

## Greeley County Commissioner Minutes

January 09, 2024

The Greeley County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m. on the 9th day of January 2024 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 was County Attorney Cindy Bassett 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 2024 County Board Chairman. Wadsworth moved to nominate Jordan Foltz as Chairman for 2024, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Jordan Foltz, Chairman asked for nominations for a Vice Chairman for 2024, Wadsworth nominated Joe Leslie for Vice Chairman for 2024, 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 2024, 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 2024. 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. 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. Motion made by Leslie to appoint Mark Haschke as Weed Superintendent, 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.

Next, the Board reviewed a resolution that was tabled during the 12/27/23 Board Meeting - Aaron Bos, Directory, Investment Services Nebraska CLASS. Wadsworth noted that in his opinion these types of investment agencies hurt local main street businesses. Wadsworth moved to not approve the Resolution for Nebraska Class, seconded by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

The following banks were reviewed as depositories for the year 2024: First National Bank, State Bank of Scotia, Citizen's State Bank, Homestead Bank, Henderson State Bank Cedar Rapids State Bank & NPAIT. Leslie moved to approve the 2024 depositories and to authorize 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 \$0.67 according to Section 81-1176 effective January 1, 2024, subject to change if the government adjusts the rate. The Sheriff's Department is entitled to charge an additional 3¢ if serving papers.

A physician from the Howard County Medical Center will remain as the County Doctor. 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.

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 and review of comparable wages, motion by Wadsworth to approve 5% increases for all hourly employees, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Wadsworth moved to approve the 2024 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.

Leslie moved to enter BOE at 10:47 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Gerri Behnk, Assessor presented Tax list correction #1273: Curtis Kaslon property ID 390157900-RE original amount \$69,745, homestead credit \$651.80 total tax \$126.04 corrected amount \$69,745, homestead credit \$814.74, total tax 0.00. Motion by Wadsworth, second by Leslie to approve tax correction #1273 homestead exemption change-taxpayer appealed 2023. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Leslie, second by Wadsworth to adjourn BOE at 10:49 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 the December 27, 2023, 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 Wadsworth, second by Leslie to approve the monthly reports. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. County Attorney Cindy Bassett asked for clarification on the County Attorney report as it has been waived in the past and the consensus of the Board was to continue the waiver on the report.

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 uniforms 242.77, Antelope County Sheriff inmate housing 1,960.00, Appera janitor supply 151.55, Applied Connective Technologies office equip./comp. consult 3,011.07, Cindy Bassett fees reimb. 573., Gerri Behnk mileage/supplies 422.43, Black Hills Energy heat fuel 1,492.50, Harold Bose prior service 69.24, Central Nebraska Attorneys crt. appt. attorney 340., Clearly internet/phone 748.73, Country Market supplies 132.13, Country Partners fuel 560.51, DAS State Acctg. – Central Finance data processing 206.75, Paul Deaver meal reimbursement 64.14, Eakes Office Solutions supply/processing 936.78, First Concord Benefits Group admin fee 351.94, First National Bank service 35., Margaret Freeman prior service 13., Great Plains Communications phone service 250., Greeley County Clerk weed dept. copies 71.70, Greeley County Court crt costs 49.,

Grossarts Inc supplies 45.88, Harouff Law crt. appt. attorney 1,200., Holiday Inn conference lodging 1,559.35, Hometown Leasing lease 98.93, Howard County Clerk dist. 8 expense 1,591.16, Howard/Greeley RPPD light service 299.66, Integrity Home Inspection & Testing building repair 710., LB413164 – Blue 360 Media, LLC Law Manuals 276.68, Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker lodging 363., Charles Maser prior service 80.78, Microfilm Imaging Systems scan rental fee 40., Mid-Nebraska Disposal, Inc haul garbage 718.70, MIPS data processing 2,288.14, Charlotte Murphy prior service 21., NACO- National Assoc. of Counties membership dues 450., NACO -Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials registration 150., Nebr. Law Enforcement Training CTR basic training item 142., NE. Health & Human Services institution costs 93., Corrine Nekoliczak prior service 103.86, People's Service oil change 139.95, Phonograph-Herald print/publish 108., Pitzer Digital print/publish 284.65, Donald Poss prior service 80.78, Psychological Resources evaluation 150., Radio Time Billing advertising 396., Region 26 Council 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. Assessment 20,990.14, Region 3 Behavioral Health Services mental health 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr 1469.66, Stealth Broadband internet 65., Kim Stefka bill of except 42.50, Catherine Sweeney prior service 10., Trotter's Whoa & Go sheriff fuel 89.33, Carol Trumler phone reimb. 25., Verizon Wireless cell phone 80.02, Village of Greeley service 213.02, Vision Service Plan premium 431.21, Connor Wood mileage 124.45, Woods Aitken attorney fees 1282., Yosten Law attorney fees 50., Greeley County Treasurer general to road 125,000. ROAD: AKRS Equipment shop supplies, parts 41., Appera uniform/towel service 313.40, Black Hills Energy heat fuel 1,009.05, Bomgaars Supply shop supplies 179.10, Cintas misc./first aid supplies 155.17, Country Partners fuel, grease/oil, sm. tools 13,686.67, Ed Hoevet Excavating machine hire 6,400, Greeley County Clerk plat maps 54., Greeley County Clerk recording fees 46., Grossarts Inc. shop supplies 12.87, Hamilton phone/internet 93.50, HillBill's Diesel Ag & Auto parts, grease/oil 89.90, Howard/Greeley RPPD service 708.03, Iron Dr. Welding labor 6,880.41, Island Supply Welding Company oxygen/acetylene 19.84, Jeffres Sand & Gravel road gravel 21,759.62, Joe Diessner Trucking gravel/crush concrete hauling 7,390., Mid-Nebraska Disposal garbage disposal 44.40, Midwest Service & Sales signs, misc., pipes/bolts 2,726.25, Murphy Tractor & Equipment parts, labor 2,799.63, Nebraska Machinery Company parts 301.32, Nitro Construction crush concrete 2,573.55, Oak Creek Engineering mileage, inspection fee, contract service 9,575.08, The Parts Bin, Ord parts, shop supplies, grease/oil, pipes/bolts 424.32, The Parts Bin, St. Paul shop tools 660., Patzel Construction crush concrete 3,080.88, People's Service fuel, tire repair, labor 1,069.43, Platinum Truck Service labor, parts 723., S.E. Smith & Sons grounds supply 53.98, Spalding Farm & Home shop supplies, sm. tools 27.98, Spalding Pharmacy supplies 94.95, State of Nebraska motor fuel tax 1,386., Too Fast Supply shop tools 209.99, Trotters Whoa & Go II Scotia fuel 223.74, Ulrich Gravel road gravel 32,680.91, Village of Greeley service 64.52, Village of Scotia service 63.30, Village of Spalding service 77.81, Vlach Construction machine hire 34,734.47, James Wilford storage fee 50. GENERAL FUND: Salaries, 32,811.69, EFTPS Matching SS, 2,510.09, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 2,204.55, Blue Cross Blue Shield, 19,362.89, ROAD FUND: Salaries, 13,025.84, EFTPS Matching SS., 996.48, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 879.24.

Jackie Wells, Greeley County Veteran Service Officer submitted a MOU between the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs and Greeley County. Motion made by Leslie to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Wadsworth moved to table year end Weed Reports until the February 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, seconded by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

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 Wadsworth to approve the Pledged Collateral, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Wadsworth moved to enter executive session at 11:16 a.m. for the purpose of discussing possible litigation, second by Leslie. Motion made by Wadsworth to exit executive session at 11:57 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Wadsworth to adjourn at 11:59 a.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Dated this 12th day of January 2024.

Jordan Foltz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mindy A. Grossart  
Greeley County Clerk