



Nance County Board Minutes



June 11, 2019

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on June 11, 2019 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 and County Sheriff, Ben Bakewell. 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 June 5, 2019.

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--Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Cornwell; NAYS--None. Motion carried.

Moved by Small and seconded by Voichoskie to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting. Roll Call: AYES--Small, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke; NAYS--None; ABSTAIN-Nelson, Cornwell. Motion carried.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Ditter to approve all claims submitted except Claim #1903189, which was tabled on March 26, 2019, which is to be denied. Roll Call: AYES--Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND	\$59,250.04
ROAD FUND	\$36,605.58
DISASTER FUND	\$ 6,174.38

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$3,273.16; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$129.64; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$558.62.

The Board reviewed and approved the County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #19040001 through 19040067 in the amount of \$894,155.56 for the month of April, 2019.

Don Shuda, Nance County Veteran's Service Officer (VSO), comes before the board to discuss the veteran service officer's budget for 2019-2020. Also present are veteran service committee members, Chuck Delancey, Dillon Busch, Stan Czarnick and Don Pearson. The committee members approved a \$208.00 increase in the VSO budget. The board will consider the increase when working with the budget. Shuda informed the board that the VA helped veterans after the flood with payments in an amount of \$10,024.42. In 2018 veterans received a total of \$1,122,000.00 in benefits. The Veteran's home in Grand Island was also discussed.

9:45 am Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney present.

Emil Rosno, committee member for the Nance Trans, comes before the board with an update on the Nance Trans boardings and trips. From July 1, 2018-April 30, 2019 they had 1,468 boardings driving 32,790 miles. He said the board meets this evening and will be hiring the office manager for the Nance Trans.

Cindy Russell, road secretary, submitted updated township road maintenance contracts for the chairman to sign. Board approved.

Highway Superintendent, Tony Bernt, gave updates in the road department--Speece Lewis has been helping with FEMA/NEMA paperwork. Cornwell voiced his concern that the county has not heard anything from FEMA on the flood. Speece Lewis is also looking to this--Bids for a new pickup were discussed. The department has two older pickups that are in dire need of replacing. Board approved the purchase of one pickup as long as money is in the road budget. When the sheriff's department purchases new vehicles, in the next budget, the road department will also take one of those pickups--Discussion on dissolving townships. Townships are having a hard time keeping up with the cost of road maintenance, and many townships are not active. Board asked Wetovick to look into dissolving townships.

Kendra Lutz and Jodanne McNeff did not show up for meeting.

Board reviewed the NIRMA billing statement for liability, damage claims, workers' comp. Alternate deductible levels were provided. Discussion held. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Nelson to remain with the current deductible levels. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Wetovick made the requested changes to the lease with the City on the fairgrounds property and sent it on to the City for their approval and signature. The agreement was signed and returned. Moved by Ditter and



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seconded by Horacek to sign said lease agreement. Roll Call: AYES-Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Board reviews a Lot Split for Joel Koch. The split is for 4 acres to be split off of 160 acres in the SW ¼ of Section 26, Township 18 North, Range 5 in Nance County. Discussion held. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Ditter to approve said lot split. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

The Pillen conditional use permit will not be considered today, as they have not yet met the conditions.

Ed Knott with Applied Connective Technologies (Applied) comes before the board to discuss updating the lease for tower space. In January, 2018 the county switched their internet connection from Hamilton Telecommunications to Applied. Applied had been leasing tower space for their equipment for a fee of \$600.00 per year. In lieu of the \$600.00 payment, Applied would supply the internet connection to the county at no cost. The new lease will reflect that change. Also Applied has equipment in the sheriff's department, which they may need access to after courthouse hours. Bakewell does not have a problem with them leaving the equipment in the sheriff's office. If access is needed after hours, they will need to contact sheriff or deputies. Changes will be made to the lease agreement and will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Ashley Boryca, extension office manager, came before the board to discuss the blood mobile holding their drives in the new events building on the fairgrounds. Also present is Marilyn Sonderup with the blood mobile. The blood mobile holds drives 6 times a year. They have no money to pay rental fees. They had contacted the Nance County Foundation to see about making a \$50 donation each time the blood drive is held at the events building. The county would need to waive the insurance fee. Board had no objections. She also stated that the foundation continues to receive donations and asked if they would be willing to give donations towards the landscaping. Zach Wegner did not see a problem with it, but would check with the board. Voichoskie asked if the FFA or 4-H kids could help with the landscaping. That would be an option also. Boryca states that she has had a lot of inquires on renting the building. Small asked if there were any fencing supplies left. All fencing supplies have been distributed. Boryca presented a sign off sheet on the walk-in cooler. The cost of the cooler approved by the board at a prior meeting is \$14,498.00. Cornwell signs the sign-off sheet on the walk-in cooler.

Larry Dix, executive director, and Leslie Dix, office and finance manager, both with the Nebraska Association of County Officials popped into the meeting on their way to the Highway Superintendent's meetings in Valentine. Discussed flood issues; protests and the new form 425-Report of Destroyed Real Property. Dix states that the challenge for the boards with protests and form 425 will be consistency; and property tax relief.

Vern Olson joined the meeting to let the board know that he feels the road crew has done on outstanding job on the roads since the flooding. He also let the board know that he felt the sheriff's department was a positive influence on the Genoa rescue.

Wetovick came back with information on the county road unit system. He said if a petition signed by 10% of all qualified electors in the county to adopt a county road unit system is filed with the clerk, the board shall adopt the provisions of the county road unit system by resolution at the next regular meeting of the board. If there is any opposition to the county road system, they can file a petition signed by 10% of all qualified electors with the county clerk protesting the adoption. In that event, the board of county supervisors shall submit the question of a county road unit system to the electors of said county. Can also change from township to commissioners and could still be at large.

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

Timothy Cornwell
Chairman

Danette Zarek
County Clerk