



# Nance County Board Minutes



February 9, 2021

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on February 9, 2021 in the Supervisor's Room, Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:15 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in the Board of Equalization meeting.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Nance County Journal on February 3, 2021.

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 Juracek to approve the agenda.

Moved by Small and seconded by Voichoskie to approve minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting. Roll Call: AYES-Small, Juracek, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSTAIN-Nelson. Motion carried.

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

## **SALARY CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND	\$52,833.27
ROAD FUND	\$28,215.54

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$3,042.86; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$1,352.70; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$866.66.

Ronda Malander, County Treasurer, comes before the board to request striking personal property taxes due and uncollected. The taxes have been uncollectable for a number of years. Discussion held. Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Horacek to strike uncollected personal property taxes from the tax roll due from Hellbusch Service & Repair, Kent and Kathy Hambleton and Genoa Haven.

The board discusses legislation being pursued by the Nebraska Judicial Branch to transfer the duties of the ex officio Clerk of the District Court to the State. Several ex officio counties are transferring these duties prior to the actual passing of the bill in legislation. The board discusses the option with Zarek, ex officio, and Shirley Stuart-Monroe, Clerk Magistrate. The Clerk Magistrate, state employee, would be take over the duties. Zarek and Stuart-Monroe are both in favor of the clerk magistrate taking over the duties. The extra hours for the clerk magistrate would give her more job security and freeing up these hours for the clerk would allow more efficiency in the county clerk's office. The board is willing to discuss the option further with Corey Steel, State Court Administrator. Zarek will invite him to a future board meeting.

9:50 am. Rod Wetovick, County Attorney, present.

Zarek was approached by Brad Slaughter with Piper Sandler Co. and Toby Buchanan with First National Capital Markets regarding refinancing our disaster bonds. Slaughter put together a projected savings if the board would refinance now with the current rates. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Horacek to have Slaughter come to the next meeting to discuss the refinance, and also to have him begin the refinance process.

10:00 am. Ben Bakewell, County Sheriff, present.

Tony Bernt, Highway superintendent, gives department updates. Also present is Scott Russell, road foreman. Bernt is working on a progress payment on the Belgrade South bridge project. Once complete the county should receive payment on that project, projected to be around 1.6 million dollars. Concrete on North Key road has been hauled out and the culverts have been put in place—The crew went out on Saturday to clear snow and a few went out again on Sunday—have a few guys out with non-work-related medical issues. One employee is out on workers' comp—discussed the amount of fuel that the county had contracted earlier. 30,000 gallons were contracted. Board suggests that an additional 10,000 gallons be contracted—Bernt asked again about working holidays. With Monday being a holiday, the guys were questioning if a decision had been made. A subcommittee will meet some evening to discuss this. Clerk will contact surrounding counties to see how this is handled in their county—Bernt is still waiting on the final tarp bid—The overlay in Belgrade from main street and west on N 465<sup>th</sup> St. needs repairs. Asphalt near first box culvert flooded and washed the



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asphalt out. The Village of Belgrade dug a couple of trenches across the asphalt and were supposed to fix them but haven't yet. Cornwell will contact a village trustee to see what's going on with those repairs.

The board discussed taking over a portion of S560th St. between 310<sup>th</sup> Ave. & 320<sup>th</sup> Ave. in East Newman township. Two of the township board members have been contacted and have consented to the county taking responsibility for the care and maintenance of this mile.

## RESOLUTION #21-3

In order to provide better and safer roads for the residents of Nance County, the Nance County Board of Supervisors deems it appropriate to periodically evaluate areas where roads may not be maintained and graveled uniformly or up to acceptable standards for the current usage.

When such issues come to the attention of the County Board of Supervisors, the road will be evaluated and reviewed with the Highway Superintendent and the Township Board where the road is located. If it is agreeable with the County Board of Supervisors, and the Township Board consents, the County Board will assume responsibility for maintenance of the identified road (or section of road) going forward.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nance County Board of Supervisors proposes to formally take over the responsibility for care and maintenance of the following road in East Newman Township: S560th Street from S310th Ave. to S320th Ave.

That the East Newman Township Board has consented to the above proposal as of February 9, 2021. Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Small to adopt said Resolution.

Roll Call: AYES-Small, Voichoskie, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-Nelson, Ditter; ABSTAIN-Juracek.

Resolution Passes X Fails     .

Upon a vote in the affirmative, this resolution shall be filed for record, and the County responsibility for the above road begins on the date of the resolution adopted above, and shall be so notated in the official Road Maintenance Records of Nance County.

Steve Pritchard came before the board to distribute the 2020 Annual Report for Boone & Nance Counties.

Board discussed LB310, which phases out inheritance tax paid to the county. The county uses this tax money for emergencies, reduction of property tax asking and for cash reserve. Cornwell asked Wetovick if he could draft up a letter in opposition of the bill that the board can sign and send off to Senator Friesen.

Bakewell informed the board that he still hasn't received any employment applications. Also a bill has been introduced that would require a minimum of 40 hours of training for officers every year, up from the current 20 hours.

Moved by Small and seconded by Nelson to adjourn.

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

Timothy C. Cornwell

Chairman

Danette Zarek

County Clerk