



Nance County Board Minutes



September 8, 2020

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on September 8, 2020 in the Supervisor's Room, Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:10 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 was recited during the Board of Equalization meeting.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Nance County Journal on September 2, 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 Voichoskie to approve the agenda.

Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Small to approve minutes of the August 25, 2020 meeting.

Moved by Ditter and seconded by Nelson to approve all claims submitted except for claim #2009300.

GENERAL FUND

Heartland Precision Rifle, SRT tactics & live fire training-\$3,852.00;

DISASTER FUND

Simon Contractors Co., pmt. on bridge contract-\$489,872.25;

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND \$53,276.32

ROAD FUND \$34,249.32

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$3,264.66; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$162.17; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$1,177.50.

The Board reviewed and approved the County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #20070001 through 20070052 in the amount of \$189,703.36 for the month of July, 2020.

Board approved the 2020-2021 budget at the last meeting. It is necessary to set the property tax request.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-30

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of Nance County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Nance County, resolves that:

1. The 2020-2021 property tax request be set at \$2,421,693.27.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by -2%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be 0.230730 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Nance County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.227226 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Nance County has decreased from last year's budget by 9%.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2020.

Motion by Horacek, seconded by Voichoskie to adopt Resolution #20-30.

Voting yes were Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Cornwell. Voting no were None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

A couple of bids were received for an air conditioning option of putting a cooling unit in each office. Bid received from Hans Service LLC was for the amount of \$60,053.99, which does not include line voltage to the outdoor units; A verbal bid received from Sharples Heating & Cooling was for the amount of \$90,000.00 (for units only); Moved by Horacek and seconded by Small to table until spring.

9:37 a.m. Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney, present.



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Cyndy Pilakowski comes before the board to update them on the 2020 county government day. She has not contacted the schools as she is not sure they will want the students to have contact with each other due to COVID. She suggests that the power point usually presented by Steve Pritchard, extension educator, be given to the teachers to go over with their students in the classroom. She also suggested the county put together a video of each office telling about their office and what services they provide to the public that could also be provided to the teachers. The board suggested that she contacted the school to see what their thoughts are.

Tony Bernt, Highway superintendent, gives department updates. Also present is Scott Rusell, road foreman. Updates: old wooden bridge on 150th Ave. near 530th St. needs to be replaced. He suggests taking out the bridge and putting in tubes. They have some 5 ft. tubes that they can use. Landowners are willing to help by donating and moving dirt if the county would put in the tubes. He estimates that the project would take 1 week to complete. Discussion held. Board approves the project – Board again discusses the need for a newer truck for the road department. Options discussed: 2016 MACK truck for \$61,000.00; 2015 MACK truck for \$57,000.00; each with mileage of 400,000+ miles. He also presented new options: 2021 MACK for \$129,943.00; 2021 MACK for \$123,615; 2020 Freightliner for \$129,900.00 and a 2020 Western Star for \$137,950.00. There is an option to make annual payments on the MACK truck at 3.22% interest. The fact that a new truck can be purchased for twice the cost of a used, high-mileage truck, with no warranty was discussed. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Jarecke to purchase the used 2015 MACK truck. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek; NAYS-Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Cornwell. Motion fails. Moved by Small and seconded by Nelson to purchase the new 2021 MACK at the cost of \$130,776.98 (includes extended warranty). Roll Call: AYES-Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-Horacek, Jarecke. Motion carried – department is looking to purchase a tree shredder for the excavator. They have been using the thumb to take down trees, but then they need to burn everything. The trees are getting really bad in some areas. Discussed who the county should bill for tree removal, landowner or township. Wetovick states that statutes talk about trimming hedges/trees in ditches near intersections, but does not address the trees between those areas. Weed Superintendent has been spraying brush/small trees in ditches and it has helped. No firm prices have been received at this time – Will also be checking cost of side dump for the new truck – dept. will begin mowing after September 14th. Haven't received the new ditch shredder yet – Jarecke asked if the department has figured up the bill for the work done in Prairie Creek township. Bernt said they are working on it, but do not have a total yet.

Megan Zoucha came before the board to discuss the installation of a diaper changing station in the restroom. Horacek stated that the safety committee will be meeting this afternoon and it is on their agenda as well. Board takes no action.

Allen Chlopek is sick. Bone lot split is tabled to next meeting.

Moved by Small and seconded by Voichoskie 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