



Nance County Board Minutes



June 8, 2021

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on June 8, 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 and County Attorney, Rodney Wetovick. Chairman advised those present of the open meetings act and its posting in the Supervisor’s Room.

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

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Nance County Journal on June 2, 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 Nelson and seconded by Small to approve minutes of the May 24, 2021 meeting.

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

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND \$54,396.17

ROAD FUND \$34,125.51

DISASTER FUND

Nance County Treasurer, Interest payments on Series 2020 & 2021 Bonds-\$7,891.04;

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$4,664.83 and County Sheriff in the amount of \$832.87.

Shirley Stuart-Monroe, Clerk of the Nance County Courts, comes before the board with an estimate to install a computer conference system, which includes a computer, cam & TV for court WebEx/Zoom hearings. The estimate is for \$2,602.93. The current system does not work well and the courts have been holding more WebEX/Zoom hearings since COVID-19. Discussion held on budgeting for the system. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Ditter to approve the Conference System.

Further discussion held on whether or not the county is going to require Andrew Brugman to repay the grant funds he received. The county contributed \$2,466.00 towards the grant. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Nelson to require Brugman to pay back the total amount of \$2,466.00 that the county contributed. Wetovick will write to Brugman to let him know of the board’s decision.

The county received the NIRMA & NIRMA II Renewal Billing Statement for 2021-2022. Nance County’s annual contribution has increased 13.41% (\$10,002). Discussion held on the workers’ compensation portion of the statement, which had the biggest increase. The county could reduce the deductible portion for a savings, but the amount saved would quickly be lost with the submission of one claim. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Voichoskie to leave the insurance deductibles at \$500.00.

Tony Bernt, Highway Superintendent, gives road department updates. Department has been hauling gravel – John Deere dropped off a motor grader for the county roads to demo – 10:12 a.m. Moved by Small and seconded by Voichoskie to go into executive session to discuss personnel. 10:20 a.m. moved by Juracek and seconded by Voichoskie to go out of executive session. Chairman states that no action was taken during the closed session. Bridge abutment repairs on N600th St./Valley Road are complete and open to local traffic-- Department is completing roadwork-hauling dirt, cleaning ditches, doing driveway culverts and roadway culverts. This will probably take another 3 weeks — Department will then move south of the river by Marcy Santin’s to work on drainage in that area – Contractor has not returned to the bridge on N 500th St. Contractor is waiting to get men freed up from other projects— N. Key Road bridge project is moving along – It has been reported by the engineers that FEMA has now changed their pay out on the flood damages from 75% to 90%. Bernt has not seen this in writing and it is uncertain if the additional payout will cover the 12½ % that NEMA was obligated to pay or not—West County Road bridge is again moving forward. They have now met with the tribal council and monthly updates should be received. The project was originally set to let for bids in October 2021; due to COVID-19 that was pushed back to October 2023; now it is back on pace and hopefully bids will be let in October 2022. This is a good program through the State, as there is no cost to the County.

Jerad Reimers, district coordinator for Senator Adrian Smith’s office in Grand Island appears via phone conference. The Grand Island office provides casework for constituents. Examples of this include helping a



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constituent receive specialized minted coins, that they felt were taking too long to receive, to assistance in receiving expedited passports, to helping with a typo correction on an SBA assistance application. Senator Smith continues to sit on the Ways & Means Committee. He is the main Republican voice on the committee. Reimers reports that the Senator is opposed to the 30 x 30 bill as far as information congress has received. There are no concrete specifics as to what the Biden administration is wanting from Congress. Other legislative issues were also reported on.

Board discussed Employee CPR & Sexual Harassment trainings. The last trainings were held in 2018. The CPR certification is good for 2 years and NIRMA suggests Sexual Harassment trainings be held every two years. The trainings will also be discussed at the safety committee meeting this afternoon. The board will leave the trainings up to the safety committee.

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