

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2023

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on July 13, 2023. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Crystal Wiens, Todd Yost, Don Pettigrew, Mike Baum, Doug Cooley and Kyle Joyce. The minutes of the June 8, 2023 meeting were read aloud and approved. Chairman Bryan Crisp announced the Public Meetings Law posted in the boardroom and copies of it and the agenda are available for the public. The claims on file were audited by the board. Julie Kraye moved and Bryan Crisp seconded the motion that the audited claims be allowed and warrants from the various county funds be issued for their payment. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Approved claims are listed below. Roads were discussed and monthly expenses reviewed. Don Pettigrew addressed the board and discussed budget items. Bryan Crisp updated the board on the projected maintenance building. The building permit has been approved by the Village of Mullen zoning committee. Mike Baum addressed the board to update on current road projects. Baum discussed procuring crushed concrete, no action taken. Jessica Hampton provided a copy of the 2023 NIRMA road maintenance audit to the commissioners. Jessica Hampton presented a Betterment grant application to Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation, the funds would be used towards the expense of the proposed shop building. Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded to have Jessica Hampton submit the Betterment grant application to Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation requesting the amount of \$100,000. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Kyle Joyce with Region II Services presented to the commissioners the available programs and services that Region II Services is able to provide to Hooker County residents. Jessica Hampton presented the previously accepted subdivision regulations to be signed by the chairman of the board. The updated regulations were signed and will be added to Hooker County's planning and zoning manual. Julie Kraye moved and Bryan Crisp seconded that the opioid money received in June in the amount of \$71,300 be given to Region II Human Services. A claim will be made for August meeting. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. The clerk presented a letter from the district court notifying the increase in court-appointed lawyer fees. An email from Lincoln County requesting a letter of support for Broadband was also presented. No action was taken. The clerk also presented information about an Economic Development Administration Program. The clerk notified the board that the audit prep for the 2022-2023 audit was underway. Crystal Wiens presented the treasurer's semi-annual report. Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded to approve the treasurer's semi-annual report. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Crystal Wiens presented information regarding interest rates with Dayspring Bank formerly known as First State Bank. Bryan Crisp moved and Thad Emerson seconded that Hooker County not open a new account with NPAIT and to keep the Inheritance Fund money in the amount of \$648,641.21 in Dayspring Bank in the account that it currently resides. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Todd Yost addressed the board and gave a sheriff's update.
Library budget worksheet was presented, no action taken.

George Vinton notified the board that a claim was presented for the Dean Andersen Estate appointed attorney and recommended it be paid from the Inheritance Fund.

Bryan Crisp recessed the meeting at 4:15 p.m. for the Board of Equalization. Commissioners reconvened at 4:52 p.m.

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to enter executive session at 5:35 p.m. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to exit executive session at 5:53 p.m. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to terminate the weed superintendent's employment as of August 31, 2023. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Claims

GENERAL FUND		ROAD FUND	
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 11,666.59	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 1,141.90
Vision Service Plan	\$ 81.66	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 191.59
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 742.40	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 374.26	Handyman Hardware	\$ 102.56
Creative Printers	\$ 129.50	Kwik Stop	\$ 642.24
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Macke's Grocery	\$ 15.92
Eakes Office Solutions	\$ 409.78	Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 4.34
Cardmember Service	\$ 495.93	Mike Baum, exp	\$ 13.14
First Concord Benefits Group	\$ 2,289.24	Custer Public Power District	\$ 68.85
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 60.00	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 112.96	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 2,495.92
Kwik Stop	\$ 1,756.15	Triple G Redmix LLC	\$ 10,140.28
Lincoln County Clerk	\$ 1,086.20	IRS	\$ 3,273.12
Loup Basin RC&D Council	\$ 90.34	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 578.34
Macke's Grocery	\$ 35.38	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,238.72
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	Payroll	\$ 10,015.82
MIPS, Inc	\$ 899.60	LIBRARY FUND	
Alex Moore, exp	\$ 155.00	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 113.41
Mullen Auto & Diesel	\$ 77.63	Macke's Grocery	\$ 46.78
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 130.00	Village of Mullen	\$ 314.78
Prairie States Communications	\$ 2,117.66	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
Quill, LLC	\$ 154.06	IRS	\$ 292.88
Thomas County Treasurer	\$ 6,581.25	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 20.34
USPS	\$ 66.00	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 160.27
United States Treasury	\$ 11.16	Payroll	\$ 1,416.24
Verizon Wireless	\$ 182.74	911 SURCHARGE FUND	
Village of Mullen	\$ 534.85	Consolidated Tel Co, 911	\$ 343.16
West Publishing	\$ 251.24	LODGING TAX PROMO FUND	
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 23.91	NETA	\$ 300.00
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 30.80	Hooker County Tribune	\$ 7.25
Crystal Wiens, exp	\$ 206.48	LODGING TAX CAPITAL FUND	
IRS	\$ 7,053.54	Bond Payment	\$ 1,481.25
NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 996.36	INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 2,786.72	Allen Andersen PR Dean Andersen Estate	\$ 65,690.46
MASA Global	\$ 75.00	Bacon, Vinton & Ventelicher	\$ 4,091.50
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00		
Payroll	\$ 24,432.08		

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will hold a budget workshop in conjunction with the regular meeting on August 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the commissioner's room. Meetings are held in the Commissioners Room and agendas for these meetings are kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the county clerk during normal business hours.

Attest:

Hooker County Board of Commissioners


Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk


Bryan Crisp, Chairman