



# Nance County Board Minutes



July 14, 2020

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on July 14, 2020 in the 4-H Exhibit Hall, Nance County Fairgrounds, 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 and Genoa Leader Times on July 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 Voichoskie and seconded by Small to approve the agenda.

Moved by Small and seconded by Ditter to approve minutes of the June 23, 2020 meeting. Roll Call: AYES-Small, Nelson, Ditter, Horacek, Jarecke, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSTAIN-Voichoskie. Motion carried.

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Jarecke to approve payroll claims submitted.

## **SALARY CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND	\$53,182.12
ROAD FUND	\$33,672.57

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$2,941.83; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$150.72; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$830.00. The Board reviewed and approved the County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #20050001 through #20050040 in the amount of \$191,287.62 for the month of May 2020.

9:30 a.m. Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney, present.

Gayle Steiger with Romans, Weimer & Associates, auditor, presented the board with the completed audit for Nance County for the year ending June 30, 2019. The audit has been filed with the Nebraska State Auditor's office. A copy of the audit is available for public inspection at the county clerk's office. Steiger gave an overview of the audit.

9:45 a.m. Ben Bakewell, County Sheriff, present.

Board reviewed and approved pledged collateral #359825CX2 in the amount of \$35,000.0 which was called in on July 7, 2020.

The courthouse roof was recently examined and found to be in need of repairs. The roof was last replaced in 2013. A large share of the roof is covered under the warranty from that replacement, but the flat portion of the roof is not covered and bids received from two companies were submitted to the board. One more company has been contacted to put in a bid. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Ditter to table the matter until the third bid has been received.

Tony Bernt, Highway Superintendent, gives department updates: Also present is Scott Russell, road foreman. An Acquisition contract between the County and Todd & Troy Hellbusch is discussed. The County is in need of .30 acres of which .0.18 acres is already public right-of-way and 0.12 acres being acquired from Hellbusch's, to complete the Bridge abutment project #C006311610. Hellbusch's have agreed to deed the land to the County at no cost. Moved by Small and seconded by Voichoskie to sign said acquisition contract—Bids for the Abutment project #C006311610 are opened. Present is Chris Lane with Speece Lewis: Simon Contractors submitted a bid of \$309,500.00 with an begin date of 4/27/21 and a completion date of 6/11/21; JNM Construction submitted a bid of \$304,175.00 with a begin date of 10/19/20 and a completion date of 12/21/20; Diamond Engineering submitted a bid of \$299,631.92 with a begin date of 9/1/20 and a completion date of 11/1/20; Theisen Construction submitted a bid of \$232,124.80 with a begin date of 3/1/21 and a completion date of 4/14/21; and Midwest Infrastructure submitted a bid of \$397,076.70 with a begin date of 4/28/21 and completion date of 6/11/21. Lane checked all the bids for mathematical errors. Discussion held. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Jarecke to award the project to Theisen Construction. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Jarecke, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-Small; Motion carried—The department is working on FEMA Project #20, replacing a culvert. Other than that, they are maintaining roads and fixing sluff offs—He reports that the removal of trees at the fairgrounds should be finished up today. They will also grind out the stumps. Horacek will be in charge of planting a couple of new trees to replace the trees removed. Also discussed cutting down a tree south of the courthouse garage and trimming other trees—Bernt informed the



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board that his shoulder surgery has been scheduled for this Friday. He will be out for two weeks for sure—Board discussed reported damage to a vehicle (air bags deploying) due to a bump in the road. Russell and Kutschkau went out as soon as the report was made and took pictures. The board does not feel the pictures showed enough of a bump to have caused the damage to the vehicle. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Voichoskie to submit a claim for the damage to NIRMA to investigate and pay or deny—There was a report of a rollover on Valley Road. From the tracks on the road, it appears the driver (16 yr. old) drove onto the shoulder of the road and then went across the road to the opposite shoulder and ended up rolling. No one was in the car at the time the report came in.

Allen Chlopek, Planning and zoning administrator, reports on the Livestock Friendly designation. The State has all the information they need and he should be notified by Wednesday of next week if the State approves the livestock friendly designation for Nance County.

Chlopek is working on demolition grants for the Haven Home in Genoa. Bakewell has started the condemnation process.

Ben Bakewell comes before the board with a mutual aid agreement organizing a Central Special Response Team (SRT). Counties signing the mutual aid agreement would be able to call on surrounding counties for help in bigger situations where more officers or special equipment is necessary. Counties who do not have ability to contribute with officers or equipment would be required to pay a fee to participate in the S.R.T. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Horacek to approve and sign the agreement.

The board has received a request from the Genoa U.S. Indian School Foundation to name a segment of Highway 22 between Highway 14 (north of Fullerton) and Highway 39 (south of Genoa) Pawnee Scout Memorial Highway, to honor the Pawnee Nation and the Pawnee Scouts. Part of the application process includes a resolution from the local jurisdiction supporting the new highway name.

## RESOLUTIO NO. 20-23

### TO THE NEBRASKA STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION:

Be it resolved, that the Nance County Board of Supervisors is supportive of the request being made by the Genoa Indian School Foundation to name a segment of State Highway 22 from the intersection of Highway 14 and Highway 22 north of Fullerton to the intersection of Highway 22 and Highway 39 south of Genoa, "Pawnee Scouts Memorial Highway."

It would be an appropriate honor to recognize the contributions of the Pawnee Scouts to the United States Army, and their bravery in protecting the Union Pacific Railroad. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Small to approve said resolution.

Discussion held on dissolving townships. Members from nine townships are present for the discussion. Concerns were voiced by board members. Wetovick explained how the transition from the township to the county would happen with equipment and money held by the townships. After a lengthy discussion the townships were asked if they were for the dissolving of townships or if they were against it. Seven of the townships in attendance were against dissolving townships and two were in favor of it. Three counties were not present. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Horacek to put the question on the general ballot to dissolve townships and create a five-commissioner board. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie. Motion fails. Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Jarecke to put the question on the general ballot in November to dissolve townships and create a seven-commissioner board. Roll Call: AYES-Voichoskie, Jarecke, Cornwell; NAYS-Horacek, Small, Nelson, Ditter. Motion fails. Township system will remain.

Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Ditter 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