



# Nance County Board Minutes



March 13, 2018

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on March 13, 2018 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, Dennis Jarecke, 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 March 7, 2018.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

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

Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Small to amend the February 13, 2018 meeting minutes to show that the tuition reimbursement is for a dentist, who is planning on joining Dr. Maas' dental practice. The graduating dentist will join the practice with Dr. Maas and is not taking over the practice. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSTAIN-Voichoskie. Minutes are amended as approved.

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

## **SALARY CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND	\$46,269.47
ROAD FUND	\$21,094.81

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$2,713.36; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$260.03; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$983.69.

9:45 a.m. Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney, present.

Deputy Clerk, SuAnn Engel, is present to discuss current position of the budget and to discuss the upcoming budget details.

9:50 a.m. Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Nelson to go into executive session. Roll Call: AYES-Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

9:55 a.m. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Jarecke to go out of executive session. Roll Call: AYES-Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

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

10:00 a.m. Ben Bakewell, County Sheriff, present.

Board continues on with the budget discussion. Engel presents the board with a contract for preparing the 2018-2019 budget. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to sign said contract. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Jarecke, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSTAIN-Horacek. Motion carried.

Tony Bernt, road foreman, gave updates in the road department. Also present is LeRoy Gerrard, Nance County Interim Highway Superintendent. Department continues to work on repairing roads from melting snow and frost—Snow blower has been removed from the tractor; getting tractor ready for upcoming projects—Dept. will continue to shred trees until the end of the month—New Caterpillar motor grader is due to be delivered on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>—New pickup is ordered; will take 10 weeks to get in—Getting a bid for asphalt crack seal to be scheduled for 2018-2019 budget year—Discussion held regarding East Newman Township Road S290th Ave; Remain a township road or county take over?; Over the years the county has taken over several roads in East Newman Township and board declines to take over the road--Gerrard presents an engineering agreement from JEO Consulting Group on Project C63(132) Bridge #C006320810; he was able to get the cost down from \$24,000.00 to \$16,000.00 as he, as highway superintendent, will be able to perform a couple of the tasks associated with the project. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Voichoskie to sign the agreement for professional services with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Representatives, Jim Ediger and Mark Sellers, from Hamilton.net and Ed Knott with Applied Connective are present to discuss the tower space. Hamilton.net has been providing internet and email services to the courthouse for several years now in exchange for allowing them to install their equipment on the county's tower. The courthouse had been experiencing problems with the internet and the board voted to have Applied



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Connective provide the internet service. The emails are now being provided by NACO.org, so that service will no longer be provided by Hamilton.net. An agreement was presented to Hamilton.net and the amount of the lease agreed upon is \$100.00 per month. Hamilton.net agrees to continue to provide email service during the transition of the hamilton.net emails to the nacone.org emails. The lease will be reviewed after one year. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to enter into a lease agreement with Hamilton.net for access to the county's tower for a one-year period at a cost of \$100.00 per month. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Ben Bakewell, County Sheriff, came before the board to inform them of the Loup Power District's intent to reopen the Headworks Park to ATVs. Bakewell expressed his concerns to the board as to the number of medical calls, deputy calls, need for more deputies on-duty or on-call during these times, the fact that it is not county residents who are enjoying the headworks, but people from all over the state and out of state, the use of drugs, etc. With people riding on both North & South sides of the river, makes it more difficult to patrol. He made his concerns to the CEO of the Loup Power District, Neal Suess. Bakewell was directed to submit a letter with his concerns and it will be used when the decision to reopen the Headworks to ATVs is taken up at a meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion held. It was suggested to may be contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Comission (FERC) and let them know what the ATV damage is doing to the environment. It may be a good idea to get the State Patrol involved also. Board would not be opposed to the park being open to foot traffic only. Although the ATV traffic brings some income to a few retailers, it also is a huge drain on the hospital, county, and EMT services. Cornwell stated he will contact Suess and set up a meeting with him prior to the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Nelson and Voichoskie said they would attend the meeting also. Bakewell did draft a letter to submit for the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The board read the letter and agreed to print the letter on county letterhead and sign it for submission in opposition to reopening the Headworks Park to ATVs.

Voichoskie excused.

Steve Pritchard, Extension educator, Beth Sonderup, office manager, and Greg Gasper with Eakes, comes to the board with furniture bids for the remodeled extension office. Bids from Eakes for tables and chairs, carts for table & chair storage, desks & chairs for beef educator, office manager, extension educator, upper and lower cabinets for the work area and shelving for the storage room all comes to approximately \$27,000.00. A bid from Great Plains Building Supply for upper and lower cabinets for the kitchen area and the workroom area comes to approximately \$4,500.00 for each room. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Small to go ahead and order the furniture and cabinets for the office areas and the work room from Eakes. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Voichoskie. Motion carried.

Also discussed hiring a weekly janitorial service and a lease agreement for lease of the kitchen area. Chairman asked Sonderup to look into each and bring it back to the board.

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

Tim Cornwell

Chairman

Danette Zarek

County Clerk