



Nance County Board Minutes



April 14, 2020

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened via phone conference call session on April 14, 2020 in the Supervisor's Room, Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska. Conference call was available to all interested county residents, which was included in the publication of meeting notice.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M. with the following members present-Timothy Cornwell, Andrew Ditter, Robert Voichoskie, Dennis Jarecke and Darren Nelson all in person and Ralph Horacek and Robert Small via phone conference. 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 was recited during the Board of Equalization meeting.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Nance County Journal on April 8, 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 Jarecke and seconded by Ditter to approve the agenda.

Moved by Small and seconded by Jarecke to approve minutes of the March 24, 2020 meeting.

Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Voichoskie to approve all new claims submitted.

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND	\$51,247.67
ROAD FUND	\$30,045.28

GENERAL FUND

Central Valley Ag, chemicals-\$5,280.30; U.S. Post Office, postage-\$1,800.00;

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND

Boone County Treasurer, wireless enhanced funds per dispatch agreement-\$92,287.48;

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$2,997.96; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$863.28; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$830.35.

The Board reviewed and approved the County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #20020001 through #20020068 in the amount of \$830,969.27 for the month of February, 2020.

Board discussed tabled claim to B-D Construction. Horacek assures the board that all the work to be done by B-D has now been completed. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Voichoskie to approve the claim to B-D Construction, Inc.

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

B-D Construction, Inc., final pmt on Events Center-\$27,057.73;

Board discussed tabled claims to DSLR Pros for a drone for the sheriff's office. Present is Ben Bakewell, Nance County Sheriff. Bakewell lists events from the past several years wherein the drone would have come in handy in missing persons search, apprehending criminals trying to elude the law enforcement, and other circumstances. He was able to use private drones during the flooding to map the damages and to search for stolen property, but using private drones are not always permissible in court. Discussion held. Concerns about spending the money were voiced. Suggestions were raised regarding sharing the drone & the costs. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Horacek to approve said purchase. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Horacek, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-Ditter, Voichoskie, Jarecke; Motion carried.

Moved by Ditter and seconded by Voichoskie to go into executive session to protect the integrity of others.

Moved by Ditter and seconded by Nelson to go out of executive session. Chairman states that no action was taken during the closed session.

Tony Bernt, Highway Superintendent, gives department updates: pictures of progress on Belgrade South bridge – working on smaller projects they didn't get finished last fall – then moving to the Belgrade East project to finish, then moving to road by the Beck chicken barns to finish up -- department can then move on to other one & six year projects – continuing to communicate with FEMA. The first payment on Belgrade South bridge should be coming forth soon. Bernt hopes to get money coming in as we go along so we can keep up with payments to the contractor – Cornwell states that he has been talking to Dan Hellbush with LOUP. They have been talking about fixing the North/South road to the dike. FEMA hasn't approved the work through Loup. Bernt talked to FEMA and since Nance County has been doing maintenance on the road throughout the years and we have records of the maintenance, FEMA may now consider it. Jarecke would also like to see repairs done on the East/West road. The board will consider it – Bernt gave figures on what a new (\$53,000.00) and



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used (\$30,000-\$40,000.00) Sidumper would cost to purchase. He feels the better deal is with the new dumper. He said the purchase could wait until next year if needed – Nelson notes that Pillen Family Farms sent a thankyou to the road department for getting their road projects done.

Department has received 5 additional resolutions regarding reimbursement of money spent for flood repairs to Federal-Aid routes. The total reimbursement for the 5 projects is \$571,856.79. There are a couple of additional projects that qualify for the Federal-Aid reimbursement and additional resolutions will come.

Moved by Ditter and seconded by Nelson to approve said resolutions. For copies of the full resolutions, please contact the Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Engel asked for direction on how to instruct officials and office heads when completing budget requests for 2020-2021. Board asks that budgets show little to no increase for the upcoming budget year. Board will meet with officials and office heads in July. If additional savings are needed, the board will have to look at individual budgets.

Engel reports that there has been a small increase in VSP vision plan for the upcoming year. Board approves the increase. Employees pay 100% of all premiums for the vision plan. Additionally, the vision plan follows the common law rules, which would allow employees to cover a girlfriend/boyfriend and their children on their plans. Again, the employee pays 100% of the premiums so the board agrees to the common law change. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to make the necessary change in the employee handbook regarding the vision plan changes.

Board received a letter from UNL regarding office closures due to the COVID-19. Cornwell has instructed the office manager, Ashley Boryca, to work at home as much as her job allows.

Horacek met with the East Central Health District via phone conference this week and gave the board an update on the COVID-19 statistics.

The City of Fullerton is looking to annex a portion of land along Highway 14 for the redevelopment of a project north of Fullerton involving the construction of a vehicle (truck) repair facility, an auto parts store & potentially a car wash. Present is Allen Chlopek, zoning administrator. The City has requested the Nance County Board of Supervisors approve of the annexation plan. Discussion held. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Ditter to approve and sign the Annexation Agreement. Chlopek reports that the Livestock Friendly designation is on hold at this time because the person with the State who had been working with him on this has resigned and the State is in the process of finding someone to replace her. Chlopek also reported that he has been working on turning the old Methodist Church into some apartments in lieu of tearing down. If things go as planned, he will be receiving \$50,000.00-\$60,000.00 from the State of Nebraska, through the Nebraska Affordable Housing, to go towards an architectural survey. He is working with an architect in Kearney.

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Jarecke 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