



# Nance County Board Minutes



November 23, 2021

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on November 23, 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 and Gary Juracek. Darren Nelson is present via ZOOM. 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 November 17, 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 Horacek to approve the agenda.

Moved by Juracek and seconded by Voichoskie to approve minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting.

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

## **GENERAL FUND**

Appeara, supplies-\$42.84; Applied Connective Tech, svcs.-\$167.50/37.50; Black Hills Energy, service-\$482.00; Chad Borowiak, parts/travel-\$162.55; Ashley Boryca, mileage- \$18.70; Capital Business Sys, copies/lease-\$62.60/\$73.71; Ciancio Hardware, supplies-\$98.37; City of Fullerton, ambulance -\$250.00; City of Genoa, ambulance-\$250.00; Clearly, phone svc-\$633.80; Pat Connelly, mileage/stipend-\$25.52/\$15.00; Culligan, reverse osmosis & installation-\$124.06; Zach Czarnick, mileage-\$30.46; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, supplies-\$392.43/\$133.89/\$19.24/\$156.76; Chuck Delancey, mileage/stipend-\$7.41/\$15.00; Dollar General. Supplies-\$42.90; Annette Dubas, mileage-\$53.76; Eakes, supplies & copies-\$850.16; EcoLab, svcs-\$155.37; DeeAnn Epley, prior service-\$72.00; Tyler Foland, mileage-\$24.86; Genoa Leader Times, pub-\$438.30; Sonya Glup, mileage-\$49.19; Hamilton County Treasurer, Judge costs-\$311.57; Doris Hardle, prior service-\$16.00; Heartland Disposal, svcs-\$124.54; Helena Agri-Ent., supplies-\$1,612.50; Hometown Leasing, equip rental-\$407.49; Brett Houtby, mileage/stipend-\$26.68/\$15.00; Kelly Supply Company, parts-\$156.20; Bob Konwinski, mileage-\$17.92; Dale Lassek, mileage-\$17.92; Len & Jo's, supplies-\$65.86; Loup Power Dist, electricity-\$854.98; Merrick County Sheriff's Office, svcs-\$6.50; Midwest Card and ID Solutions, LLC, supplies-\$585.82; MIPS, svcs & supplies-\$2,622.28; John Morgan, Title VI & ADA salary -\$200.00; Tim Morthole, mileage-\$20.16; Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials, dues-\$1,407.58; Nance County Court List #265 & 266, court cost -\$86.50; Nance County District Court List #268, court cost-\$51.00; Nance County Court List #305, court cost-\$72.00; Nance Co Journal, pub-\$464.07; Nance County Treasurer, Bonds-interest on 2019 bonds-\$11,707.50/interest & principal 2020 bonds-\$1,018,978.24; Nance-Trans, donation-\$750.00; National Assoc. of Counties, dues-\$45.00; Nebraska Health & Human Services, svcs-\$186.00; Nebraska Weed Contral Assoc., training-\$120.00; Olsson, surveying-\$1,680.00; Pappy's, fuel-\$176.68/\$198.26/\$701.30; Platte County Sheriff, svcs-\$137.49; Poster Compliance Center, supplies-\$67.95; Ross Luzum, Powell & Associates, atty fees-\$776.40; Steve Pritchard, mileage-\$98.94; RT Plumbing, repair-\$130.00; Brad Schick, mileage-\$68.32; Kendal Sock, mileage/stipend-\$20.88/\$15.00; State of Nebraska, network svc charge-\$28.64/\$448.00/\$22.00; Thomas Reuters, subscrip.-\$720.00; US Bank , purchases-\$440.10/\$27.81/\$154.88; US Cellular, wifi backup-\$9.24; US Postal Service, postage-\$232.00; Verizon, svcs-\$89.76; Vision Service Plan, cobra-\$8.51; Dan Wetovick, mileage-\$4.48; Wex, fuel-\$816.76; WJE Consulting, LLC, svcs-\$1,460.00; Delmer Wondercheck, stipend-\$15.00; Brandi Yosten, atty fees-\$1,366.00; 911 Custom,supplies-\$1,343.00; Health Insurance-\$20,582.49; Retirement-\$6,921.16; Social Security-\$7,140.10; Disability-\$24.75; Life Insurance-\$23.80 First Concord-\$105.00;



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## **ROAD FUND**

A.J.'s of Genoa, fuel-\$292.64; Appeara, supplies-\$96.42; Applied Connective Technologies, svcs.-\$25.50; Bell Bank, payment-\$28,342.50; Black Hills Energy, gas svc.-\$267.90; Capital One Trade Credit, tools-\$174.99; Casey's, fuel-\$946.28; Cedar Valley Lumber, supplies & rentals-\$328.62; City of Genoa, water/sewer-\$28.00; Clearly, phone svc-\$44.24; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, parts & supplies-\$179.14; Dinkel's, rental-\$5,826.00; Eakes, supplies-\$55.32; Equipment Blades Inc., supplies & freight-\$4,495.00; Filter Care, svcs-\$457.85; Front Runner Fab, Inc., supplies-\$70.00; Genoa Leader Times, pub-\$92.80; GI Trailer, parts & freight-\$517.57; Grainger, parts & supplies-\$161.23; Heartland Disposal, garbage svc-\$43.75; Hellbusch Sand and Gravel, machine hire-\$1,335.00; Hometown Leasing, equip-\$64.99; Keith Repair Inc, parts & labor-\$203.95; Len & Jo's, supplies-\$4.57; Loup Power District, electricity-\$349.99; Medical Enterprises Inc., testing-\$60.00; MIPS, svcs-\$113.14; Nance County Journal, pub.-\$31.73; Nebraska Machinery Company, parts & labor-\$5,913.08; O'Reilly Auto Parts, supplies-\$167.16; Occupational Health Services, testing-\$27.00; Overland Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$3,224.50; Pappy's, fuel-\$6,794.95; Preferred Sand of Genoa, gravel-\$6,087.16; Powerplan, parts& supplies-\$459.35; Prairie Creek Township Treasurer, road maint.-\$2,500.00; RDO Truck Centers, parts & labor-\$223.62; Sapp Brothers, fuel & supplies-\$10,331.00; Sempek Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$14,514.36; Smith & Sons Repair, parts & labor-\$2,686.86; Theis Inspection Services, Inc., contracts-\$395.92; Tools Plus Industries LLC, tools & freight-\$249.85; Uline, supplies & freight-\$87.41; US Cellular, website-\$69.69; Verizon, phone-\$41.02; Verizon Connect NWF, phone-\$194.28; Village of Belgrade, water & sewer svc-\$30.00; Vontz Paving, Inc, gravel-\$37,232.16; Health Insurance-\$12,618.00; Retirement-\$4,004.56; Social Security-\$4,572.79; Disability-\$22.70; Life Insurance-\$30.40 First Concord-\$77.50;

## **SINKING-ROAD EQUIPMENT FUND**

Caterpillar Financial Services CORP., equipment-\$83,578.16

## **SINKING-SHERIFF VEHICLE FUND**

Dana Safety Supply, supplies-\$6,002.40

## **VMP FLOW THROUGH FUND**

Loup Power, electricity-\$68.00

## **K-9 FUND**

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

## **DISASTER FUND**

Speece Lewis Engineers Inc, engineering-\$381.00;

## **INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

Big G's Smoke Shack, meal-\$828.00; Dollar General, supplies-\$10.50; First Concord, BCBS Buy down-\$6,368.82; Len & Jo's, supplies-\$75.35; US Bank, Supplies-\$39.27

## **911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Century Link, phone-\$99.39/\$127.07; Clearly, 911-\$22.12; Frontier Citizens, phone-\$50.40; Great Plains Communication, phone-\$88.12; Loup Public Power, electricity-\$29.12;

## **SALARY CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND                      \$46,149.53

ROAD FUND                            \$30,799.98

Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney, present.

Board discusses the Juneteenth holiday. Also present is SuAnn Engel, HR, and Megan Zoucha, Assessor. The county is in the process of updating their employee handbook. It would be nice to be able to include in the update, how the county is going to handle this holiday. Wetovick looked at the statutes and they are confusing as they pertain to Courts. Engel suggested that the county follow all State and Federal Holidays. When the State offices are closed, there is no support for several of the courthouse offices due to the closure. It would also take the burden off of the



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board/chairman in making such decisions when they come up. Further discussion. Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Ditter to include in the updated handbook that the courthouse will be closed on the current 12 observed holidays, and all state & federal holidays declared by law or proclamation of the President or Governor, including Juneteenth. Roll Call: AYES-Voichoskie, Nelson, Ditter, Cornwell; NAYS-Horacek, Juracek. Motion carried.

The board discussed the opioid litigation settlement agreements (Johnson & Johnson) (Distributors Settlement). Wetovick reports that the attorney general of several different states filed suit against companies that manufacture opioids and have recovered settlement monies. Options available to the county are: #1 Sign on to both agreements making the county eligible to receive its direct share; #2 Sign on to both agreements but elect to contribute the county's share to Nebraska's Opioid Recovery Fund for use within our Behavioral Health Region; #3 Elect not to sign the agreements and forgo any distributions. Ditter reports that this was discussed at the recent Region IV Mental Health & Substance Abuse meeting. The region includes 22 counties. It was suggested, and most counties are in favor of option #2, signing the agreements opting to contribute to the NE Opioid Recovery Fund for use within our Behavioral Health Region. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Horacek to sign on to the agreements and elect to contribute the county's share for use within our Behavioral Health Region.

Ben Bakewell, County Sheriff is present.

Tony Bernt, road foreman, gave updates in the road department. Also present is Road Foreman, Scott Russell. The components for the excavator have not come in yet – Berggren Architects came and looked at the roof of the road building. The flat roof has been leaking for some time now and is getting quite bad. The rubber roof is shrinking and pulling in the walls. Berggren Architects suggested completely removing the old rubber/rock roof and replace it. The insulation under the roof is also shot. The building is roughly 60'x140'. There is a new roofing option that is self-adhesive and does not need rock applied. Cornwell suggested putting up steel trusses and make the roof a sloped steel roof. Bernt would like to have the architect company put together some specs to put out for bids to fix the roof. Board agrees – the department continues to clean bridges off and keeping the roads up – current fuel contract has 58 gallons left. The contracted price on the fuel is \$2.02/gal. On January 1 the new 30,000-gallon contract starts. The contracted price on the fuel is \$2.24/gal. current diesel price is \$3.03 – they are still running the tree shredder – new JD motor grader is working better – department has been working on 140<sup>th</sup> Ave. south of the west county shed. Bernt recommends rebuilding the road next year. It is a 2.5-mile stretch – they have completed all FEMA meetings and are now meeting with NEMA.

2022 MACK truck has been financed through Bell Bank. A Lessee's Authorization Resolution is presented to the board. Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Juracek to sign said Resolution No. 21-33. A full copy of the resolution may be viewed at the Nance County Clerk's office during normal business hours.

A resolution received from the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD) is discussed. The resolution with attached interlocal agreement between Nance County and NENEDD is being updated due to NENEDD updating its procurement requirements as it relates to development districts. The update requires that the interlocal agreement address the issue of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administration. The interlocal agreement has been updated and the resolution authorizes Nance County's participation in NENEDD. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Ditter to approve said Resolution No. 21-34. A full copy of the resolution may be viewed at the Nance County Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Reappointment of Board of Adjustment committee members is discussed. Shelby Thomas is present. Tim Morthole, Dan Wetovick & alternate, Natalie Sharman's appointments were up in January. Morthole does not wish to serve an additional term. Wetovick and Sharman are willing to serve an additional term and Sharman is willing to fill Mr. Morthole's vacancy. Thomas does not yet



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have anyone willing to serve the alternate position. Discussion held. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Voichoskie to reappoint Dan Wetovick and Natalie Sharman to the Board of Adjustment committee, with terms beginning January 1, 2021.

Engel updates the board on the disability & life insurance renewal. There has been no change in the fees and there is an 18-month guaranty on these fees.

The salary committee presented the board with their recommendation for the 2023-2026 term. The recommendation is to start the clerk/assessor/treasurer at \$58,000.00 and increase the salary annually an additional \$2,000.00. The county attorney/sheriff would start at \$66,700.00. (115% of the clerk/assessor/ treasurer) and increase annually an additional \$2,300.00. The supervisor's salary would start at \$14,500.00 (25% of the clerk/assessor/treasurer), and increase annually an additional \$500.00. Discussion held. The board will act on the recommendation at the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Juracek excused.

The 2022-2023 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement was inadvertently added to the agenda and should not have been until Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Ditter and seconded by Voichoskie to adjourn. Roll Call: AYES-Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Nelson, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Juracek, Small. Motion carried.

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

Timothy C. Cornwell

Chairman

Danette Zarek

County Clerk