



# Nance County Board Minutes



April 13, 2021

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on April 13, 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 April 7, 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 Nelson seconded by Voichoskie to approve the agenda.

Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Small to approve minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting.

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

## **SALARY CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND	\$53,910.97
ROAD FUND	\$33,841.08

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$3,117.14; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$936.80; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$1,017.36.

Board reviewed pledged collateral #949763FW1 in the amount of \$249,000.00, which has matured and newly pledged collateral, #3140X7FM6 in the amount of \$1,276,339.00. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Voichoskie that the pledged collateral has been reviewed and approved.

With the passage of the American Rescue Plan, there is a need to establish a COVID American Rescue Plan Fund. Resolution #21-9 directs the Treasurer to establish Fund #2850, COVID American Rescue Plan Fund and directs the Clerk to add the newly created fund in the Nance County 2021-2022 budget. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Small to adopt said Resolution #21-9. The full resolution may be reviewed in the Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Resolution #21-10 is a budgeted transfer in accordance with the 2020-2021 budget. The resolution authorizes the Nance County Treasurer to transfer \$41,438.75 from the General fund to the Disaster fund. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Juracek to adopt said Resolution #21-10. The full resolution may be reviewed in the Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Claim #2104001 for payment of the interest on the bonds is reviewed. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Nelson to approve said claim.

Resolution #21-11 is discussed. Said resolution authorizes the County Treasurer to cease monthly transfers to the road fund based on monthly tax collections as directed in Resolution #20-29 and only transfer the remaining budgeted 2020-2021 balance. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Small to adopt said Resolution #21-11. The full resolution may be reviewed in the Clerk's office during normal business hours.

9:45 AM Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney, is present.

Henry Bigge, veteran service committee member's term is expiring July 1, 2021. Mr. Bigge is present. He has agreed to serve another 4-year term on the committee. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Small to reappoint Henry Bigge for another 4-year term on the veteran's service committee.

Tony Bernt, Highway Superintendent, gives Road department updates. Also present is Scott Russell, road foreman. Bernt gave the board an overall view of the flood disaster funds. The budget cost to date for disaster is \$3,988,879.05. There is a balance on the N. Key Road bridge of \$966,550.90 and remainder balance on the bridge on N 500<sup>th</sup> St. of \$196,292.80. The expected 75% federal share (FEMA) is \$5,714,229.59 of which \$1,274,525.52 has been received as of March 31, 2021. An additional approximate \$1,200,000.00 was also received in April. The expected 12.5% state (NEMA) share is \$904,201.84 of which none has been received to date. Overall expected reimbursements are \$7,606,417.38. The county expects to be able to pay off the \$1,015,000.00 bond debt by the end of this budget year. The original \$3,300,000.00 bonds were refinanced with a call date in 2023. Bernt reports that the department has been cleaning ditches, pulling in shoulders and spreading gravel. Gravel is getting scarce. A couple of well casings were found sticking out 2-2 1/2 " in Genoa area. Board agrees that these casings need to get capped as soon as possible.



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Clerk presents a Utility Permit received from Great Plains Communications to lay fiber optic cable in county right of way (ROW) in West Beaver township. Discussion held. It was suggested that Great Plains Communications install the fiber optic cable under the roadway instead of in the county ROW to prevent any accidental damage to the cable when digging ditches. All agreed. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Ditter to allow the utility permit with the requirement that the cable be installed under the roadway instead of in the County ROW. Easement for Czarnick Bros. has not been returned to the Clerk's office. It will be discussed at the next board meeting.

The board moved to the courtroom for the presentation of the Resolution on Second Amendment Rights by Nance County Sheriff, Ben Bakewell. A large crowd of Nance County residents are present for the presentation. Bakewell gives information regarding rights given to the American people in the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Amendments of the Constitution of the United States, and the Preamble of the Nebraska Constitution. The chairman then instructs the Clerk to read the Resolution presented. Chairman asked for discussion from the board and floor. Scott Voichoskie thanked the Sheriff and his deputies for all they do for our County. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Small to adopt said Resolution #21-12.

The board returns to the Supervisors Room for remaining board meeting.

SuAnn Engel, budget preparer, comes before the board to discuss the budget. When preparing the 2020-2021 budget, it was discussed paying off some of the bond indebtedness with money in the sinking bridge and emergency sinking bridge funds. She asked if that is still their intentions. All agreed. She also presented her concerns with the Gallagher representatives handling the All-State cancer, accident & critical illness policies. Back when Strong Financial was representing these policies, the employees did not have any problems with the services, but once Gallagher bought them out, it has been a struggle. Chad Svoboda, who represented Strong Financial had a two year no compete clause after Gallagher bought them out and that two years is now up. Engel has been in contact with him. He has started a new business, Svoboda Benefit Solutions, Inc. and if the board agrees, they may appoint him as the county's exclusive insurance agent for all lines of coverage. Discussion held. Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Juracek to sign and send a letter to Allstate appointing Chad Svoboda with Svoboda Benefit Solutions, Inc. as our exclusive insurance agent for all lines of coverage starting April 9, 2021.

Ron Sims, maintenance/custodian, presents the board with a proposed service contract from Hans Service LLC to clean and check the 5 outside units and the 19 indoor heads at the courthouse & extension building for \$2,500.00. The outside unit at the extension office needs a pan heater installed. An estimate of \$317.47 is given to purchase and install the pan heater. The current service contract for the boiler and chiller is up at the end of June. Board would like to have Jayme Han with Hans Service come and discuss the service agreement.

11:20 AM Moved by Nelson and seconded by Small to go into executive session to discuss personnel.

11:47 AM Moved by Juracek and seconded by Ditter to go out of executive session. Chairman states that no action was taken during the closed session.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Juracek 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