



# Nance County Board Minutes



August 24, 2021

The Budget Hearing of Nance County was held the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, in the Supervisor's Room of the Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska. Notice of the budget hearing was published in the Nance County Journal and Genoa Leader Times newspapers on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021. Board members present: Timothy Cornwell, Andrew Ditter, Robert Voichoskie, Ralph Horacek, Robert Small and Gary Juracek. Absent: Darren Nelson. Others present: County Clerk, Danette Zarek and SuAnn Engel, budget preparer. The budget hearing was opened at 8:45 AM. Three copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public.

Engel made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget.

8:52 AM Darren Nelson present

The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed budget statement. No one from the public appears for comment. All members of the public wishing to address the governing body were provided a reasonable amount of time to do so. Discussion held. Engel presented additional information on disaster costs and expected FEMA/NEMA payments. At this time the balance in the disaster fund, after this month's payments, is \$1,084,901.26. Not knowing when we will be receiving another FEMA or NEMA payment or what bills will be coming in in the next few months, she suggests not making any bond payments at this time. Voichoskie suggests that the board consider cutting the board member's annual salary by \$1,000.00. The board's salary is set by resolution every four years prior to election of county officials. The salaries will be set again this December for the 2023-2026 term. 9:20 A.M. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Small to close the budget hearing and adjourn the budget hearing. Roll Call: AYES-Juracek, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Small, Nelson, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried. The budget hearing was closed at 9:20 AM. and the hearing adjourned.

Timothy C. Cornwell

Danette Zarek

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The meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on August 24, 2021 in the Supervisor's Room, Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:20 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.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Nance County Journal and the Genoa Leader Times on August 18, 2021.

Notice of the meeting was given to the Board and a receipt of their acknowledgment is on file in the Clerk's office.

The pledge of allegiance is recited.

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to approve the agenda.

Moved by Juracek and seconded by Voichoskie to approve minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting.

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

## **GENERAL FUND**

Appears, supplies-\$14.28; Applied Connective Tech, svcs -\$125.00; Bear Graphics, supplies-\$240.00; Black Hills Energy, gas svc-\$540.00; Boone Co Sheriff, svc. fees-\$18.50; Chad Borowiak, mileage-\$59.92; Capital Business Sys, copies/lease-\$80.93/\$73.71; Ciancio Hardware,



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supplies-\$157.38; City of Fullerton, ambulance/water & sewer-\$250.00/\$287.53; City of Genoa, ambulance-\$250.00; Clearly, phone svc-\$631.10; Culligan, reverse osmosis-\$35.49; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, supplies-\$88.93; Eakes, supplies & copies-\$806.71; EcoLab, svcs-\$105.37; SuAnn Engel, supplies-\$25.54; Fullerton Library, rural cards-\$1250.00; Galls, supplies-\$14.05; Genoa Leader Times, pub-\$809.30; Sonya Glup, mileage-\$180.36; Greeley Co Sheriff, svc. fees-\$48.88; Doris Hardle, prior svc-\$16.00; Heartland Disposal, svcs-\$72.00; Helena Agri-Ent, supplies-\$3,402.20; Hometown Leasing, equip rental-\$407.49; Jacks Uniforms & Equip, supplies-\$1270.12; Jarecki Lay & Sharp, court appt'd atty fees-\$2318.00; Len & Jo's, supplies-\$88.83; Loffler, copier maint.-\$436.81; Loup Power Dist, electricity-\$1201.38; MIPS, svcs-\$2,406.10; John Morgan, Title VI & ADA salary/Special Co Atty-\$200.00/\$75.00; NE Ass'n of Co Officials, regis/supplies-\$300.00/\$50.00/\$6.00; Nance Co Journal, pub/subs-\$433.13; Nance-Trans, donation-\$750.00; NE Assoc of Co. Clerks, ROD, regis-\$50.00; NE HHS, svcs-\$186.00; NE PPD, hosting fee-\$100.00; NIRMA, manuals -\$105.00; Olsson, surveying-\$3182.25; Pappy's, fuel-\$120.78/\$74.02/\$634.20; Platte Co Sheriff, svc. Fees-\$7.77; Platte Valley Comm, svcs-\$967.46; Ross Luzum, Powell & Assoc., special atty fees-\$1453.50; Steve Pritchard, mileage-\$131.91; Purchase of Cash from PWC Bank, postage-\$70.15; Brad Schick, supplies & mileage-\$148.46; Secretary of State, notary app fee-\$30.00; State of Nebraska, network svc charge-\$448.00/\$28.64/\$22.00; Tom's Auto, svcs-\$75.35; UNL-WCREEC, regis-\$85.00; US Bank ,drop box-\$119.88 / supplies-\$762.85; US Cellular, wifi backup-\$9.31; US Postal Service, postage-\$512.00/\$220.00/\$330.00/\$118.00; Verizon Wireless, svcs-\$89.95; Vision Service Plan, Cobra-\$25.53; Wex, fuel-\$476.04; Yosten Law, ct appt atty-\$5,557.50; Danette Zarek, mileage-\$81.76; Zee Medical, supplies-\$44.45; ; Health Insurance-\$18,456.21; Retirement-\$6,234.64; Social Security-\$6,572.83; Disability-\$29.51; Life Insurance-\$32.30 First Concord-\$83.75;

## **ROAD FUND**

Appeara, supplies-\$96.42; Anthony Bernt, reimburse-\$9.72; Black Hills Energy, gas svc.-\$267.90; Casey's, fuel-\$1435.67; Cedar Valley Lumber, supplies-\$331.98; Ciancio Hardware, supplies & tools-\$46.44; City of Fullerton, water & sewer-\$79.46; City of Genoa, water/sewer-\$28.00; Clearly, phone svc-\$46.82; Alexander Cornwell, rental-\$3,200; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, parts & supplies-\$1,006.85; Dinkel's, rental-\$11,029.00; Eakes, supplies-\$369.77; Extreme Glass, parts & labor-\$145.00; Filter Care, svcs-\$188.50; Garrett Enterprises, tires & repair-\$498.80; Grainger, parts & supplies-\$225.37; Grosshans, parts-\$384.00; Heartland Disposal, garbage svc-\$45.75; Hellbusch Sand & Gravel, machine hire-\$520.00; Hometown Leasing, equip-\$64.99; Keith Repair Inc, parts & labor-\$345.61; Lawson Products, parts & tools-\$790.90; Loup Power District, electricity-\$488.69; Medical Enterprises, drug testing-\$120.00; Midwest Service & Sales, supplies-\$21,114.35; MIPS, svcs-\$113.14; NE Machinery Co, parts & labor-\$7,659.00; Occupational Health Svcs, drug testing-\$91.00; Overland Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$5,680.34; Pappy's, fuel-\$3,832.50; Preferred Sand, gravel-\$3,359.85; Pogue Const. Inc, markings-\$4,350.00; Prairie Creek Township, machine hire-\$2,500.00; Cindy Russell, postage-\$6.05; Sahling Kenworth, parts-\$22.78; Sapp Brothers, fuel & supplies-\$10,604.58; Simon Contractors, supplies-\$12,000.00; Strobel Mfg. Inc, parts-\$83.88; Twisted Metal Welding, repair-\$220.00; US Cellular, website-\$69.69; Verizon, phone-\$41.12; Verizon Connect NWF, phone-\$194.28; Village of Belgrade, water & sewer svc-\$30.00; Zee Medical, supplies-\$153.10; Health Insurance-\$12,618.00; Retirement-\$4,212.49; Social Security-\$4,816.17; Disability-\$13.62; Life Insurance-\$17.80; First Concord-\$85.00;

## **VMP FLOW THROUGH FUND**

Loup Power, electricity-\$72.00;

## **K-9 FUND**

Countryside Vet Clinic, boarding & meds-\$285.95;

## **DISASTER FUND**

Simon Contractors, contracts-\$150,859.96; Speece Lewis Engineers Inc, engineering-\$9,206.76



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## **911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Century Link, phone-\$99.39/\$384.73; Clearly, phone-\$23.41; Frontier Citizens, phone-\$50.40; Great Plains Communication, phone-\$88.12; Loup Public Power, electricity-\$29.41;

## **BUILDING FUND**

Cedar Valley Lumber, supplies-\$468.67; Siemens, Fire monitoring agmt-\$444.00

## **SALARY CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND \$42,438.40

ROAD FUND \$30,903.85

Carrie Rodriguez, Chief Probation Officer, and Jeff Banholzer, Chief Deputy Probation Officer, with the District 5 Probation office came before the board to report on services provided to Nance County during 2020. In 2020 they served 59 adults and 7 juveniles. Adults are offered classes provided at the Reporting Center. They also have access to: treatment services, GPS monitoring, continuous alcohol monitoring, transitional housing & cognitive behavioral groups. The cost of the services provided to Nance County adults in 2020 was \$5,327.00. For juveniles, probation works hard to place services in the family home in order to alleviate the need for out of home placement. However, juveniles can be placed in facilities for substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, foster homes, group homes, shelter facilities, detention facilities or the youth rehabilitation treatment centers. The cost of the services provided to Nance County juveniles in 2020 was \$8,440.00. They answered questions of the board.

Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney, present.

Tony Bernt, highway superintendent, gave updates in the road department. Also present is road foreman, Scott Russell. David Ciancio with the City of Fullerton is present and provides the board with a draft of an interlocal agreement between the City of Fullerton and Nance County for mutual cooperation as it relates to road maintenance within the jurisdictional of both entities, mutually holding each other harmless from all loss, liability, or claims arising from acts or omissions of each participant's performance of this agreement. Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney, will review the agreement and the board will act on it at the next meeting – A meeting was held on the West County Road project near Genoa. Cornwell, Horacek & Scott Russell attended the meeting. Bernt states it may be wise as the project is being done to get an environmentalist study done. Then in the future if the county would decide to resurface this road an environmentalist study would not hold up the resurfacing. The cost for the study would be less expensive doing it now also. Bernt will check the cost before have the study done – The department has run out of its first fuel contract (\$1.69/gal.). Beginning September 1st they can start on the new contract (\$2.02/gal.). The 3rd contract starts at the beginning of the year. Contracting fuel has saved the county money –There is one culvert left to place on the N600th St./Forbes project – Juracek asked if the bridges West of Belgrade are ready in case the infrastructure funding with the ARPA funds goes through. Bernt states that some engineering has been done but it is not ready at this time – Discussion held on pivots spraying on the county roads. Bernt states that he receives 3-4 calls a day on this problem. Bakewell states there was a vehicle accident just the other day caused by a pivot spraying on the roadway. This is also a huge cost to the county as it takes 1-2 loads of gravel to fix these roads – Bob with RDO Truck Centers came to look at the old MACK truck. He gave the truck a trade-in value of \$5,500.00. Fixing the truck could possibly run \$30,000.00. Then once fixed something else could go out and cost additional money. At this time the board directs Bernt not to fix the old truck. RDO has one new truck available. It could be December 2022 before another truck is available from the factory.

2021-2022 budget is discussed. SuAnn Engel, budget preparer, is present. Tax rate for the proposed budget is .253699. Last year's tax rate was .227226. Tax rate is up from last year by .026473.

RESOLUTION #21-20



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WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Nance County as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Nance County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Juracek to adopt said resolution. Roll Call: AYES- Horacek, Small, Nelson, Juracek, Ditter, Cornwell; NAYS-Voichoskie. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

### RESOLUTION #21-21

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of Nance County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Nance County, resolves that:

1. The 2021-2022 property tax request be set at:  
General Fund \$ 2,698,766.13  
Building Fund \$ 33,488.95
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 1.05%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be 0.224862 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Nance County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.253699 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Nance County will increase or decrease from last year's budget by -18.64 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2021.

Motion by Juracek, seconded by Horacek to adopt Resolution #21-21.

Voting yes were Juracek, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Small, Nelson, Cornwell. Voting no were None. Motion carried.

The board discusses the role associated with the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act). The roles are: Authorized Representative, Point of Contact and Account Administrator. One representative can serve all three roles, or each role may have a different representative, or multiple representatives may serve the same role. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Ditter to make Danette Zarek, Clerk, Ronda Malander, Treasurer, and SuAnn Engel, representatives to serve in all three roles.

Tom Sonderup and Deb Bitter with the Nance County Ag. Society came before the board to discuss what their budgeted plans are for capital improvements. They stated that the old barn, where the school art work is usually displayed, needs a new roof and paint, lights in the wash rack, a garage door opener for the Ag Building, and a handicap access sidewalk between the new Events building and the livestock barn. Discussion held on the grandstand. There have been a lot of repairs done to the grand stand, but it is questioned as to whether or not it is worth putting any more money into it.



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Cornwell would like to see the City of Fullerton take control of the grand stand as the ag society nor the county use it as much as the city does.

Horacek received a bid of \$1,995.00 for a water softener unit for the Events building. The hard water is causing stains in the new building. The board does not have a problem with installing the unit.

Nelson informs the board that Fullerton Fire is set for a trial run with an Intrepid 9-1-1 system beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. A quote of \$417,000.00 for Fullerton Fire alone was received. Bakewell is looking to see if this would qualify for ARPA funds. He would get the approval prior to switching.

Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Small to adjourn.

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

Timothy C. Cornwell

Chairman

Danette Zarek

County Clerk