



# Nance County Board Minutes



March 10, 2020

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on March 10, 2020 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, 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Nance County Journal on March 4, 2020.

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 Ditter and seconded by Voichoskie to approve the agenda.

Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Small to approve minutes of the February 25, 2020 meeting.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Small to approve all claims submitted except for claim #20030200, which is denied.

## **SALARY CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND                      \$50,381.67

ROAD FUND                              \$24,442.76

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$4,662.99; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$375.70; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$575.01.

Contract with Applied Connective on the phone system is up this month. They have submitted a proposed remote service & maintenance agreement for a monthly cost of \$210.00. Discussion held. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Ditter to approve and sign said Managed Remote Service & Maintenance Agreement with Applied Connective on the phone system.

9:32 am. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Voichoskie to go into executive session to discuss personnel.

9:55 am. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Nelson to go out of executive session. Chairman states that no action was taken during the closed session.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Small to increase Scott Russell's wage an additional \$2.00/hour for the road foreman position. Discussion held. Jarecke suggests a raise of \$1.50/hour. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-Jarecke. Motion carried.

Tony Bernt, Highway Superintendent, gives department updates: department has been hauling gravel and doing equipment maintenance – ready to get out and do dirt work – discussed road and bridge out to Greg Nissen residence at N. 485<sup>th</sup> St. Postal service is concerned with the bridge and does not want to deliver mail to the current mailbox. Bridge has been passing all inspections to date. The board will look into what it would take to reopen the vacated road to the north of the residence – Equipment has been moved to the Belgrade bridge site, but have not started any work.

Department has received 5 resolutions regarding reimbursement of money spent for flood repairs to Federal-Aid routes. The total reimbursement for the 5 projects is \$168,914.20. There are additional projects that qualify for the Federal-Aid reimbursement and additional resolutions will come.

### RESOLUTION NO. 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7

**Whereas:** Certain transportation facilities have been designated as being eligible for Federal assistance from the Department of Transportation through the Emergency Relief Program (ER) of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and

**Whereas:** Major highways and bridges in Nebraska that are part of the Federal-Aid highway system suffered widespread serious damage as a result of flooding beginning on March 12, 2019 (Disaster #NE19) and were in need of emergency or temporary repair, or restoration; and

**Whereas:** The Nebraska Department of Transportation, as a recipient of the previously described Federal assistance, is charged with oversight of the expenditures of said funds; and

**Whereas:** The County has completed all repair work on an eligible Federal-Aid route to restore essential traffic.

**Whereas:** The project has met all contract provisions as required by 23 CFR Part 633A; met the Davis-Bacon wage requirements; and abided by the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) requirements, American



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with Disability Act (ADA) requirements, "Buy America" Provisions, FHWA 1273 and prohibitions against the use of convict labor (23 U.S.C. 114); and

**Whereas:** The State has completed the required NEPA document, along with resource agency concurrences, and no new right of way (ROW) was needed for completing permanent repairs; and **Whereas:** All emergency repairs were complete within 180 days and are eligible for 100% federal reimbursement; and

**Whereas:** The total emergency repairs reimbursement is **\$15,405.64; \$25,147.45; \$72,033.72; \$6,891.87 & \$49,435.52** and no further costs relating to this project will be incurred or submitted to the State.

**Be It Resolved:** That the Nebraska Department of Transportation is hereby requested to act on behalf of Nance County to administer the Federal funds.

**Be It Further Resolved:** That the Chairman of the County Board is authorized to sign this Resolution on behalf of said Board. Board Member Ditter moved and Board Member Jarecke seconded the adoption of said resolutions.

The employee committee interviewed 5 very qualified applicants for the road department. The committee recommends hiring Josh Baker for the open road position. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to offer the position to Josh Baker.

Agenda item of calculation of overtime hours is moved down on the agenda.

Patrick Peer the new CEO of the East Central Health District and Chuck Sepers the chief public health officer came before the board to discuss the October-December 2019 Nance County Health Report. They also answered concerns related to the coronavirus (COVID 19).

In an effort to simplify the payroll, the board discussed calculating the overtime hours differently. After discussion, it was decided not to make any changes to the way the overtime hours are figured.

SuAnn Engel presented the board with a contract to prepare the Nance County 2020-2021 Budget. The contract is for \$3,900.00. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Small to sign the budget contract. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Jarecke, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSTAIN-Horacek. Motion carried.

Moved by Small and seconded by Nelson to adjourn.

All motions, except where specified, had the following roll call vote: AYES-Cornwell, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson; NAYS-None; Motion carried.

Timothy C. Cornwell  
Chairman

Danette Zarek  
County Clerk