

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 2023

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on December 14, 2023. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Crystal Wiens, Don Pettigrew, Mike Baum and Elaine Menzel.

The minutes of the November 7, 2023 regular 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. Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye 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 has armor coat bids prepped and ready for publication in January. Mike Baum notified the board that the dump truck was repaired, but with over 1,000,000 miles on the truck the next repair could be the transmission. The road department has been working on the shoulders of Dismal River Road, started ground work for North Creek Drive and will be coming to town to site prep for the new building. Construction on the new building is projected to start in January. The board was asked if the county would pay for DOT CDL physicals, the consensus was no, the county would not pay for the employee's physical.

Elaine Menzel with Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), attended the meeting and updated the board on current NACO happenings, legislation updates and meeting dates for 2024. Menzel also encouraged the board to look into National NACO and all that they offer counties. TL Meyer had the clerk present an Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension Services for the Central Sandhills Extension Service. The interlocal agreement was reviewed by the board and county attorney. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to sign the interlocal agreement for the Central Sandhills Extension Service. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. The clerk also presented the certificate of insurance for the Central Sandhills Extension Service and notified the board of upcoming pesticide trainings.

Jessica Hampton presented a 2023 Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for Hooker County Transit. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the 2023 Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for Hooker County Transit. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

The financial statement for the fiscal year July 2022-June 2023 audit was presented to the board. Thad Emerson motioned and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the financial statement and approve the audit for submittal to the state. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

The clerk requested the January meeting be moved to Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

Crystal Wiens presented the treasurer's report, current finances and tax collection. No action taken.

The appointment for the Hooker County Emergency Manager has been tabled until January meeting.

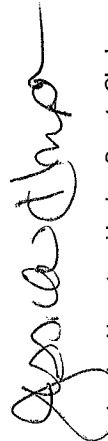
Library budget worksheet was presented, no action taken.

**CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND	ROAD FUND
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	Blue Cross Blue Shield
\$ 10,568.34	\$ 1,098.25
Vision Service Plan	Consolidated Telephone Company
\$ 62.35	\$ 118.78
Applied Connective Technologies	DAS State Accounting
\$ 789.00	\$ 44.00
AT&T Mobility	Grant County Treasurer
\$ 315.04	\$ 584.74
Consolidated Telephone Company	Kwik Stop
\$ 369.45	\$ 1,018.07
DAS State Accounting	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc
\$ 44.00	\$ 4,282.11
First Concord Benefits Group	Custer Public Power District
\$ 1,624.69	\$ 82.98
Grant County Treasurer	Dooley Oil Inc
\$ 584.74	\$ 288.12
Artis Hicks, exp	Inland Truck
\$ 50.00	\$ 1,880.61
Hooker County Tribune	Mid-American Research Chemical
\$ 188.00	\$ 1,089.17
Kwik Stop	NMC
\$ 1,489.58	\$ 1,104.48
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	Donald Pettigrew, exp
\$ 40.00	\$ 261.35
Midwest Special Services Inc	Triple G Redimix LLC
\$ 419.95	\$ 2,703.81
MIPS, Inc	Troyer Enterprises Inc
\$ 899.60	\$ 111.07
Mullen Auto & Diesel	IRS
\$ 292.65	\$ 3,930.42
Mullen Motors	NE Dept of Revenue
\$ 65.00	\$ 735.13
Neal Oil & Auto	Ameritas Life Insurance
\$ 516.00	\$ 1,384.21
Darlene Osborn, exp	Payroll
\$ 120.00	\$ 11,763.13
Pro Printing & Graphics	<b>LIBRARY FUND</b>
\$ 406.00	Consolidated Telephone Company
Quill LLC	\$ 114.08
\$ 20.65	\$ 5.14
Thomas County Treasurer	\$ 354.75
\$ 6,581.25	\$ 245.55
Verizon Wireless	\$ 4.16
\$ 131.58	\$ 261.75
Village of Mullen	\$ 132.78
\$ 374.36	\$ 478.85
West Publishing	\$ 279.74
\$ 273.85	\$ 17.83
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 151.09
\$ 20.91	\$ 1,399.06
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	<b>LODGING TAX PROMO FUND</b>
\$ 32.62	Hooker County Tribune
\$ 3.62	\$ 14.81
Crystal Wiens, exp	NE Cattleman Sandhills Affiliate
\$ 7,388.54	\$ 6,000.00
IRS	Sharptail Shootout Advertising
\$ 1,033.82	\$ 13,089.00
NE Dept of Revenue	
\$ 3,147.47	
Ameritas Life Insurance	
\$ 62.50	
MAASA Global	
\$ 2,250.00	
George Vinton	
\$ 26,265.65	
Payroll	
<b>911 SURCHARGE FUND</b>	
Consolidated Tel Co, 911	
\$ 343.16	

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will hold the next regular meeting on January 10, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room. Meetings are held in the Commissioner's 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:



Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk

Hooker County Board of Commissioners



Bryan Crisp, Chairman