



# Nance County Board Minutes



May 10, 2022

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on May 10, 2022 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 Courtroom.

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Nance County Journal on May 4, 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 Juracek to approve the agenda.

Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Small to approve minutes of the April 26, 2022 meeting.

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

## **SALARY CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND	\$57,805.10
ROAD FUND	\$34,217.55

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$5,081.54; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$104.40; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$834.62.

Dan Cornwell, Planning & Zoning Administrator, presents a lot split for Tim Cornwell, splitting 4.62 acres from an 83.8-acre tract in the SE ¼ of Section 10, Township 17 North, Range 4, Nance County. Discussion held. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Small to approve said lot split. Roll Call: AYES-Juracek, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Small, Nelson; NAYS-None; ABSTAIN-Cornwell. Motion carried.

Don Shuda, Veteran’s Service agent, comes before the board to request a small increase to his budget. Also present are Stanley Tarnick and Henry Bigge. Committee members met earlier this morning and are suggesting a \$600.00 increase in the budget. Current budget is \$19,733.00. Increase would bring the budget up to \$20,333.00. Shuda reports that in 2020 Nance County veterans received \$1,132,000.00 for compensation for a service-connected disability or a VA nonservice connected pension. His office is getting set up with a computer system to allow veterans to enroll in the VA health care system. In the past they would have to go to the VA hospital to get enrolled. The board does not foresee a problem with the \$600.00 increase in the veteran’s service budget.

The board discusses the audit agreement with Romans, Weimer & Associates for 2022, 2023 & 2024. The agreement includes an increase of \$300 for 2022 and an increase of \$250 for both 2023 & 2024. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to approve and sign the audit agreement.

9:47 a.m. Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney present.

Tony Bernt, Highway Superintendent, gives updates on the road department. Also present is Scott Russell, Road Foreman – Utility permits from Great Plains Communications to place buried fiber optic cable under several roads between Fullerton and Belgrade. After discussion the board would like to have the cable installed down the center of the road and asked Bernt to inform Great Plains – the department is working on interlocal agreements with the cities and counties that share roads with Nance County – Weathercraft has put together some specifications for the roof of the



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county building. They will allow the county to use these specifications to solicit for bids, but if the county selects another county for the roofing, they will require the county to pay them \$8,000.00 for the specifications. Discussion held. Moved by Juarcek and seconded by Nelson to use the Weathercraft specification and advertise for bids stating in the ad that winning bid must supply a licensed engineer plan – County employee was pulling a log along the road and when he lifted up the log to go over a bridge the log fell off and the employee did not notice. A county resident came along and ran over the log and it made a hole in the oil pan. Resident stopped to look at the damage and did not notice that the log had made a hole in the oil pan and continued to drive the car. The engine was then destroyed. Bernt feels the responsibility falls on the county for dropping the log on the road. He suggests sending the damage into NIRMA for payment – hauling gravel to catch up on the rain. Prices of gravel have gone up. Sempek price is \$12.75; Sand plant is \$14.00; Vontz and Overland are \$15.00. May need to discuss further at budget time – A school bus went off the road on 140<sup>th</sup>. The road is bad. He feels the best solution is to rebuild the road; on average they gravel the road 3 times a year – He offered the road maintenance mechanic position to Kevin Loseke and he accepted the position. The new excavator motor got hot on them when they were using it the other day. They will need to get it checked out.

The board reviewed newly pledged collateral #3130ANPJ3 in the amount of \$1,050,000.00. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Voichoskie that the pledged collateral has been reviewed and approved.

Denny Johnson, Boone County Sheriff, comes to the board to discuss the dispatch contract with Nance County. Also present is SuAnn Engel, HR, Johnson was having a hard getting applicants and keeping dispatch employees. The starting wage was \$13-\$14/hour and no one was applying. He approached Boone County's Commissioners to come up with a wage increase so he can get applicants for this position. The Commissioners did agree to a \$3.00 increase and is down to one opening and he has two applicants to consider. Due to the wage increase and the large increase in health insurance, he feels he will need to increase the contract between Nance and Boone County. He also provided a list of the benefits Boone County offers to their employees. Engel asked how much of an increase Boone County has received from the 2913 funds since they took over dispatch. Johnson did not have that information. Also, at a meeting held last year there was a discussion on adjusting the contract due to the fact that Nance County had continued to pay bills that Boone should have taken over when the contract was originally entered into. Those bills will need to be gathered up for further discussion. A subcommittee of Nelson and Juracek is set up to meet with Boone County to discuss the new contract.

Riley Lane with the Nance County fair board comes to discuss the purchase of additional tables & chairs for the fairgrounds. At this time the county does not have enough tables or chairs to fill up the Events Center if it is rented for a large gathering. The renters would have to go out and find another vendor to rent tables and chairs from. He suggests the county purchase additional tables and chairs and the fair board store them for no cost for allowing them to use them during fair or other events. Summit Carbon Solutions was looking to make donations to counties and they could be approached to see if they would be interested in purchasing the tables and chairs. Discussion held. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Juracek to purchase the additional tables and chairs, along with 2 table carts and 5 chair carts at a cost of \$14,218.00 to be paid out of the inheritance tax fund. County will own and fair board will store, with the understanding that the tables and chairs do not leave the premises. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Small, Nelson, Juracek, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-Ditter; Motion carried.

Board discusses the 2022-2023 health insurance plan for the county employees. Mike Boden with NACO joins via Zoom. Engel handed out NACO's rates for the different deductible options, along with several options for the county to consider. A subcommittee met prior to the board meeting to discuss the options. The county currently pays the cost of a \$2,500.00 deductible plan and does a



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buydown of the deductible so the employee pays the first \$1,000.00 and the county reimburses the employee for the deductible costs between \$1,000.00 and \$2,500.00. The recommendation from the subcommittee is for the county to go with the \$6,100.00 deductible plan and do a buydown of the deductible so the employee would pay the first \$2,100.00 and the county would reimburse the employee for the deductible costs between \$2,100.00 and \$6,100.00. The recommendation is to keep the employee share of the insurance premium as it is currently with the PPO plan, with the County picking up the additional cost of the premium. It is further recommended to eliminate the HSA option as it is no longer effective. Discussion held. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Juracek to offer the \$6,100.00 deductible plan to the employees, with a \$4,000.00 buydown and no increase of the premium cost to the employee. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Small, Juracek, Ditter, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-Nelson. Motion carried.

Discussion held on the transfer of funds from general fund to road fund.

## RESOLUTION #22-4

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NANCE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS to authorize the County Treasurer to make the following transfer in accordance with the adopted 2021-2022 budget: transfer \$314,899.60 from the general fund to the road fund. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Nelson to approve said resolution. Roll Call: AYES-Juracek, Voichoskie, Horacek, Small, Nelson, Cornwell; NAYS-Ditter; ABSENT-None. Motion carried.

Wetovick prepared a Memorandum of Understanding for the Purchase of a New Ambulance between the County and both the City of Genoa and with the City of Fullerton. The contract states that both the County and City are recipients of ARPA/SLFRF funds and the County is willing to make the cities a subrecipient of \$200,000 of their ARPA/SLFRF funds for the purchase of new ambulances for the cities. The County will advertise for and solicit sealed bids for the new ambulances and the City and County will both review said bids and agree on whether to accept or reject said bids.

Horacek informs the board that the next meeting of the City of Fullerton is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>. He will get on the agenda for the transfer of the grandstand from the county to the City of Fullerton. Rod will put together a document to sign for said transfer.

Moved by Horacek 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