



# Nance County Board Minutes



May 11, 2021

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on May 11, 2021 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, 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 is recited.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Nance County Journal on May 5, 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 Small and seconded by Voichoskie to approve minutes of the April 27, 2021 meeting.

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

## **SALARY CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND	\$53,469.80
ROAD FUND	\$36,268.95

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$5,588.18; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$1,645.27; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$605.36.

Board reviewed pledged collateral #90385LCT4 in the amount of \$245,000.00, which was called in on 4/26/21 and newly pledged collateral, #538036JV7 in the amount of \$250,000.00. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Voichoskie that the pledged collateral has been reviewed and approved.

The board reviewed the proposed service agreement with Hans Service LLC. Also present is Ron Sims, maintenance. The service contract is \$2,500.00 to clean & check 5 outdoor units and 19 indoor heads in the courthouse & extension office for the amount of \$2,500.00. An additional \$145.00 is proposed for spring & fall service on the unit(s) at the new events building. Discussion held. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Juracek to approve the service contract with Hans Service LLC as submitted and send notice of cancellation of service agreement with Conditioned Air Mechanical Systems & Service Co. via certified mail.

The board received a 2021 ballot for election to Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors (East Central Region). The ballot included one candidate, Tim Hofbauer. Discussion held. Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Juracek to cast a vote for Tim Hofbauer for board of directors to the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network.

The board received the reports & requirements, which evaluates Chad Borowiak, Nance County Weed Superintendent. The reports & requirements summary were discussed with Borowiak. The report indicates that while there are open files in Nance County, control efforts by Borowiak have been outstanding! Continuing education requirements were not met, but this is understandable due to Covid-19. Points were also deducted for calculation errors & not enough detail on the control plan. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Nelson to authorize the chairperson to sign the Summary as reviewed.

Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney, is present.

Tony Bernt, Highway Superintendent, gives road department updates. Department has some culvert work left to do on N 370<sup>th</sup> Ave. The bridge abutment repairs on N600th St./Valley Road are 75% complete. There are 2 small culverts left to replace—Received permit on the bridge on N 500<sup>th</sup> St. Now waiting for the contractor to return—He has another meeting set with FEMA. There is one project left the FEMA has questions on regarding the lengths of the projects—Bernt has been talking with CAT and Murphy Tractor & Equipment and a new machine ordered is out 6-7 months for delivery. Final payment on three pieces of equipment will be paid this year. That will only leave payments on the new MACK truck. Looking to replace a couple of graders. The dirt machine which is a 2010 CAT and a regular motor grader which is a 2007 John Deere. Wondered if the board would be interested in putting out for bids, since the wait is 6-7 months. Board had no objections.

Easement for Jim Kolar to lay electrical wire (for water) under N110th Ave. between the SE ¼ of Section 7-17-8 and the SW ¼ of Section 8-17-8 in South Branch Township. Present is Jim Kolar. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Small to approve said easement.



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Clerk presents a utility permit received from Frontier Communications to remove a PED and splice cables together at 47421 N. 370<sup>th</sup> Ave., Genoa. Discussion held. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Small to allow the utility permit.

Clerk presents a utility permit received from Frontier Communications to replace copper cable at the site of the bridge repairs on N600th St./Valley Rd. Discussion held. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Small to allow the utility permit.

Allen Chlopek, Zoning Administrator, presented a conditional use permit (CUP) from Terry Shanle, to haul manure from their Platte County feed yard to their Nance County farm ground. The manure will be stockpiled until spread. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Small to approve said CUP for Terry Shane.

Chlopek has accepted a job offer with the Center for Rural Affairs and his last day with the County is May 21, 2021.

SuAnn Engel, budget preparer, comes before the board to discuss the budget and insurance. She reports that she has only received one completed budget. Office heads were given until May 17<sup>th</sup> to return. The insurance subcommittee met twice and have brought a recommendation to the board concerning health insurance. Insurance premiums have increased 9%. First option has a \$2500 deductible w/copays. County would buy down the deductible to \$1,000 and the employee & county would split the increase in premium. The subcommittee recommends that the board approve this option. Second option has a \$1,000 deductible. The employee & county would split the increase in premium. Third option is the current plan: \$1,000 deductible. The county would pick up the entire increase in premium. Discussion held. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Horacek to accept the subcommittee's recommendation, option #1. Roll Call: AYES-Juracek, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-Nelson. Motion carried.

Margie Goerle, with the Hall County Veteran's Office, comes before the board to discuss the veteran service officer's budget. She gave information on the Grand Island vet's cemetery. They are working hard to make it a State cemetery. The federal government will need \$7.5 million for the project. The State will need to come up with 10% or \$750,000. They have already raised \$140,000. A contribution form is received. LB261 was passed this year. The bill requires the county to provide grave markers to national guard and reserve soldiers. The cost of markers is \$27-29 each. The veteran service office now has remote access to the VA regional office, so they can travel to veterans if a veteran is unable to travel to Grand Island. Their office has requested homestead exemption letters for the veterans. If you know of someone who has not received their letter, let their office know. The service office helped veterans to collect \$1,218,000.00 in 2019 for compensation, pension, etc. The numbers for 2020 were not available. This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the tomb of the unknown soldier. A commemorative plaque is available for purchase that can be placed somewhere in the community, if interested. Budget is discussed. They are requesting a 2% increase in the county's budget. One of the reasons for the increase is the extra cost of markers. The Board will take it into consideration when approving the budget, but did not see a problem with the increase.

Moved by Ditter and seconded by Small 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