



# Nance County Board Minutes



June 9, 2020

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on June 9, 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 and County Attorney, Rodney Wetovick. 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 June 3, 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 Small and seconded by Ditter to approve the agenda.

Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Small to approve minutes of the May 26, 2020 meeting.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Voichoskie to approve payroll claims submitted.

## **SALARY CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND                      \$52,314.06

ROAD FUND                              \$30,158.37

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$2,148.73; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$414.19; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$1,669.58.

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 Ditter to remain with the current deductible levels.

Ralph Horacek, Safety Committee Chairman, recommends to the board that all courthouse offices reopen their doors to the public beginning Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. He states the steps the safety committee has taken to help protect the safety of the courthouse employees as well as the public.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Ditter to reopen to the public beginning Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

SuAnn Engel, Deputy Clerk, presented the board with budget information: a pie chart showing where the 2020-2021 budget requests are divided among the county offices/departments; percent increases requested by each office/department; and the requested wage increases and what the savings would be if the county board chose to freeze wages for the 2020-2021 budget year.

The Sheriff's Equipment Grant Fund in the county budget is no longer necessary. It has been suggested to close the fund and transfer any money remaining in the fund at the end of the 2019-2020 budget to the general fund. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Nelson to approve Resolution #20-19

WHEREAS, Nance County has a Sheriff's Equipment Grant Fund (2500); and WHEREAS, Nance County has determined that there is no longer a need to have a separate sheriff's equipment grant budget; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NANCE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Sheriff's Equipment Grant Fund (2500) be closed as of June 30, 2020. The County Treasurer is directed to transfer all money remaining in the Sheriff's Equipment Grant Fund (2500) on June 30, 2020, to the General Fund (0100). BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is further directed to automatically transfer any future collections for the Sheriff's Equipment Grant Fund (2500) directly to the General Fund (0100).

Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney, and Ben Bakewell, County Sheriff, present.

Tony Bernt, Highway Superintendent, gives department updates: Also present is Scott Russell, road foreman. The department continues to work on N360th Ave in Prairie Creek Township. Work has begun on rebuilding the dike for Loup Power District—the wheel excavator and two motor graders are currently down and are being repaired—Bernt has ordered a ditch shredder—Speece Lewis is working on the engineering on the bridge on N500th St. The project has been back and forth between Speece Lewis and FEMA—board discussed call regarding traffic moving to fast on county road. Sheriff went out and monitored the road—a tree fell on the Ag Building at the fairgrounds. The road department removed the tree. It was noted that another tree next to the Art building is rotten and should probably be removed before it falls on the small building. All other trees should be trimmed as well. Horacek will attend the Ag. Society meeting and suggest the tree removal/trimming--East Newman billing tabled from last meeting is discussed. Present is Denise Ziemba, board member. After discussion, it was moved by Nelson and seconded by Horacek to remove the portion of the billing for work done on S320<sup>th</sup> Ave., (\$6,820.00) and require the township to pay the remaining balance (\$36,455.50). Further discussion. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Horacek, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-Ditter, Jarecke;



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ABSTAIN-Voichoskie. Motion carried—Discussion held on dissolving townships. Wetovick gathered information on discontinuing townships. To be able to place the question to the registered voters of the county, (1) a registered voter may file a petition(s) for submission of the question of the discontinuance of township organization to the registered voters of the county. Petition(s) would need to have signatures of registered voters equal in number to 5% of the voters registered in the county at the preceding statewide general election. Petition(s) would need to be filed with the county clerk by September 1 of the year of the general election; or (2) the county board may, by a resolution supported by a majority of the county board, submit the question of discontinuance of township organization to the registered voters of the county. Such resolution would also need to be filed with the county clerk by September 1. Another option would be adopting a county road unit system. In order to adopt a county road unit system, a petition, signed by ten percent of the qualified electors in the county, shall be filed with the county clerk. The county board would then adopt the provisions of the county road unit system by resolution at the next regular meeting of the board. Townships & township boards would remain intact. The board plans on discussing how to move forward at their July 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Moved by Ditter and seconded by Small 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