



Nance County Board Minutes



August 11, 2020

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on August 11, 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 August 5, 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 Jarecke to approve the agenda.

Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Small to approve minutes of the July 28, 2020 meeting.

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

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND \$53,247.71

ROAD FUND \$35,811.45

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$3,859.38; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$65.08; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$751.31. The board reviewed the preliminary requests for levy allocation received from the townships, fire departments and agricultural society. Discussion held.

RESOLUTION # 20-24

WHEREAS, Nebraska State Statute §77-3443(3) requires all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the county board; and

WHEREAS, the townships, fire districts, and agricultural society have sent resolutions to the Nance County Clerk for a preliminary tax request for fiscal year 2020-2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Nance County Board of Supervisors have limited the levy for fiscal year 2020-2021 as follows:

TOWNSHIPS

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| Beaver | 0.080000 | Genoa | 0.080000 |
| Cedar | 0.080000 | Loup Ferry | 0.080000 |
| Cottonwood | 0.080000 | South Branch | 0.080000 |
| Council Creek | 0.080000 | Timber Creek | 0.080000 |
| East Newman | 0.080000 | West Newman | 0.080000 |
| Fullerton | 0.080000 | Prairie Creek | 0.080000 |

FIRE DISTRICTS

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| Fullerton Fire Dist. #7 | .020000 |
| Genoa Fire Dist. #3 | .020000 |
| Belgrade Fire Dist. #4 | .020000 |

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| Nance County Agricultural Society | \$ 38,199.97 | General Fund |
| | \$ 20,000.00 | Cap. Improvement Fund |

Moved by Ditter and seconded by Jarecke to adopt said resolution.

The board discussed increasing the restricted funds by 1%.

RESOLUTION #20-25

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NANCE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, that the county base of restricted funds be increased by an additional 1%.

Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Horacek to adopt said resolution.

At the January 14th meeting the board had discussed legislation enacted in 2014, requiring counties with less than 150,000 inhabitants, who elect county surveyors via the election process, and wanting to continue the election process of the office of county surveyor to adopt a resolution prior to February 1, 2020 stating that the county will continue to elect surveyors by the registered voters of the county. The board, at that time, decided to discontinue placing the office of the surveyor on the election ballot. This requires the board to place the question of whether the county surveyor position shall remain an elected position or be replaced by an appointed position on the November 2020 general ballot.



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RESOLUTION #20-26

RESOLUTION TO PLACE QUESTION OF ELIMINATION OF OFFICE OF ELECTED COUNTY SURVEYOR ON BALLOT

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute §32-525 requires the question of electing a county surveyor to appear on the ballot at the statewide general election in 2020 in all counties with a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants unless the county board in such county with an elected county surveyor passed a resolution prior to February 1, 2020 to retain the office as an elected position; and

WHEREAS, the population of Nance County is less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants according to the most recent official United State Census; and

WHEREAS, the office of elected county surveyor of Nance County appeared on the ballot at the November 2018 statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Nance County, did not pass a resolution to retain the office as an elected county position but determined that the issue should be placed before the registered voters of Nance County at the next statewide general election.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the question of whether the office of County Surveyor in Nance County should remain as an elected position shall be submitted to the registered voters of Nance County, Nebraska at the statewide general election in November 2020.

Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Ditter to approve said resolution.

SAMPLE BALLOT LANGEUATE FOR QUESTION FO ELIMINATION OF OFFICE OF ELECTED COUNTY SURVEYOR

Shall the position of elected county surveyor be eliminated and replaced by the position of appointed county surveyor?

For election of county surveyor;

Against election of county surveyor.

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

Scott Russell, Road Foreman, gives department updates: minor repairs throughout the county; FEMA project is now done; moving on to 205th Ave. by Dave Sharman's to put in three 60" tubes; MACK truck is now back & running; continue to gravel; will start cutting crown out of roads; spraying spurge—road found a 2015 MACK truck with 413,691 miles for \$57,000.00. Considered purchasing the truck. No action taken—Still a lot of roads that haven't been mowed. Weeds are very tall—Discussed 520th St. accident (May 23rd) where airbags were deployed. Russell has been gathering information for maintenance of the road prior to and after the accident. CAT has 13 months of records. The sheriff's office has a report written up from the date of the accident. NIRMA has been contacted. Nothing further will be done unless a claim has been submitted by the vehicle owner.

SuAnn Engel, budget preparer, brings a completed budget to board. The budget presented takes an additional \$100,000.00 from Inheritance Tax and makes an \$80,000.00 bridge payment. Discussion held on where additional cuts could be made. After much discussion, it is moved by Horacek and seconded by Small to approve the budget as submitted and direct Engel to publish the notice of budget hearing and budget summary in the local newspapers, setting the budget hearing for August 25, 2020. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Small, Ditter, Cornwell; NAYS-Jarecke, Nelson, Voichoskie. Motion carried.

Ditter excused.

Last April the board approved a principal amount of bond sales not to exceed Ten Million Dollars, with 3.3 million dollars being pledged during the first wave. That first 3.3 million dollars is almost spent and the county needs to sell additional bonds to pay for the bridge projects. Discussion held. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Nelson to authorize D.A. Davidson to sell an additional \$1,000,000.00 in bonds to pay for bridge projects. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Small, Nelson, Cornwell; NAYS-Jarecke, Voichoskie; ABSENT-Ditter. Motion carried.

Board received an easement to lay electrical conduit under S. 570th St. between S350th Ave. and S. 360th Ave. for Jerome Yrkoski. Discussion held. Moved by Small and seconded by Voichoskie to approve said easement.

MIPS has notified all county email recipients that they are discontinuing email services. Therefore, the county will need to find a new email provider. Engel received a bid from Applied Connective Technologies (ACT) for a one-time \$735.00 migration fee and a monthly fee of \$5.00 per email (x21) for a cost of \$105.00 per month. Some counties have set up their own domains, but Nance County does not have a dedicated IT



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department, so the security of the emails is questioned. One county stated that they use Stealth for their emails. Board asked Zarek to check into this company and to move forward with the process, whether we use ACT or another company.

Moved by Nelson 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