



Nance County Board Minutes



October 26, 2021

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on October 26, 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.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Genoa Leader Times on October 20, 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 Juracek and seconded by Voichoskie to approve the agenda.

Moved by Small and seconded by Juracek to approve minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting. Roll Call: AYES-Small, Juracek, Ditter, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSTAIN-Nelson, Voichoskie; Motion carried.

Hilary Maricle, Engagement Zone Coordinator with UNL Extension comes before the board with changes made to the Constitution of the Nebraska Extension in Boone & Nance Counties and their Bylaws, the Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension Services between University of Nebraska Board of Regents, Boone County Board of Supervisors and Nance County Board of Supervisors, the Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement for the Provisions of Cooperative Extension Services and the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Boone-Nance Extension. Changes were discussed. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Nelson to approve and sign each of the above Constitution, Bylaws, Interlocal Agreements and Addendum.

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

GENERAL FUND

AG Spray Equip, parts- \$138.66; Antelope Co Sheriff, Housing- 185.00; Appeara, supplies-\$42.84; Applied Connective Tech, svcs.-\$404.60; Black Hills Energy, svcs-\$540.00; Boone Co Treasurer, quarterly agreement- \$28,714.58; Ashley Boryca, mileage- \$94.08; Capital Business Sys, copies/lease-\$58.67/\$73.71; Allen Chlopek, consulting-\$8.73; Ciancio Hardware, supplies-\$25.10; City of Fullerton, ambulance /sewer & water-\$531.03; City of Genoa, ambulance-\$250.00; Clearly, phone svc-\$633.84; Culligan, reverse osmosis-\$35.99; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, supplies-\$441.52; Eakes, supplies & copies-\$476.19; EcoLab, svcs-\$105.37; Janelle M. Folz, atty fees-\$465.50; Genoa Community Hospital, svcs.-\$836.22; Genoa Leader Times, pub-\$779.20 Sonya Glup, mileage-\$114.78; gWorks, svcs-\$4,375.00; Doris Hardle, prior svc-\$16.00; Heartland Disposal, svcs-\$269.38; Heartland Precision Rifle, training-\$2,800.00; Helena Agri-Ent., supplies-\$2,807.20; Holiday Inn-Kearney, lodging-\$239.90; Hometown Leasing, equip rental-\$407.49; Intrepid Network, subscrip-\$409.50; Jarecki Law, atty fees-\$15,981.39; Kelly Supply Company, parts-\$186.95; Lisa K. Lassek, mileage-\$82.66; Len & Jo's, supplies-\$98.33; Loup Basin RC&D, publication-\$295.80; Loup Power Dist, electricity-\$737.01; Joyce Mason Newquist, prior svc-\$96.00; MIPS, svcs-\$2,406.10; John Morgan, Title VI & ADA salary -\$200.00; Nance Co Clerk, reimburse postage-\$28.00; Nance Co Court, costs claimed-\$434.23; Nance Co Dist Court, costs claimed-\$135.82; Nance Co Journal, pub/svcs-\$681.24; Nance Co Treasurer, supplies-\$2419.90; Nance-Trans, donation-\$750.00; Nebr Health & Human Svcs, svcs-\$171.00; Nebr Sheriff's Ass'n, membership-\$135.00; Homer Nelson, prior svc-\$24.00; Norfolk Lodge & Suites, lodging-\$186.00; Olsson, surveying-\$2,037.80; Palmer Journal, pub-\$105.00; Pappy's, fuel-\$58.71/ \$130.81 /\$749.59; Platte Co Detention, housing-\$750.00; Platte Co Sheriff, paper svc-\$18.59; Polk Co Sheriff, paper svc-\$27.26; Steve Pritchard, mileage-\$82.77; Steven Schwarz, supplies-\$38.20; State of Nebraska, network svc chg-\$50.64; US Bank , purchases-\$1,071.52/\$38.46; US Cellular, wifi backup-\$9.27; US Postal Service, postage-\$116.00;



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Verizon, svcs-\$89.88; Vision Service Plan, cobra-\$8.51; Rodney Wetovick, mileage/ meals-\$239.67; Wex, fuel-\$641.27; WJE Consulting, LLC, svcs-\$1,095.00; Brandi Yosten, atty fees-\$1,111.50; Megan Zoucha, meal-\$27.93; 911 Custom, supplies-\$1,261.00; Health Insurance-\$20,582.49; Retirement-\$6,360.89; Social Security-\$6,580.66; Disability-\$27.24; Life Insurance-\$26.95 First Concord-\$97.50;

ROAD FUND

Ag & Industrial Equip, parts-\$618.19; Appera, supplies-\$147.67; Applied Connective Tech, svcs.-\$25.50; Alex Bialas, supplies-\$100.00; Black Hills Energy, gas svc.-\$256.92; Capital One Trade Credit, supplies & tools-\$399.87; Casey's, fuel-\$757.98; Cedar Valley Lumber, supplies & rentals-\$247.82; Ciancio Hardware, supplies & tools-\$194.69; City of Fullerton, water/sewer-\$76.28; City of Genoa, water-\$28.00; Clearly, phone svc-\$44.24; Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Inc., supplies-\$82.08; Cornhusker PPD, svcs.-\$99.96; Alexander Cornwell, rental-\$4,000.00; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, parts & supplies-\$725.72; Eakes, supplies-\$169.15; Filter Care, svcs-\$137.15; Flatland Mobile Svcs,repair-\$50.00; Front Runner Fab, Inc., supplies-\$16.00; Garrett Enterprises, tires-\$3,375.80; Genoa Leader Times, pub-\$34.80; Grainger, supplies-\$420.42; Heartland Disposal, garbage svc-\$43.75; Hometown Leasing, equip lease-\$64.99; Keith Repair Inc, parts & labor-\$243.99; Lawson Products, supplies-\$70.80; Len & Jo's, supplies-\$14.18; Loup Power Dist, electricity-\$373.81; Midwest Service & Sales, supplies-\$165.00; MIPS, svcs-\$113.14; NACO, conf.-\$300.00; Nance Co Journal, pub.-\$45.50; Nebr. Machinery Co, parts & labor-\$13,807.35; O'Reilly Auto Parts, supplies-\$89.70; Overland Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$4,539.99; Palmer Journal, pub.-\$57.75; Pappy's, fuel-\$5,395.78; Preferred Sand of Genoa, gravel-\$10,534.72; Prairie Creek Township, machine hire-\$2,500.00; Reardon Lawn & Garden, supplies-\$189.00; Sack Lumber, supplies-\$44.08; Sapp Brothers, fuel & supplies-\$11,952.24; Sempek Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$14,091.84; Smith & Sons Repair, parts & labor-\$3,987.70; Speece Lewis Engineers Inc., engineering-\$989.44; Tom's Auto Care, repair-\$20.00; US Cellular, website-\$69.69; Verizon, phone-\$116.00; Verizon Connect NWF, phone-\$194.28; Village of Belgrade, water & sewer-\$30.00; Vontz Paving, Inc, gravel-\$16,072.77; Weldon Parts Inc., parts-\$711.63; Health Insurance-\$12,618.00; Retirement-\$4,371.54; Social Security-\$4,973.38; Disability-\$13.62; Life Insurance-\$17.80 First Concord-\$77.50;

SINKING-ROAD EQUIPMENT FUND

Columbus Tire & Service, tires-\$657.24; Dana Safety Supply Inc., supplies-\$2,925.00; Tina Treffer Signs & Designs, decals-\$600.00;

VMP FLOW THROUGH FUND

Loup Power, electricity-\$71.00;

K-9 FUND

Countryside Vet Clinic, boarding & meds-\$235.34;

DISASTER FUND

Speece Lewis Engineers Inc, engineering-\$381.00;

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

US Bank, Supplies-\$3,681.14

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Century Link, phone-\$202.65/\$374.18; Clearly, 911-\$22.12; Frontier Citizens, phone-\$50.40; Great Plains Comm, phone-\$88.12; Loup Public Power, electricity-\$28.66;

SINKING EMERGENCY MGT FUND

Tina Treffer Signs & Designs, decals-\$280.00;

BUILDING FUND

Applied Connective, svcs.-\$943.09; Overland Ready Mix, drop box cement-\$1,358.50; Trane, svcs.-\$180.00;

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

\$40,848.08



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ROAD FUND

\$33,677.00

Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney, present.

Board reviewed pledged collateral #259292AM2 in the amount of \$100,000.00, which matured on 10/15/21 and newly pledged collateral, #914639KN8 in the amount of \$100,000.00. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Voichoskie that the pledged collateral has been reviewed and approved.

NACO's 2023-2026 Salary Recommendations for County Officials has been received by the Counties. Present are Megan Zoucha, Assessor, Ronda Malander, Treasurer, and Ben Bakewell, Sheriff. The chairman asked for volunteers to sit on a committee to discuss the recommendations and bring their recommendation to the board sometime in December. Those volunteering are Ralph Horacek, Timothy Cornwell, Ronda Malander, Megan Zoucha and Danette Zarek. The committee will meet in November.

Tony Bernt, highway superintendent, gave updates in the road department. Also present is road foreman, Scott Russell. Bernt presented a prepared Standardized System of Annual Reporting (SSAR) for approval and signatures. Discussion held. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Nelson to sign the said Report. County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2021 & Resolution #21-29 is presented.

RESOLUTION #21-29

SIGNING OF THE COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE 2021

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Nance County is hereby authorized to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this 26th day of October, 2021 at Fullerton, Nebraska. County Board Member Nelson moved the adoption of said resolution. Member Horacek Seconded the Motion. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent. Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

– Bernt will be gone on vacation from November 1-15. He will be available by phone if something comes up – They are moving forward on the bridge near Cushing that was damaged. The insurance company is working with Speece Lewis. They will have a contractor come in and do the repairs, since it is insurance related to be sure it is done correctly – Bernt hasn't heard anything on the wheeled excavator. They do have the engine, but are waiting for components. They loaded it up and hauled it to Norfolk – Bernt has been informed that the county will not be responsible for any funds over and above what is held in their soft match fund for the bridge being replaced on West County Road outside of Genoa. He has learned that they will use State bridge funds for the additional cost. The bridge will not be let until November of 2023. Ditter was concerned that we will be held liable for the additional funds due to the resolution signed last meeting approving the Plan-in-Hand and wondered if we need to rescind that resolution. Bernt will check into it, but he believes the resolution was just agreeing that the county agreed to move forward – Horacek asked if we need to contract any fuel for next year. Bernt will get some prices and bring them to the board – John Deere came up to adjust the air pressure in the tires on the new motor grader. Today is the first day the operator is back in the machine to see if the adjustments helped the bouncing – Bids for a new truck are opened. First bid is from Cornhusker International Trucks, Inc. They have one bid for a 515 hp 1850 torque truck @ \$139,581.78 and also a bid for a 565 hp 1850 torque truck @ \$145,209.18. Cost for a 5 yr./300,000 mile warranty is \$3,275.00 & for a 7 yr./250,000 mile warranty is \$5,400.00 on both bids. Trucks would be available in March 2022. Second bid is from RDO Truck Centers. Their bid is for a 505 hp 1860 torque truck @ \$146,362.00. Cost for a 7 yr./250,000 mile warranty is \$7,942.00. RDO has



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offered a \$5,500.00 trade in value on the old MACK truck. They have this truck and it will be available in 2 weeks. Both companies have financing available for 5 years @ 3.25%. Discussion held. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Juracek to purchase the truck from RDO Truck Centers for \$146,362.10 along with the 7 yr. warranty. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Small, Juracek, Ditter, Cornwell; NAYS-Nelson, Voichoskie. Motion carried.

Resolution #21-30 to pay off the small bond is presented to the board. The principal amount of the bond was \$1,015,000.00. Principal and accrued interest total \$1,018,978.24. The county has received enough FEMA funds to pay off the bond and the road department has now paid all the disaster bills and do not expect additional bills coming out of the disaster fund. Therefore, the county has the option to pay off this bond. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Ditter to approve said resolution. Said resolution is available for inspection at the clerk's office during normal business hours.

SuAnn Engel, HR, comes before the board to discuss the COVID & sick time policy. She has discussed this with Jenna Clark, Em. Mgr. and from what she has been hearing, we are only half way through the COVID epidemic. We have had situations here at the courthouse and each have been handled by their own offices. The COVID tests are not always free now and could cost up to \$800 for employees, if not covered by their insurance. The CDC recommends quarantining 14 days if you have had contact with someone with COVID and then another 14 days if you show symptoms. The schools do not follow these guidelines and she wondered if the board would agree to have the offices continue to handle their own situations as they see fit. The board agrees.

There are a number of outdated inventory items filling up the basement & halls of the courthouse. It is suggested to hold another silent bid auction of the items. Board agrees. An ad will be placed in the Genoa Leader-Times and Nance County Journal of the dates that the items will be available for bids.

Information has been received from NACO of two legal Opioid Litigation Settlements. Counties are eligible for distributions of money from the settlements. NACO is requesting that counties discuss the options and prior to December 31st choose to sign on to the agreements making the county eligible to receive funds, choose to sign on to the agreements but elect to contribute our county's share to the Nebraska's Opioid Recovery Fund for use within our Behavioral Health Region, or elect to not sign on to the agreements and forgo any distributions. The county has not seen any of the agreements and will discuss at a later date once more information has been received.

Board discusses a conservation easement received. A conservation easement is a contract used to surrender a portion of property rights to a land trust or to the government for conservation purposes. Land put into such an easement reduces the tax value of the property, and the landowner loses control of the land. Wetovick explains the process to the board. The easement has been referred to the Planning and Zoning Administrator for comments per Neb. Rev. Stat. §76-2,112.

Moved by Juracek 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