



Nance County Board Minutes



November 14, 2017

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on November 14, 2017 in the Supervisor's Room, Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present-Timothy Cornwell, Andrew Ditter, Robert Voichoskie, Ralph Horacek, Robert Small and Darren Nelson. Also present is County Clerk, Danette Zarek. Chairman advised those present of the open meetings act and its posting in the Supervisor's Room.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Nance County Journal on November 8, 2017.

Notice of the meeting was given to the Board and a receipt of their acknowledgment is on file in the Clerk's office.

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Small to approve the agenda. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Jarecke. Motion carried.

Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Small to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting. Roll Call: AYES-Voichoskie, Horacek, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Jarecke. Motion carried.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Ditter to approve all claims submitted. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Jarecke. Motion carried.

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND	\$49,514.25
ROAD FUND	29,505.60
APPRAISAL FUND	945.00

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$1,903.22; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$59.51; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$781.92.

9:22 AM Jarecke present.

John Boeder with Gallagher, formerly Strong Financial, came before the board to present a life insurance benefit to offer to county employees. Before the discussion on the life insurance, Boeder informed the board that the United Health Care health insurance option that the board went with last month was a good choice, as the premiums for BC/BS and Aetna came in well above the rates offered by UHC. He also informs the board that the dental insurance offered through the county has had a small increase. The premiums are increasing \$.82/mo. The premiums are still a good rate at \$28.12/mo. for a single premium. Boeder then went on to explain the term life insurance benefit. Employees can get a \$10,000-\$100,000 policy of term life insurance. The premiums are age rated, with the premium increasing as the employee ages. A policy for a spouse can be added at 50% of the value of the employee's coverage at the employee's premium rate and an employee's children, through the age of 26, can be added for a premium of \$.29-\$2.91/mo. depending on the amount of insurance requested. The rate for children is the same no matter how many children the employee has on the insurance. The employee would be responsible for the full premium rate. Discussion held. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Jarecke to offer this benefit to the employees, with the employee being responsible for the premiums. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

9:47 AM Moved by Ditter and seconded by Jarecke to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll Call: AYES-Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Cornwell; NAYS-None; Motion carried.

9:57 AM Moved by Nelson and seconded by Small to go out of executive session. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Chairman states that no action was taken during the closed session.

SuAnn Engel, Deputy Clerk, informed the board that lights in the courthouse hallways are in need of repairs. A local electrician suggested that the county bypass the ballast and replace the U-tube lights with LED lighting. The bulbs will last much longer. Tony Bernt was going to get her some figures on the cost, as they had switched out lights in the road building, but she has not heard back yet. Board asked Engel to check into what it would cost to switch the lights.

Tony Bernt, Road Foreman, gave road updates. Also present is LeRoy Gerrard, interim Highway Superintendent: Dept is getting ready to send out invoices for mowing. Approximately 44 miles were mowed—continuing to haul concrete & dirt to washout along roadsides—working on sign inspections & inventory,



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repairing & replacing signs—working with Tom Smith, emergency manager, on the new sign tracking process (helps on inventory & in case damage disaster happens)—building across the street from the courthouse has been gutted, cleaned out and ready for inspection—getting ready to start shredding trees in Right-of-Ways—1995 Ford dump truck had the clutch go out-also needs a new cylinder. Cylinder is still under warranty—continue to prepare machines for winter—Discussion held on electric fences in ROW. They will run a notice in the newspapers. Letters will be sent to violators.

10:18 AM Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney present.

Gerrard discussed the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) Round 2 of the County Bridge Match Program. It is a 50% match. Discussion held on bridges that the county would like to submit for the program. Gerrard will get the proposal submitted. Selected counties will be notified by January 12, 2018.

Julie Beyer, with the Central Nebraska Youth Services program, came before the board to provide information regarding the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Juvenile Service between Merrick, Nance, Polk and Hamilton Counties. Ms. Beyer provided charts showing the number of referrals, each county's contribution and program requirements. The program is cheaper for the juvenile, quicker to get through than the court system, and the juvenile receives education, skills and values that will help keep them from getting into trouble again. She also informed the board that they have just started a truancy program. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Juvenile Services. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Engel and Bernt come back to the board with a cost on the hallway lights. After making some calls, it was determined that the cost would be \$1,250.00. County would need to hire an electrician to do the ballast bypass. Board asked that it be added to the next agenda for discussion.

Board again discussed the design-build contract resolution and policies tabled from last meeting. The board asked Zarek to contact Butler County to see who they used for their Performance-Criteria Developer (PCD), if they were happy with them and how much they paid for the PCD. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Horacek to adopt the resolution selecting the design-build contract delivery system provided under the Nebraska Political Subdivisions Construct Alternatives Act and adopt the Design-Build Contracts Policy Relating to the Nance County Ag. Society Building Project. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried. Said resolution #17-27 and policies may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Nance County Clerk's Office.

Discussion held on the remodel of the building purchased across the street for extension purposes. The Board would like to move forward with the project and discussed advertising for bids. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Horacek to authorize Steve Pritchard, extension agent, to advertise for bids. Wetovick made a suggestion to wait until the Nov. 28th meeting, due to this not being an agenda item for today's meeting. Further discussion. Jarecke rescinded his motion.

11:00 AM Voichoskie excused.

Board discussed the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) recommendations for county officials' salaries. Salaries must be fixed by January 15, 2018. A committee of the NACO president, county commissioners, county supervisors and elected officials studied various aspects of the 93 counties and published salary recommendations for the 2019-2022 term. Nance County falls into a category 2 of the study and the minimum recommended base salary is \$48,600.00 and the recommended high salary is \$67,700.00. The study recommends that sheriffs, who do not operate a jail, receive 115% of the base salary set. The study suggests that compensation for part-time county attorneys be made on a county-by-county basis, with consideration given to the fact that attorneys require specialized training and continuing legal education. The board will further review the salary recommendations and clerk will put the discussion on the agenda for the next meeting.

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Small to adjourn. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Ditter, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Voichoskie. Motion carried.

Timothy Cornwell
Chairman

Danette Zarek
County Clerk