



Nance County Board Minutes



May 24, 2021

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on May 24, 2021 in the Courtroom of the 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 and Robert Small. Also present is County Clerk, Danette Zarek and Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney.

Chairman advised those present of the open meetings act and its posting.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Genoa Leader Times and the Nance County Journal on May 19, 2021.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited earlier at Board of Equalization meeting.

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 Small to approve the agenda.

Moved by Small and seconded by Voichoskie to approve minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Ditter to approve all claims submitted.

GENERAL FUND

Albion News, pub-\$27.50; Antelope Co Sheriff, housing & med-\$735.00; Applied Connective Technologies, svcs-\$207.10; Black Hills Energy, svcs-\$589.00; Ashley Boryca, postage & supplies-\$180.81; Capital Business Systems, copies/lease-\$100.44/\$73.71; Cedar Rapids Press, pub-\$32.50; Cedar Valley Lumber, supplies-\$207.21; Ciancio Hardware, supplies-\$205.74; City of Fullerton, ambulance-\$250.00; City of Genoa, ambulance-\$250.00; Clearly, phone svc-\$631.85; Culligan, reverse osmosis-\$36.49; Zach Czarnick, mileage-\$30.46; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, supplies-\$144.89; Douglas County Sheriff, svc fees-\$8.00; Annette Dubas, mileage-\$39.76; Dugan Printing & Promotions, supplies-\$427.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies & copies-\$1,236.20; SuAnn Engel, mileage-\$43.68; Tyler Foland, mileage-\$24.86; Front Runner Fab, supplies-\$52.00; Fullerton Area Economic Development Committee, roll off & tree trimming-\$1,740.73; Futurity IT, Inc., software-\$1,500.00; Galls, supplies-\$4,397.40; Genoa US Indian School, donation-\$1,000.00; Genoa Leader Times, pub-\$601.10; Genoa Library, donation-\$1,250.00; GeoComm, maintenance agree-\$5,907.00; Sonya Glup, mileage-\$145.42; Gworks, annual subscription-\$2,500.00; Hans Service, LLC, heat & air units-\$15,287.37; Doris Hardle, prior svc-\$16.00; Heartland Disposal, svcs-\$68.77; Hometown Leasing, equip rental-\$407.49; Landon Knopik, labor-\$150.00; Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, svc fees-\$6.00; Len & Jo's, supplies-\$78.11; Loup Power District, electricity-\$964.48; Midwest Special Services, transport fees-\$187.50; MIPS, svcs & supplies-\$2,376.19; John Morgan, Title VI & ADA salary-\$200.00; NE Ass'n of Co Officials, regis/dues-\$35.00/\$1,407.58; Nance Co Dist Ct, ct costs-\$36.00; Nance Co Journal, pub-\$223.11; Nance Co Veterans Memorial, donation-\$500.00; Nance-Trans, donation-\$750.00; NE Ass'n of Co Clerks, Reg of Deeds, Election, regis-\$125.00; NE Health & Human Svcs, svcs-\$135.00; NE Nebr Area Agency on Aging, matching funds-\$2,475.00; NENEDD, 2021-2022l dues-\$905.00; NE Ass'n Co Extension Bd, reg.-\$5.85; NE Co Atty's Ass'n, dues & regis-\$665.00; Nextoner, supplies-\$238.62; Olsson, surveying-\$1,743.00; Pappy's, fuel-\$160.72/\$73.16/\$708.13; Steve Pritchard, mileage-\$129.51; Purchase of Cash from PWC Bank, postage-\$71.60; Sarpy Co Sheriff, svc fees-\$9.22; Ron Sims, mower & sprayer use-\$50.00; Erik C. Klutman, ct appt atty-\$577.60; Ryan Sonderup, mileage-\$37.86; State of Nebraska, network svc chg-\$448.00/\$28.64/\$22.00; David Thomas, bailiff fees & mileage-\$92.92; University of Nebraska, equip-\$1,028.82; US Bank, fuel-\$134.85; US Cellular, wifi backup-\$8.67; Verizon Wireless, svcs-\$89.96; Wex, fuel-\$483.25; Yosten Law, ct appt atty-\$655.50; Megan Zoucha, mileage-\$19.04; Health Insurance-\$19,879.82; Retirement-\$6,666.64; Social Security-\$7,124.11; Disability-\$31.78; First Concord-\$30.00; Life Insurance-\$34.35;

ROAD FUND

A J's of Genoa, fuel-\$254.19; Appera, supplies-\$96.54; Applied Connective Tech, svcs-\$25.50; BBK Electrical Contracting, repairs-\$1,931.79; Anthony Bernt, reimburse supplies-\$19.87; Black Hills Energy, gas svc.-\$309.50; Casey's, fuel-\$701.35; Cedar Valley Lumber, supplies-\$389.55; Ciancio Hardware, supplies & tools-\$82.91; City of Genoa, water/sewer-\$28.00; Clearly, phone svc-\$46.92; Columbus Tire & Svc, tires-\$514.84; Alexander Cornwell, equip rental-\$3,200.00; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, parts, tools & supplies-\$364.73; D&M Parts, parts & supplies-\$126.08; Filter Care, svcs-\$162.85; Garrett Enterprises, tires-\$2,384.85; GI Trailer, parts & labor-\$8,615.10; Heartland Disposal, garbage svc-\$41.75; Hellbusch Sand & Gravel, machine hire-\$720.00; Hometown Leasing, equip-\$64.99; Hooker Bros Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$292.10; Kerford Limestone, gravel-\$3,115.88; Lawson Products, supplies-\$361.48; LCL Truck Equipment, parts & labor-



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\$991.16; Loup Power District, electricity-\$378.99; Medical Enterprises, testing-\$75.00; Michael Todd & Co., parts & freight-\$2,305.61; Midwest Hydraulic Service, parts & labor-\$466.56; Midwest Service & Sales, supplies-\$17,517.92; MIPS, svcs-\$108.79; Nebraska Machinery, parts/labor/rental-\$2,364.65; Overland Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$37,580.88; Pappy's, fuel-\$8,134.04; Preferred Sand of Genoa, gravel-\$8,697.26; Prairie Creek Township, machine hire-\$2,500.00; RDO Truck Centers, parts-\$127.60; Sapp Brothers, fuel & supplies-\$9,493.02; Smith & Sons Repair, parts & labor-\$248.22; Speece Lewis Engineers, svcs-\$6,293.12; T & R Repair, parts & labor-\$754.01; US Cellular, website-\$69.69; Verizon, phone-\$41.13; Verizon Connect NWF, phone-\$178.09; Village of Belgrade, water svc-\$20.00; Weldon Parts, parts-\$41.99; Health Insurance-\$13,832.60; Retirement-\$3,840.41; Social Security-\$4,890.86; Disability-\$13.62; First Concord-\$5.00; Life Insurance-\$17.80;

SINKING-BRIDGE

Theisen Construction Inc., payment-\$41,307.19;

SINKING-ROAD EMERGENCY FUND

Theisen Construction, payment-\$10,956.81;

SINKING-ROAD EQUIPMENT FUND

Caterpillar Financial Services, payment-\$69,100.24;

APPRAISAL FUND

Eakes Office Solutions supplies-\$63.25; Government Forms & Supplies, supplies-\$55.00; Gworks, services-\$12,813.00; Pappy's, fuel-\$31.14;

VMP FLOW THROUGH FUND

Loup Power, electricity-\$76.00;

K-9 FUND

Countryside Vet Clinic, boarding-\$101.40;

DISASTER FUND

Nance County Treasurer, bond refinancing-\$3,332,793.75; Simon Contractors, contracts-\$332,759.15; Speece Lewis Engineers, svcs-\$18,992.17; Theisen Construction, payment-\$5,217.97;

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Century Link, phone-\$99.39/\$128.31; Clearly, phone-\$23.46; Frontier Citizens, phone-\$50.50; Great Plains Communication, phone-\$88.12; Loup Public Power, electricity-\$27.35;

BUILDING FUND

Hans Service, LLC, heating/cooling maint. Agreement-\$3,302.47;

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND \$46,016.25

ROAD FUND \$31,375.38

The Board reviewed and approved the County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #21030059 through 21040064 in the amount of \$2,160,545.99 for the month of April, 2021.

Susan Jarecki with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Connection came to speak to the board on their program for abused & neglected children. They currently cover Colfax & Platte counties and are looking to expand to Nance County. She explained the program and answered questions. Nance County does not have a lot of children that would need their services and therefore would not request any funding at this time. If in the future there would be more of a need for the program, they may request a fee for the program. Discussion held. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Ditter to accept the services provided by CASA.

9:50 Nelson present.

Board considered an easement for Dustin Augustin to lay irrigation pipe under N. Emerald Road in Section 31, Township 17 North, Range 6, Nance County. Discussion held. Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Small to approve said easement.

Tony Bernt, highway superintendent, gave updates in the road department. Also present is Scott Russell, foreman. Sheet piling is in on project on the N600 St./Valley Road – Bernt asked about making the two temporary employees full time. They have been temporary for quite some time now and are a great asset to the road crew. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Small to make the two temporary road employees full-time. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Voichoskie, Horacek, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-Ditter; ABSENT-



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Juracek. Motion carried. Bernt handed out information on new motor grader prices. He noted that it would be 16-19 weeks out before a machine would be delivered. He received quotes from NMC/Cat and Murphy Tractor/John Deere. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to advertise for bids – Bernt talked to Prairie Creek township regarding the repair billing for road repairs in Prairie Creek after the flooding. He was told that they are getting in some FEMA money and are planning on using some of that money to pay on their bill. They will be holding a township meeting to decide what they can budget as far as payments.

SuAnn Engel, Deputy Clerk, reports on budget updates. It appears that it is going to be hard to find ways to spend the money Nance County is to receive in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. It may be possible to use the money on updating broadband. The EMT & Fire Departments need updates to their pagers. It would be nice if money could somehow be used to digitize those for them. NACO will be holding another meeting in June or July to inform counties of ways the money can be used.

Engel also reports that she has checked on Lathan Woollen's leave with the National Guard. She has found out that in September, when he has used up all of his time on the books, that the County will have to contribute both his share and the county's share of missed retirement contributions once he returns.

Discussion held regarding Andrew Brugman's repayment of grant funds he received from the Nance County Economic Development, the Fullerton Area Economic Development & the Nance County Foundation when he opened a chiropractic business here in Fullerton. There was a three-year clause in the agreement/contract. He left Fullerton prior to the 3 years and has been asked pay the grant back. The Fullerton Area Economic Development has decided to forgive the \$5,000.00 they paid on the grant. The board discussed the repayment of the \$2,466.00 that they contributed. Further discussion will be held at the next board meeting. It is unknown if the Nance County Foundation will request repayment of their share.

A rebate has been submitted to Loup Power District on lighting used in the construction of the new fairgrounds building. The county could receive \$5,000-\$10,000 rebate if approved. Also putting in for a rebate on the new cooling/heating system for the courthouse.

There were changes made to the rules for the Mutual Finance Organization (MFO) with the fire districts. Engel has been told that we do not need a new interlocal agreement if the fire districts all took the maximum amount allotted last year, which they did.

Engel reminded the board of an Employee Assistance Program provided by National Insurance Services, through the county's life/disability insurance. The program provides services for a wide variety of needs and concerns.

An administrative agreement with First Concord on their HRA plan is discussed. First Concord will administer the employee health insurance claims between \$1,000.00 and \$2,500.00 on the county buy-down of the county's health insurance plan. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Nelson to sign said administrative agreement.

With the resignation of Allen Chlopek as Zoning/Ec. Dev., the board discusses filling his position. It was suggested to combine either zoning or ec. dev. with another county, but after discussion it was decided that probably would not work that well. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to advertise for a full-time position for a Zoning/Economic Development Administrator. Moving HR & Budget out of clerk's office is briefly discussed.

The Nance County Sheriff's office received a billing from Platte Valley Communications showing work done on Nance County Sheriff/Fire Department control station. Nance County Sheriff, Ben Bakewell said he did not authorize this work and did not feel it should be paid out of his budget. The billing does not state who authorized the work, so Bakewell will contact Platte Valley for that information.

Bakewell received an application for employment from Landon Knopik. He plans on re-hiring Knopik to fill the vacancy in the sheriff's department. Per the county handbook, former employees are not eligible for re-hire without prior approval of the County Board. He comes before the board for their approval. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Small to approve the re-hiring of Landon Knopik as sheriff's deputy.

Moved by Ditter and seconded by Voichoskie to adjourn.

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



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Chairman

Danette Zarek

County Clerk