



# Nance County Board Minutes



January 12, 2021

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on January 12, 2021 in the Supervisor's Room, Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Chairman, Timothy Cornwell, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present-Timothy Cornwell, Andrew Ditter, Robert Voichoskie, Ralph Horacek, Robert Small, Darren Nelson and Gary Juracek. 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 Nance County Journal on January 6, 2021.

Notice of the meeting was given to the Board and a receipt of their acknowledgment is on file in the Clerk's office.

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

Moved by Ditter and seconded by Voichoskie to approve the agenda

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2020 meeting.

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

## **SALARIES**

GENERAL FUND	\$54,651.43
ROAD FUND	33,721.79

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$3,052.12; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$171.72; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$586.59.

There being no further business, old or new, to come before the Board of Supervisors, it was moved by Ditter and seconded by Voichoskie to adjourn Sine Die at 9:30 a.m.

The County Clerk acting as chairperson called the meeting to order with the first order of business being the selection of the Chairman of the Board for 2021. Selection process used was secret ballot. Chairman vote was as follows: Cornwell-5, Ditter-2. Cornwell was declared Chairman. Board then elected Ditter as Vice-Chairman for 2021.

The meeting was turned over to Chairman Cornwell.

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Small to make the following appointments of various committees and offices for 2021: Contact person for Region IV Mental Health & Substance Abuse Service District-Ditter; Alternate-Voichoskie; Northstar Services-Voichoskie; Alternate-Ditter; County Representative to Central Nebraska Technical College-Juracek; Nebraska Area on Aging Governing Board-Small; Alternate-Voichoskie; Board of Directors Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services-Small, Alternate-Voichoskie; Other committee appointments made were: Building, Insurance, Employment Review & Personal Policy Review-Horacek, Cornwell, Ditter; 9-1-1 – Nelson, Juracek; Safety-Horacek; East Central Health District-Horacek, Alternate-Nelson; Juvenile Diversion-Cornwell, Alternate-Ditter; General Assistance-Horacek, Ditter, Nelson; Emergency Management Supervisory Committee-Nelson; Alternate-Cornwell; East Governance Board-Denise Ziemba; Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD), Council of Officials-Juracek, Chlopek.

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Small to reappoint the following: Allen Chlopek as Zoning Administrator and Economic Development Director for 2021; Chad Borowiak as Weed Superintendent for 2021; John Morgan as Title VI/ADA Coordinator for 2021; Ben Bakewell as the E911/PSAP Coordinator for 2021; Tony Bernt, as Highway Superintendent, License #1672, Class B as county employee from January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021; and Don Shuda as Veteran's Service Officer for 2021; appointment to the County Drug Law Enforcement and Education Fund Board for 2021, as follows:

Nance County Attorney, shall serve as Chairperson

Investigator Tim Stopak, Nebraska State Patrol

Nance County Sheriff's Department

and appointment to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for 2021:

Denise Ziemba – Region 44 Emergency Manager; Jonathan Ahlers – Belgrade Volunteer Fire Dept.; Darren Nelson – Genoa Rescue; Ben Bakewell – Nance County Sheriff; Brandon Harter – Fullerton Fire Dept.; Robert Green – Genoa Fire Dept; Tim Cornwell – Nance County Board; Anthony Bernt – Nance County Hwy Supt.; Val Snyder – Private Industry/Tallgrass; Robert Bomberger – Private Industry/Tallgrass; Elizabeth Finochiaro – East Central Dist. Health Dept.; Amanda Roebuck – Genoa Hospital.



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Tony Bernt, road foreman, gave updates in the road department. Received FEMA payment for reimbursement for barricading roads. The payment was just over \$24,000.00—They continue to move forward on payment of the Belgrade South bridge. The approval permit on the barrow site held it up, but it is now approved—Work has been started on the N Key Road bridge. An access crossing will be put in during the project completion—Belgrade East project is finished. The County has received the bridge match funds around \$32,000.00—work on the bridge on N 500<sup>th</sup> St. (near Richard Hellbusch) is scheduled to begin in March—Bernt presented 3 bids on a tree shredder. Shredders fit on both the wheel or track excavator. Bid from CAT is \$52,720.00; Bid from Murphy Tractor is \$52,350.00; and bid from Morbark is \$39,460.00. The Morbark company is out of Michigan. That is a concern as they do not have a local parts or service dealer in our area. Bernt says that he has money in his budget to purchase the tree shredder. He still needs to purchase the gravel truck tarps and that also will come out of this line item in his budget. The quotes did not state what kind of a warranty the shredders had. Purchase of the tree shredder was also discussed at the meeting held with the townships. They all liked the idea of the tree shredder. County needs to come up with a fee to charge the townships for shredding trees. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Horacek to purchase the CAT tree shredder. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Horacek, Juracek, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-Ditter, Voichoskie. Motion carried—Department continues to work on trees. Cornwell stated he would still like to see the county take over all the graveled county roads leaving the minimum maintenance roads for the townships to maintain. Cornwell would also like to set up a subcommittee to work on the policy for employees working holidays.

Chad Borowiak, weed superintendent, presented the board with the following 2020 weed reports: 1) Activity Report for 2020; 2) Noxious Weed Control Plan; 3) Noxious Weed Infestation Report; 4) Weed Control Authority Board Roster; 5) Budget Report 6) NE Invasive Plant Watch List Infestation Report. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Nelson to approve and sign said reports.

An updated Agreement for Region 4 Behavioral Health System Under the Interlocal Cooperation Act State of Nebraska is received from the Health System along with resolution authorizing the chairman to sign has been reviewed by the county attorney and the board. Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Juracek to approve resolution #21-1 authorizing the chairman to sign said agreement. Said resolution can be reviewed at the clerk's office during normal business hours.

Board reviewed newly pledged collateral #68905TEG0 in the amount of \$55,000.00 and #317153GB4 in the amount of \$215,000.00, and pledged collateral #639918BY6, which was called in on 1/4/21. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Horacek that said pledged collateral was reviewed.

Zarek presented updates to the General Assistance manual for discussion. The manual must be updated every 2 years. The update includes a new figure for income resource guidelines, based on 75% of the Poverty Guidelines updated in the Federal Register by DHHS. This raised the figure from \$759 to \$798 for a one person household; from \$1029 to \$1078 for a two person related household; and an additional \$280 for each additional related household member. Figures for maximum payments per month allowed for shelter were figured @ 1.32% inflation increase and raised the figures from \$536 to \$543 for a 1 person household; from \$590 to \$598 for a 2 person household; from \$644 to \$653 for a 3 person household and \$697 to \$706 for a 4 or more person household. Non-food necessities were also figured with a 1.32% inflation increase. The figures of non-food necessities raised each of the household size categories by \$1.00 per month: Board approved the increases for income/resource and shelter allowance. The board will approve the updated manual at the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Bakewell is present to discuss a bid for a new camera system for the courthouse, extension building, the new fairgrounds building and for 2 cameras for surveillance of the roads parking/storage areas. The bid from Applied Connective is \$29,000.00. He had also requested a bid from Integrated Security Solutions, but a bid has not been received. Discussion held. Board questioned where in the budget was the money coming from. The cost of the cameras has been in the budget for the past year or two. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Nelson to approve said bid from Applied Connective for camera system. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Juracek, Small, Nelson, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-Ditter.

11:09 am Voichoskie excused.

Bakewell would also like to hire a new deputy for the county. Deputy Woollen is set for deployment for over a year this spring. Bakewell does have money in his budget to purchase and equip a used Tahoe for the new deputy as he had budgeted for the purchase of tasers and will not be making that purchase this year. And since Woollen will be deployed, the county will save money on his salary, which can be used to pay the new deputy, during the deployment. The Sheriff's department will then need to work in the new deputies' salary into



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the new budget. With the deployment of Woollen, it would be hard for the sheriff's department to cover the entire county along with communities with current staff. Discussion held. Bakewell will go over his budget with the Clerk's office to be sure he will not run over his budget. Board agrees to allow the sheriff's office to hire a new deputy.

Bakewell would also like to install trackers on all the sheriff's vehicles, and suggested that the board consider installing one on both the county Explorer and emergency manager vehicle. The trackers will show proof that the deputies are covering the cities as well as the county. They will also be good for employee safety. Cornwell suggested that the Emergency Manager supervisory committee be contacted regarding placing a tracker on the emergency manager's vehicle. The board suggested that Bakewell check into the cost and bring it back to the board on the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ron Sims, maintenance, came to the board with bids for a snowblower to fit the bobcat. He received 2 bids. One from Kayton's is \$4,835.00. Another bid from Nebraska Central is \$4,826.00. Other option is to purchase a smaller bucket. The bucket the county owns is too wide and cuts into the lawn. Board questioned where in the budget this would come from. Sims states that both his funds have money available for the purchase. Board discussed and asked Sims to get bids for a smaller bucket and the matter is tabled to January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Zarek informs the board that NIRMA has approved the damage claim to the ballot box and will be issuing a check for payment, less the deductible. The board approves ordering a new box the same size as the original box and payment to be made directly to the vendor.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Juracek to adjourn.

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

Timothy Cornwell  
Chairman

Danette Zarek  
County Clerk