



Nance County Board Minutes



November 12, 2019

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on November 12, 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. 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 6, 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 Voichoskie to approve the agenda. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Moved by Small and seconded by Voichoskie to approve minutes of the October 22, 2019 meeting. Roll Call: AYES-Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND

Cobblestone Hotel & Suites, lodging-\$720.00;

ROAD FUND

Husker Auto Group, 2020 Chevy Silverado (split with Sheriff)-\$15,000.00;

SINKING-SHERIFF VEHICLE

Husker Auto Group, 2020 Chevy Silverado (split with Road)-\$17,797.77; Chicago Motors Inc., 2010 Chevy Surburban-\$24,500.00;

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND	\$52,419.99
ROAD FUND	\$33,380.50
DISASTER	\$ 5,011.96

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$2,694.44; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$356.62; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$496.08.

Health insurance renewals with Strong Financial increased dramatically and therefore they did not come before the board today. Board discussed insurance rates with deputy clerk, SuAnn Horacek. The NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield rates available to the county came in below the current rates and Judd Allen with NACO will be here later on in the morning.

Tony Bernt, highway superintendent, gave road updates. Also present is Scott Russell, road foreman. Bernt informs the board that Ed Hoevet submitted a bid of \$56,475.00 to repair the bridge on N 500th St., north of Richard Hellbusch residence. Hoevet will be finishing up a big project next spring, so he will not be able to do the repairs until late spring-early summer 2020. There is an option to go with a FEMA mitigation plan to add a jump span to the bridge. As with the other flood damage, FEMA would pay for 75% of the jump span, giving the county a lot of improvement for a fraction of the cost. The county will be required to let for bids, if going with the FEMA mitigation, but if Hoevet cannot start until late spring-early summer, it may not be much of a delay, if any, to go ahead with the mitigation. The board will wait on paperwork from Speece Lewis and make a decision on how to proceed. Kilday project is now done and they have moved up to the Belgrade East bridge project today--Department is finishing up on 560th St.; ditches have been cleaned out; they will top the road off with clay and rock--Project on N265th by Bittner is completed and is being rocked today--Dept received a complaint on the pitch of a road and they are fixing it--Jarecke reminded Bernt of a soft spot on 570th that needs to be fixed. Bernt said they need to rip out the area, relay the road and lay rock on it--Bernt reminded the board of the option to purchase the leased equipment. The county has already paid 35% of the cost of the equipment in rental fees, which 75% of the rental costs being reimbursed by FEMA. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Horacek to purchase the equipment and set up financing through CAT. The first payment will not be due until 1 year after the signing of the paperwork. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Cornwell; NAYS-Small. Motion carried--A drug testing policy was drawn up



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between the road department and Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney. The policy requires all road employees, whether they hold a CDL license or not, being subject to random drug testing. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Horacek to update the personnel policy to include the drug testing policy. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried. All road employees will be required to sign the drug testing policy and each will be given a copy of the signed policy—the county is ready to let for bids on the Belgrade bridge on N275th St. south of Belgrade and N Key Road bridge, northwest of Genoa. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Jarecke to authorize the clerk to advertise for bids on said bridges. Roll Call: AYES-Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried. It has been brought to the County's attention that at the time GEO Comm set up the 9-1-1 addresses that a road in Council Creek was not named. The road goes south of Hwy 22 down to the Merchiston elevator near the Ashley Sonderup residence. The road is a county road and has been maintained by the county throughout the years. GEO Comm can add the road name to the 9-1-1 system and give it a name that the board instructs them to give it. Discussion held. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Jarecke to name the road Merchiston Road. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Chairman opened the public meeting on the application of Kurz Family Investments, LLC, dba Pappy's Place for a Class B Liquor License. Present is Andrea Kurz. Discussion held. No opposition to the approval of the liquor license. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Ditter to close the public hearing. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Moved by Small and seconded by Voichoskie to recommend approval of the issuance of a Class B Liquor License for applicant, Kurz Family Investments, LLC, d/b/a Pappy's Place, 26546 St. Hwy 22, Fullerton, Nance County, Nebraska. Roll Call: AYES-Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Jordan McNeff with the Merrick County Diversion presented the board with copies of the Grant applications and an estimated budget request for FY 2020-2021. Total budget required to facilitate the office is \$180,065.00. They have requested \$92,546.00 from the community based juvenile services aid grant and \$40,288.00 from an enhancement grant. They expect \$2,000.00 from client fees, leaving a balance required of \$45,231.00. There are 10 entities included in the program: 3 counties and 6 schools. McNeff had three options for payment of the \$45,231.00 and also 3 options for payment of \$85,519.00, in the event the enhancement grant is not awarded. Discussion held. The board's preferred option would be to have the remaining amount split equally between the 10 entities, which would equal \$4,523.00 per entity, if the enhancement grant is awarded and \$8,552 per entity if the enhancement grant is not awarded.

Cyndy Pilakowski, gave an update on the County Government Day. Sixty-five students attended. Rod Wetovick welcomed the students at 9:00 a.m. Pilakowski introduced the county officials and Margy Goerl with the Veterans Services Office gave a message to the students. The Sheriff's department did an exercise with impairment goggles. Steve Pritchard gave a power point presentation about county government and from there the students broke into small groups and visited each of the offices. Before going to lunch there was a presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance and national anthem in the courtroom. Lunch was provided at OT Catering, with reports from the 2019 boys' and girls' state representatives. Students returned to the courtroom and participated in a mock trial and the day ended with a friendly feud game. The board thanked Pilakowski for all her hard work in making the day a success.

Judd Allen with the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) came before the board to present health insurance quotes. Due to the large increase in health insurance rates through United Healthcare, the board had to look to other options. NACO had very competitive rates. The board had the option to go with a 6-month rate or an 18-month rate. The 6-month rate was a cheaper rate, but the 18-month rate would guarantee a good rate for a longer period of time. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Jarecke to accept the 18-month NACO rate for the traditional \$1,000.00 deductible plan and a \$3,250.00 deductible for an HSA plan as presented by NACO. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Cornwell. NAYS-None. Motion carried. NACO also offers dental and vision insurance, which premiums are cheaper than the insurance the county currently offers. Discussion held. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Jarecke to offer the NACO dental and vision plan B to the employees. Roll Call: AYES-Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Cornwell. NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Board discussed how to split the employer/employee share of the health insurance premiums. Engel worked up some splits. With the splits worked up by Engel, the county would have a savings in health



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insurance premiums of \$8,439.00 per year. Discussion held. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Small to split the insurance premiums as shown by the table worked up by Engel. Roll Call: AYES- Horacek, Small, Nelson, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-Jarecke, Ditter. Motion carried.

Board received an easement from Jeff Cuba to run underneath the county road running north & south between the SE ¼ of Sec. 10, and the SW ¼ of Sec. 11 all in Township 16 North, Range 4, Nance County. (S380th Ave.) a pipe for irrigation water and electric wire. Discussion held. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Voichoskie to approve said easement. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Board discussed changing the second meeting in December (Christmas Eve) to another day. Discussion held. Moved by Small and seconded by Jarecke to change the second meeting in December to Monday, December 23, 2019. Roll Call: AYES-Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Board discussed the Christmas and New Years holiday hours. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Ditter to close the courthouse at noon on Christmas Eve and noon on New Years Eve. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-None, ABSTAIN-Jarecke. Motion carried.

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

Chairman

County Clerk