday April 11th from 1:30 – 3:30 to meet the Extension Staff and learn more about Nebraska Extension Programs. Brian spoke about recent activity in the State Legislature and concerns regarding budget cuts to UNL Agriculture and Natural Resources in the amount of 1.2 million. He wanted to open discussions about the importance of their presence in the Central IV Counties and the potential impacts of the budget cuts. He said they are currently fully staffed in Central IV and the plan to keep moving forward and assisting with general nutrition, health and wellbeing of all Nebraskans. Brian thanked the Board for helping to support Extension in Greeley County and explained that Extension does not exist without County Partnerships.

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.

Chesney Ksionzek, Zelle HR Project Manager met with the Board and stated she is excited to work with Greeley County as Human Resources Support. She plans on getting started on the Greeley County Personnel Handbook and job descriptions. She also mentioned that Olivia Wells is the Lead Recruiting Coordinator and will be available to assist with any hiring needs.

Sheriff Deaver requested the appointment of Head of Courthouse Security be discussed by the Board. Chairman Foltz questioned if he checked with other Counties and the Board asked what Head of Courthouse Security would entail? Sheriff Deaver stated he has not checked with other Counties. He plans to come up with an evacuation plan if something does come up and post Courthouse signs. County Attorney Cindy Bassett recommended appointing Sheriff Paul Deaver as Head of Courthouse Security. Foltz moved to appoint Sheriff Paul Deaver as Head of Courthouse Security, seconded by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Leslie moved to enter executive session at 9:57 a.m. for the purpose of discussing Courthouse Security, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. The Board, Sheriff Paul Deaver and County Attorney Cindy Bassett were present. Motion made by Leslie to exit executive session at 10:10 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Leslie to adjourn at 10:13 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Dated the 26th day of March 2025.

Jordan Foltz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mindy A. Grossart Greeley County Clerk