



# Nance County Board Minutes



June 23, 2020

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on June 23, 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, 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 Genoa Leader Times on June 17, 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 Nelson and seconded by Small to approve the agenda.

Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Small to approve minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Nelson to approve all claims submitted.

9:15 a.m. Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney, present.

## **GENERAL FUND**

Butch Ahlers, mileage & stipend-\$62.45; Albion News, pub-\$18.84; Appeara, supplies-\$28.12; Applied Connective Technologies, equip & svcs-\$653.29; Lynn Belitz, mileage & stipend-\$69.15; Black Hills Energy, svc-\$670.00; Boone County Treasurer, disposable masks-\$560.80; Canon Financial Services, copier-\$63.00; Capital Business Systems, copies/lease-\$45.82/\$73.71; Cedar Valley Lumber, plexiglass & install-\$1,256.80; Central Valley Ag, chemicals-\$493.66; Ciancio Hardware, supplies-\$77.42; City of Fullerton, ambulance/water-\$250.00/\$198.23; City of Genoa, ambulance-\$250.00; Clearly, phone svc-\$613.63; Columbus Tire & Service Center, tires-\$1,147.16; Pat Connelly, mileage & stipend-\$80.60; Countryside Vet Clinic, svcs-\$156.94; Culligan, reverse osmosis-\$35.49; Shane Czarnick, mileage & stipend-\$76.46; Suzanne Czarnick, mileage-\$48.19; Zach Czarnick, mileage-\$67.16; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, parts & supplies-\$314.25; Chuck Delancey, mileage & stipend-\$74.96; Annette Dubas, mileage-\$54.05; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, equip-\$2,395.30; EcoLab, svcs-\$105.37; Election wages: Dennis Gabriel-\$15.96, Joyce Mason-Newquist-\$15.96; Jon Epley, stipend-\$45.00; Tyler Foland, mileage-\$56.01; Front Runner Fab, supplies-\$25.00; Galls, equip-\$67.15; Genoa Indian School, donation-\$500.00; Genoa Leader Times, pub-\$278.30; Genoa Library, donation-\$1,250.00; Genoa Museum, donation-\$500.00; Hall County Veterans Service, qrtly pmt-\$4,765.00; Doris Hardle, prior svc-\$16.00; Heartland Disposal, svcs-\$116.50; Hometown Leasing, equip rental-\$308.00; Ralph Horacek, reimburse-\$48.10; Brett Houtby, mileage & stipend-\$82.90; Len & Jo's, supplies-\$63.96; Loup Power District, electric svc-\$1,063.57; MARC, supplies-\$227.03; Microfilm Imaging Systems, lease-\$43.00; MIPS, svcs-\$2,395.99; John Morgan, Title VI & ADA salary-\$200.00; NACO, dues-\$1,419.75; Nance Co. Court, costs claimed-\$49.00; Nance Co. District Court, costs claimed-\$69.00; Nance Co. Historical Society, donation-\$500.00; Nance Co. Journal, pub/subscrip-\$438.76; Nance Co. Veterans Museum, donation-\$500.00; Nebraska Assoc of County Clerks, etc, regis-\$75.00; NIRMA & NIRMA II, ins prem-\$33,585.50; Olsson, surveying-\$7,123.75; Palmer Journal, pub-\$84.00; Pappy's, fuel-\$162.32/\$31.66/\$187.41; Pierce Co. Jail, housing-\$250.00; Platte Co. Detention, housing-\$100.00; Platte Co. Sheriff, svc fees-\$18.50; Steve Pritchard, mileage-\$67.50; Reardon Lawn & Garden, parts-\$84.99; Region 4 Behavioral Health Systems, County contribution-\$3,248.41; Region IV Inc., qrtly pmt-\$1,128.75; Kendal Sock, mileage & stipend-\$71.40; Mark Sonderup, mileage & stipend-\$79.50; State of Nebraska, network svc charge-\$448.00/\$28.64/\$44.00; Tom's Auto, repairs-\$312.28; US Bank, training/fuel-\$320.00/\$28.06; US Cellular, wifi backup-\$8.31; US Postal Service, stamps-\$110.00/\$125.00/\$110.00; Verizon, svcs-\$91.92; WEX, fuel-\$564.73; Delmer Wondercheck, stipend-\$30.00; Yosten Law, ct appt atty-\$152.00; Health Insurance-\$23,709.38; Retirement-\$6,603.78; Social Security-\$6,930.59; Disability-\$27.24; First Concord-\$45.00; Life Insurance-\$28.21;

## **ROAD FUND**

AJ's of Genoa, fuel-\$30.60; Appeara, supplies-\$92.92; Black Hills Energy, gas svc.-\$309.50; Bluetarp Financial, equip & freight-\$2,679.95; Brian Homolka Trucking, hauling-\$9,832.00; Casey's, fuel-\$141.58; Cedar Valley Lumber, supplies-\$117.45; Ciancio Hardware, supplies-\$280.96; City of Fullerton, water & sewer-\$76.28; City of Genoa, water/sewer-\$28.00; Clearly, phone svc-\$44.50; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, parts, tools & supplies-\$592.94; D&M Parts, parts & supplies-\$197.39; Darin Cornwell Trucking, hauling-\$387.75; Diamond Vogel, pavement markings-\$1,878.80; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies-\$203.92; Farmers Pride, fuel-\$1,869.74; Filter Care, parts-\$298.55; Front Runner Fab, parts-\$46.75; Harold's Repair, supplies-\$288.85; Heartland Disposal, garbage svc-\$39.75; Hometown Leasing, lease pmt-\$64.99; Kerford Limestone, gravel &



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rock-\$9,016.85; Lawson Products, supplies & tools-\$342.69; Loup Power District, electricity-\$384.40; Martin Marietta Materials, gravel & rock-\$520.88; Midwest Service & Sales, supplies-\$829.25; MIPS, svcs-\$106.66; Nebraska Machinery, parts/labor-\$2,812.57; NetworkFleet, phone-\$180.95; NIRMA, ins prem-\$33,585.50; O'Reilly Auto Parts, supplies-\$59.76; Pappy's, fuel-\$3,322.46; Preferred Sand of Genoa, gravel & rock-\$11,552.40; Potters Industries, pavement markings-\$575.00; PowerPlan, parts & labor-\$3,103.53; Prairie Creek Township, machine hire-\$2,500.00; Sapp Brothers, fuel & supplies-\$7,207.12; Smith & Sons, parts & labor-\$6,133.19; T&R Repair, parts & labor-\$595.03; Tom's Auto, parts & labor-\$130.90; US Cellular, website-\$69.90; Verizon, phone-\$43.28; Village of Belgrade, water svc-\$20.00; Donald Voichahoske, reimburse CDL-\$31.00; Vontz Paving, gravel-\$13,983.44; Health Insurance-\$15,578.56; Retirement-\$3,887.17; Social Security-\$4,386.65; Disability-\$11.35; First Concord-\$5.00; Life Insurance-\$15.75;

## **APPRAISAL FUND**

US Bank, postage-\$114.80; Megan Zoucha, reimburse supplies-\$10.00;

## **VMP FLOW THROUGH FUND**

Loup Power District, electricity-\$78.00;

## **DISASTER FUND**

CFF, equip rental-\$3,200.00; Midwest Service & Sales, signs-\$10,750.05; Nance County Journal, ads-\$112.00; Simon Contractors Co, bridge contract payment-\$145,032.85; Speece Lewis Engineers, svcs-\$14,560.50; Alvin T. Wemhoff, hauling-\$1,032.00; Nance Co Treasurer, bond interest payment-\$37,125.00;

## **INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

Nance-Trans-\$750.00; SLU Care Physician Group, toxicology exp-\$97.00;

## **911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Century Link, phones-\$99.39; Clearly, phone-\$22.25; Frontier Communications, phone-\$49.67; Great Plains Communication, phone-\$88.12; Loup Public Power, electricity-\$27.55;

## **BUILDING FUND**

NIRMA & NIRMA II, ins prem-\$7,389.00;

## **SALARY CLAIMS**

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| GENERAL FUND | \$45,622.89 |
| ROAD FUND    | \$31,445.21 |

Don Shuda, Nance County Veteran's Officer, came before the board to discuss the Veteran's Service Office 2019-2020 budget. Also present are committee members, Henry Bigge and Stan Tarnick. Shuda reports that during the 2018-2019 fiscal year, \$1,218,000.00 had been paid in compensation to the Nance County Veterans. That is an increase of \$96,000.00. The Nance County Veteran's Committee met this morning and agreed to ask for a \$286.00 (1.5%) increase in the budget, raising the annual budget to \$19,346.00. The board did not see a problem with the increase, and will consider it during the budget process. Shuda informed the board that the old veteran's home in Grand Island is to be turned into apartments. A request has been made to the City of Grand Island to gift additional 20 acres for the Veteran's cemetery. With the additional 20 acres, they hope to make the cemetery a State Veteran's Cemetery. LB911 has been introduced to establish the new state cemetery for veterans.

Denise Ziemba, Emergency Manager, comes before the board for approval of the Nance County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). Discussion held.

## **RESOLUTION #20-20**

WHEREAS, the Nance County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska, pursuant to Nebraska Statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of Nance County, Nebraska; and  
 WHEREAS, it has been determined that a Nance County Local Emergency Operations Plan has been developed in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency Nance County, the City of Fullerton and other cities and villages in Nance County; and  
 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Nance County, deems it advisable and in the best interest of Nance County to approve said Local Emergency Operations Plan;  
 WHEREAS the acceptance of this 2020 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Nance County Local Emergency Operations Plans;  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska, that the Nance County Local Emergency Operations Plan be, and hereby is, approved. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Small to approve said resolution.



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Resolution to transfer Emergency Manager budget funds is presented to the board. Discussion held.

## RESOLUTION #20-21

WHEREAS, Nance County is a signatory to the *Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services*,

AND WHEREAS, under Item #5 Consideration., said Agreement stipulates that “upon approval of the Supervisory Committee, funds remaining in the Nance County Emergency Management budget at the end of each budget year may be put in a sinking fund for Emergency Services and/or Vehicle. Said sinking funds shall be contributed by each county in the same proportions as outlined above, Nance 30%, Merrick 35% and Boone 35%.”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nance County Board of Supervisors to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer \$5,000.00 of unused budget authority from the Emergency Management Function in the (0100) General Fund to the (0960) Sinking Emergency Manager Fund. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Small to approve said resolution.

10:00 a.m. Ben Bakewell, County Sheriff, present.

Tony Bernt, road foreman, gave updates in the road department. Work on S360th Ave. in Prairie Creek township continues. The department has built up the road enough to drive across, but they will continue to widen and raise the road to make it safe to travel. The Loup Power dike has been completed—Gravel pits in the surrounding area are running out of gravel. Dept. is not graveling roads unless absolutely necessary—Getting ready to work on a FEMA culvert project near Clint Dubas’ residence—Bernt continues to have weekly meetings with FEMA. He felt that the meeting held last Thursday was the most productive meeting to date—Dept. is in the final phases with the road near Engstroms. He hopes to receive funds soon on that project—Bernt presented township agreements between the county and the townships. He states that he added the definition of a minimum maintenance road to the agreement. Everything else stayed the same. Agreements were signed by the Chairman—Trees on the fairgrounds are in need of trimming. Bernt will meet with Horacek to decide which trees to trim—The bridge repair project on N500th St. is ready to let for bids. Bids will be due July 14, 2020, at which time the bids will be opened. Discussion held. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Nelson to authorize the clerk to advertise for bids on Nance County Abutment Repair Project, Structure No. C006311610.

Resolution to transfer economic development unexpended funds to sinking fund is discussed.

## RESOLUTION #20-22

WHEREAS Nance County is a signatory to the *Interlocal Agreement and Rules of Governance for the Nance County Development Agency*,

AND WHEREAS Article XIV of said Agreement stipulates that “Any annual budget surplus or funds acquired through economic development efforts shall be held in a reserve account to be used for future development initiatives as deemed appropriate by the Board of Representatives,”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nance County Board of Supervisors that the Nance County Treasurer shall transfer the unexpended portion of the 2019-2020 Economic Development budget as of June 30, 2020 from the General Fund to the Sinking-Economic Development Fund. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Nelson to approve said resolution.

Board reviewed pledged collateral #140420SQ4 in the amount of \$245,000.00, which was called in on June 10, 2020, and newly pledged collateral #103088DB3 in the amount of \$250,000.00.

SuAnn Engel, deputy clerk, is present to discuss the budget. There is a total requested increase of \$140,000.00 from last year. Most office heads put in the suggested 3% raise for their employees. Others put in for more than the suggested 3%. Engel suggested making the \$750.00 local match to Nance Trans a tax request line item out of the general fund instead taking it out of the inheritance tax fund. Board agreed. Jarecke suggested holding a special meeting to lighten the agenda for the July 14<sup>th</sup> hearing as they will be hearing protests and meeting with office heads on their proposed budgets. It was decided to hold a special meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup> to meet with the officials and office heads to go over their proposed budgets.

The service agreement between the County and Conditioned Air Mechanical has been received and reviewed by the board. The agreement is for a 12-month term. Price for the service agreement is \$1,650.00. Discussion held. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Horacek to sign said Agreement.

Gary Juracek and Joe Swantek with the Genoa Economic Development came before the board to discuss funds to help the Ec. Dev. purchase run down houses in Genoa. Also present is Allen Chlopek, Nance County Economic Development Administrator. The Nance County Ec. Dev. had given the Genoa Ec. Dev.





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\$16,000.00 back in 2012 to help purchase and tear down houses in Genoa. There has been new development on those properties. Genoa Ec. Dev. has funds to purchase, demolish and clear the lot for a new home, but there is another house that they are interested in purchasing and getting rid of. The seller is asking \$13-15,000.00 for the home. An additional \$60,000.00 has been quoted to tear down the home. The building has a lot of black mold due to moisture issues. The county ec. dev. has available funds but not enough to cover such a cost. Chlopek said there is a grant he can check into that would help with the demolition, but the building would first need to be condemned. Bakewell he said he can start the condemnation process. There is also a house north of the Catholic Church that they would like to purchase, but the owner has not been contacted to date.

Chlopek reports to the board that the Livestock Friendly County designation is moving along, thanks to phone calls made by Jarecke. Chlopek had to resubmit well-head protection maps and they may need to update the zoning manual, but things are progressing.

Chlopek informed the board that he is looking into a broadband grant to apply for rural funding to get better internet fiber connections. The grant would help the schools in the event there is a spike in COVID-19 cases and the kids would need to do schooling via the internet. It would also be good for farmers.

Wetovick brings to the board's attention a registered letter he received from JNR Adjustment Company. The letter is in regards to a \$58,945.78 Century Link claim for damaged cable. The board tabled the claim on March 26<sup>th</sup> and the clerk submitted the claim to their insurance carrier, Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA). NIRMA denied the claim as the cable was not buried to the correct 36' depth. CenturyLink was notified of the denial June 3, 2019 by NIRMA. Subsequently the board denied the claim on June 11, 2019. The registered letter received suggests that they will sue the county for the damages. Wetovick will write JNR Adjustment Company, suggesting they contact NIRMA.

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Ditter to adjourn.

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

Tim Cornwell

Chairman

Danette Zarek

County Clerk