



# Nance County Board Minutes



February 8, 2022

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on February 8, 2022 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. Chairman advised those present of the open meetings act and its posting in the Courtroom.

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

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Nance County Journal on February 2, 2022.

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 Nelson and seconded by Small to approve the agenda.

Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Nelson to approve minutes of the January 25, 2022 meeting.

Moved by Juracek and seconded by Small to approve all salary claims submitted.

## **SALARY CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND	\$53,380.18
ROAD FUND	\$30,420.79

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$3,248.62; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$93.75; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$1,066.56.

SuAnn Engel, HR, gave an update on the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). The county should be able to spend the money on all of the projects discussed (ambulances, flooring, restroom remodel, sewer pipe replacement, building repairs, etc.) She has a 1:00 appointment today with BD for the flooring/restroom remodel. Annual reports are required to report spending of the funds, with the first one being due April 30<sup>th</sup>, covering March 1, 2021 thru March 30, 2022. This first report shouldn’t entail a whole lot for Nance County, since we haven’t spent any of the money yet to date.

Board reviewed pledged collateral #05580AGE8 in the amount of \$245,000.00, which was called in on 2/2/22, and newly pledged collateral #25932XDG9 in the amount of \$180,000.00 and #25932GBL7 in the amount of \$185,000.00. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Nelson that the pledged collateral has been reviewed and approved.

9:40 a.m. Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney present.

The ZOOM subscription comes up for renewal in March. Discussion held on the continuation of the subscription. Subscription cost is \$150.00/year. Board members unable to attend the meetings, county officials and employees have been able to listen in on the meetings with the use of ZOOM. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Small to continue the subscription.

Tony Bernt, Highway Superintendent, presented the board with the following 2020 weed reports for Chad Borowiak, Weed Superintendent: 1) Activity Report for 2021; 2) Noxious Weed Control Plan; 3) Noxious Weed Infestation Report; 4) Weed Control Authority Board Roster; 5) Budget Report 6) NE Invasive Plant Watch List Infestation Report.

10:00 a.m. Ben Bakewell, County Sheriff present.

Tony Bernt, Highway superintendent, gives department updates. Landowner concerns of tree limbs in the Timber Creek River that are causing erosion to the river bank is discussed. The landowner will most likely need to contact the NRD to get permits to remove the limbs from the river – Bernt states that there are a couple of trees in the county that Hellbusch Tree Removal will be cutting



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down and the county will be cleaning up. One by Roger Ahlers' driveway and one on 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. by the county line – Discussion held on a couple of decommissioned irrigation wells in the County ROW near Genoa. The board recommends that they contact Terry Penne regarding the proper way to cap the wells – Bernt states that the department will be working on some smaller projects, waiting on the bigger projects to see if the weather holds out for next month – NEMA continues to go through & matching up invoices to the flood projects. The county has received payments on some small projects – Discussion held on contracting for fuel, but with the price fluctuating so much at this time, the company needs time frames that the county is looking at for quotes – All road employees who plan on getting CDLs now have their learner's permits. Three employees will not be obtaining a CDL – No news on the excavator.

At the last meeting a quote for a TV/Audio/Technology for the Events Center was discussed. Horacek is making applications for monies from the Margaret Russell Foundation, Nance County Foundation, Nance County Economic Development and Fullerton Economic Development on behalf of the 4-H Council in the amounts of \$2500.00 each. In addition, the 4-H Council has agreed to put \$3,500.00 towards the technology. These funds would more than enough to pay for the cost of the technology. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Juracek to accept the quotes for the installation of the technology in the Event Center and pay for the cost out of the inheritance tax fund and when grant monies are received deposit the money back into the inheritance tax fund. Ashley Boryca, extension office manager, reports that there are 4 events scheduled for this week and 3 for next week.

Engel reports back on the computer security/antivirus quote from Applied Connective Technologies (ACT) from the last meeting. A motion to accept the proposal failed due to a tie vote. The county has already paid the sum of \$6,000.00 to ACT in 2021 for computer security/antivirus issues. The quotes submitted by ACT will cover these costs, plus other services. Since the last meeting an instance happened in one of the offices where an email was sent under an employee's name and mistaken for the employee. The email was then forwarded on to the HR Department. ACT scanned the 3 computers in the two offices to be sure no harm was done by forwarding on the email. Engel is highly recommending that the county approve the computer security/antivirus monitoring by ACT. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Horacek to accept the Applied Connective Technology quotes for email security and anti-phishing, remote management & monitoring with patch management & reporting module at a cost of \$252.50 per month, with a one-time set up cost of \$400.00 and a firebox w/ basic security & managed services, premium managed services, and premium managed network plan at a cost of \$1,485.00/month, with a one-time installation fee of \$1,500.00. The cost to be taken out of the building fund and/or the inheritance tax fund. The cost will then be budgeted for future years from the miscellaneous general fund.

Ron Sims presents a quote in the amount of \$3,200.00 from RT Plumbing LLC to replace all water/sewer pipes in the basement from cast iron to PVC and re-pipe bathroom group & line to main floor mop sink. Discussion held. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Horacek to accept said quote. A request was made to place something next to the ballot box to prevent people from accidentally hitting it when placing ballots in the box. Several suggestions made. After discussion, it was decided to check with NIRMA to see what they would suggest using.

Board received a letter from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency re: the Emergency Management Performance Grant Desk Monitoring Review held with Jenna Clark, Emergency Manager, the week of January 17, 2022. No corrective actions are required.

Moved by Ditter and seconded by Nelson 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



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Danette Zarek  
County Clerk

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