



Nance County Board Minutes



September 11, 2018

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on September 11, 2018 in the Supervisor's Room, Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present-Timothy Cornwell, Robert Voichoskie, Ralph Horacek, Dennis Jarecke, Robert Small and Darren Nelson. Also present is County Clerk, Danette Zarek and County Attorney, Rodney Wetovick. 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 September 5, 2018.

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

Moved by Small and seconded by Voichoskie to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting. Roll Call: AYES-Small, Nelson, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Ditter. Motion carried.

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

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND	\$51,129.71
ROAD FUND	\$30,714.23

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$3,880.99; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$758.86; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$3,305.71.

Kelly Hale, treasurer of the Nance County Ag. Society, comes before the board to discuss the payment of the \$70,000.00 budgeted in the Ag. Society's 2017-2018 budget, targeted for the fairgrounds Events Center. Also present is SuAnn Engel, who is preparing the Ag. Society's 2018-2019 budget. She explains that the Ag. Society has been budgeting money to use on capital improvements the past few years and have been unable to do any capital improvements and this has put them in a bind as far as their budget for this year and coming years. It would be best for the Ag. Society to pay the county the \$70,000.00 that they budgeted, as soon as they have the money in the account. Hale expects the money to be in the account soon and will pay the county at that time. She then questioned the board about whether the new Events Center will be placed on a separate electric meter, so the electric bills can be kept separate from the existing building. Cornwell assured her that there will be a separate meter.

The board reviewed the Sheriff's inventory. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to approve and sign the Sheriff's inventory. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT- Ditter. Motion carried.

Tony Bernt, road foreman, gave updates in the road department. Also present is Tony Steensnes, second in charge. Tube project by Dustin Russell's is still under construction - All maintainers are out blading roads. They will be blading minimum maintenance roads as they blade their routes to get ready for harvest - S570th St. project is back under way. Will try to have it opened for harvest - Will start on Project 219 on Valley Road once they have completed other projects. They will have a temporary road installed while project is being completed - Department will be ready to start demo on the old 4-H building as soon as it is cleaned out. Board instructed that the restrooms are to be removed as well as the trees near the project - Council Creek has asked if the department will take over the maintenance of their minimum maintenance roads. There are approximately 7-9 miles - A concerned citizen questioned the weed spraying of ditches when ditches had water in them. Weed Supt. was using Rodeo (aquatic round-up) which is safe for spraying in water - Discussed whether to make the summer temporary employee a full-time. The employee has been maintaining partial routes of other maintainer operators, so that roads can be more regularly maintained. Cornwell feels he has been doing a good job. Jarecke does not want to add another employee to the payroll, increasing the budget. Bernt is questioned as to whether the cost of an additional employee is figured into the road budget for 2018-2019 and he states that it is. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Small to hire Tony Scheffler as a full-time road employee. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Voichoskie, Horacek, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-Jarecke; ABSENT-Ditter. Motion carried.



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Ben Bakewell, Sheriff, came before the board to present a proposed plan he has for the south side of the courthouse building. Also present is Denise Ziembra, emergency manager, and Cyndy Pilakowski, county attorney's secretary. Now that the county attorney's office is across the hall from the sheriff's office, Bakewell would like to make the south end of the courthouse a law enforcement area by building a wall north of the sheriff/county attorney office and keeping it locked. He enumerated problems with lack of space in the sheriff's office. He would like to use the current probation office for interviews, inmate holding, and datamaster. He also stated that this room would be available for attorneys to meet with clients on court days, which was also a concern. He is assuming the probation office is being moved into the planning and zoning office and the planning and zoning is planning on moving into the county attorney's old office. Cornwell asked Ziembra if she is interested in moving her office from the food pantry building to the courthouse. She states that she is comfortable with the office she has in the food pantry. Jarecke would like the board to have their own room to meet in, as they had prior to 2007. Horacek wondered if the vacant room off of the county attorney's office is available for office space. Pilakowski states that the way the offices are situated in the county attorney's office, they are needing that room for their filing cabinets. She says there is a spare desk in that room, that is available for anyone needing a desk. Cornwell asked Bakewell how soon he would like to see the wall built for his law enforcement area. He stated he did not expect it in this year's budget. The moving of the probation office and planning & zoning are approved as planned.

Board discusses the Design-Build Agreement and General Conditions Between Owner and Design-Builder. (Nance County and B-D Construction, Inc.) Wetovick has reviewed the agreement and found it complex. He would like to get clarification on some parts of the agreement. The agreement is a standard agreement for design-build situation and he does not feel that there is anything in the agreement that would prevent the board from signing, but he feels there should be a discussion with either Bryan Kearney, with B-D Construction or Dana Peterson, the performance criteria developer (PCD). Some board members do not want to delay the project any further. Water pressure for the building is discussed. Neither the design-builder nor the PCD have voiced concerns about the water pressure. New water lines will be installed to the building and, if necessary, a booster pump could be added. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Horacek to approve signing the Design-Build Agreement and General Conditions Between Owner and Design-Builder, upon County Attorney discussing any concerns with Dana Peterson, PCD. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-Voichoskie; ABSENT-Ditter. Motion carried.

11:00 a.m. Budget hearing opened.

SuAnn Engel, Deputy Clerk, reported that the budget as published is the budget to be adopted for 2018-2019 fiscal year. Discussion was held. Tax rate for this year is .224664. Last year's tax rate was .216648. Jarecke questioned what the difference in tax dollars is from last year to this year. Engel states it is an additional \$74,000.00. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Small to adopt said budget. Jarecke states that he thinks the board is making a mistake increasing the budget by any amount. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-Jarecke, Nelson, Voichoskie; ABSENT-Ditter. Motion fails. Further discussion held on where cuts could be made. Bakewell offers to cut \$40,000.00 out of his Sinking-Sheriff Vehicle Fund. He feels he could wait an additional year before replacing one of his units. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to reconsider the previous motion. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Voichoskie, Horacek, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-Jarecke; ABSENT-Ditter. Motion carried. Further discussion held. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Voichoskie to adopt the budget at the same levy as it was set at last year, taking \$40,000.00 out of the Sinking-Sheriff Vehicle fund and \$34,000.00 out of the cash reserve. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Small, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-Nelson, Horacek; ABSENT-Ditter. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #18-14

WHEREAS, a proposed county budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 prepared by the budget making authority, was transmitted to the county board on the 11th day of September, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska as follows:

Section 1. That the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 as categorically evidenced by the budget document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the budget for Nance County for said fiscal year.

Section 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.



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Section 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Voichoskie to adopt said resolution. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Small, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-Nelson, Horacek. Motion carried.

Chairman closed the budget hearing.

Bakewell comes before the board to present the consolidation of dispatch information. Also present are Troy Cordle, 9-1-1 field coordinator with the State, and Denny Johnson, Boone County Sheriff. Bakewell states Nance County has 4 options with their dispatch: 1) consolidate with Hamilton County. They would charge \$150,000.00 year. At this time they have their hands full, having recently taken on Merrick County dispatch. 2) Region 26 quoted \$70,000.00 to consolidate. They already have 8 counties; they are a long ways away; and there are connectivity issues. 3) Boone County quoted \$108,000.00, which would pay for an additional 2.5 dispatch and they would take our inmates. There would be an additional \$30,000.00 one-time fee. 4) Platte County could be a future option. They hope to have their new communications center open by next July. Bakewell's concern with them is the Platte County Sheriff's office and Columbus Police department do not get along. If we continue to run our own dispatch we will need to hire and train one full-time and two part-time dispatchers. Our equipment is outdated and would cost \$400,000-\$500,000 to update to where we need to be. A spreadsheet was prepared showing the money the county could save by consolidating with Boone County. Spreadsheet shows in 8 years the county could save almost \$600,000.00 and in 15 years approximately \$1,400,000.00. Fire Department personnel are concerned with how their analogue radios are going to work with the sheriff's digital radios. At this time the sheriff's office can communicate with both analogue and digital, they just have to switch from one to the other and cannot communicate with the two at the same time. Boone County will also be able to communicate with the fire departments on analogue. Fire & rescue should work it in their budgets to update their equipment in the next few of years. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Nelson to consolidate Nance County dispatch with Boone County dispatch, but continue to maintain the analogue system as necessary. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Voichoskie, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Ditter. Motion carried. The consolidation will go before the Boone County board on Monday. If approved, could be switched over by November or December. A concerned citizen voiced his concern that he does not feel this new system will work as well as our current system.

Board reviewed claim #1809037 to Caterpillar Financial Services in the amount of \$61,840.00 for down payment on new road maintainer. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Jarecke to approve said claim. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT-None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #18-15

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NANCE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS to authorize the Nance County Treasurer to make the following transfers in accordance with the adopted 2018-2019 budget: transfer \$261,000.00 from the miscellaneous general fund into the sinking-road equipment fund; transfer \$80,000.00 from the miscellaneous general fund to the sinking-bridge fund; and transfer \$200,000.00 from the inheritance tax fund to the general fund. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Nelson to approve said resolution. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Voichoskie, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Ditter. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #18-16

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NANCE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS to authorize the Nance County Treasurer to transfer \$905,082.76 from the miscellaneous general fund into the road fund. Said amount to be transferred monthly based on the 2018 tax collection. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Horacek to approve said resolution. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Voichoskie, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Ditter. Motion carried.

Wetovick informed the board of a report he received on the Extension building. Electrically everything is fine. Architecturally the counter height is 2" higher that it should be. There are other things that need to be verified, and it is indicated that a 3" sanitary line does not conform. There is a hearing scheduled for Friday, so board will wait to hear what is decided at that hearing.

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



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Chairman

Danette Zarek

County Clerk