



# Nance County Board Minutes



October 25, 2022

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on October 25, 2022 in the Supervisor's Room, Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. with the following members present-Andrew Ditter, Robert Voichoskie, Robert Small 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.

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

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Genoa Leader Times on October 19, 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 Juracek and seconded by Small to approve the agenda.

Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Small to approve minutes of the October 11, 2020 meeting.

9:13 a.m. Timothy Cornwell, Ralph Horacek, Supervisors, and Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney, are present.

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

## **GENERAL FUND**

Ag Sray Equipment, parts-\$39.27; Appera, supplies-\$52.28; Applied Connective Tech, svcs.-\$1,702.44; Julie L. Bellis, hrg. transcript-\$52.50; Black Hills Energy, gas-\$301.00; Boone Co Sheriff Dept, housing & svcs-\$2,406.48; Boone Co Treasurer, dispatching-\$34,000.00; Ashley Boryca, mileage-\$112.63; Butler Co Detention Ctr, housing-\$700.00; Capital Business Sys, copies/lease-\$53.56/\$73.71; Cedar Valley Lumber, supplies-\$56.95; Central NE Youth Svcs, contract-\$4,331.00; Ciancio Hardware, supplies-\$165.71; City of Fullerton, ambulance/water & sewer -\$250.00/\$295.47; City of Genoa, ambulance-\$250.00; Clearly, phone svc-\$665.71; Dan Cornwell, mileage-\$124.38; Culligan, reverse osmosis-\$70.99; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, supplies & parts-\$237.57; Eakes, supplies & copies-\$864.09; Ecolab, svcs-\$105.37; Election Systems & Software, election costs-\$5,729.29; First Concord, buy down-\$3,943.96; Janelle M. Foltz, atty fees-\$356.25; Genoa Leader Times, pub-\$980.90; Sonya Glup, mileage -\$244.76; Doris Hardle, prior svc-\$16.00; Heartland Disposal, svcs-\$52.00; Helena Agri-Ent, LLC, supplies-\$43.86; Jody Hoffman, svcs-\$135.00; Holiday Inn, lodging-\$209.90; Hometown Leasing, equip rental-\$410.62; Ralph Horacek, supplies-\$32.10; Konexus, svcs-\$2,662.00; Lisa Lassek, mileage-\$107.75; Len & Jo's, supplies-\$84.88; Loffler, copies-\$2.09; Loup Basin RC&D, pub.-\$278.26; Loup Power Dist, elect.-\$747.71; Joyce Mason-Newquist, prior svc-\$96.00; MIPS, svcs-\$2,461.59; John Morgan, Title VI & ADA salary-\$200.00; NACO, reg./postcard-\$900.00/\$1,780.20; Nance Co Ct, court costs #278-\$140.00; Nance Co Dist Ct, court costs #316-\$72.00; Nance Co Journal, pub.-\$664.70; NanceTrans, donation-\$750.00; NE Health & Human Svcs, svcs-\$12.00; NE Ass'n of Co Assessors, meal-\$25.00; NE Sheriffs Ass'n., dues-\$230.00; NE State Bar Ass'n., directory-\$50.00; NE Planning & Zoning Ass'n, reg.-\$115.00; NE Public Power Dist., fee-\$100.00; Homer Nelson, prior svc.-\$24.00; Nextoner, supplies-\$129.00; Olsson, svcs-\$7,744.24; Pappy's, fuel-\$88.11/\$1,091.32; Platte Co. Detention Facility, housing-\$1,700.00; Platte Co Sheriff, svcs-\$7.30; Platte Valley Comm, svcs-\$1,100.00; Steve Pritchard, mileage-\$144.13; Purchase of Cash, clerk-\$4.50; Purchase of Cash, atty-\$58.47; Joseph M. Smith, atty fees-\$104.50; State of NE, network svc chg-\$50.64; Sunset Law Enforcement, supplies-\$4,887.80; Trouba Law Offices, LLC, atty fees-\$1,501.00; US Bank, lodging/purchases/fuel & travel-\$340.22/\$115.73/\$437.01; US Cellular, wifi backup-\$10.25; US Post Office, postage-



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\$240.00/\$520.00/\$60.00; Verizon,Phone-\$91.62; Vision Svc Plan, cobra-\$8.51; Wanek Pharmacy, svcs-\$25.43; Rodney Wetovick, mileage & meals-\$211.79; WJE Consulting, LLC, installment-\$1,095.00; Brandi Yosten, atty fees-\$10,259.66; Health Insurance-\$19,203.78; Retirement-\$6,816.77; Social Security-\$7,197.78; Disability-\$34.07; Life Insurance-\$35.95 First Concord-\$112.50;

## **ROAD FUND**

A.J.'s of Genoa, fuel-\$618.19; Appeara, supplies-\$124.62; Applied Connective Tech, svcs-\$30.60; Arnold Motor Supply, parts-\$265.01; B's Enterprises, Inc, supplies-\$5,115.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel-\$267.90; Casey's, fuel-\$868.91; Cedar Valley Lumber, supplies-\$264.98; Ciancio Hardware, supplies-\$15.74; City of Fullerton, water/sewer-\$70.25; City of Genoa, water/sewer-\$28.00; Clearly, svcs-\$45.60; Cornhusker PPD, elec.-\$95.62; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, parts & supplies-\$308.03; Dinkels, parts & rental-\$8,495.00; Filter Care, parts-\$292.30; Heartland Disposal, garbage svc-\$43.75; Hometown Leasing, equip-\$68.11; Loup Power Dist., electricity-\$395.75; Midwest Hydraulic Svc, parts & labor-\$236.45; MIPS, svcs-\$116.53; NE Machinery Co, parts & labor-\$7,253.95; O'Reilly Auto Parts, parts & supplies-\$285.96; Overland Sand and Gravel, gravel-\$1,289.12; Pappy's, fuel-\$9,241.36; Powerplan, parts & supplies-\$2,158.90; Prairie Creek Township, road maint.-\$2,500.00; Reardon Lawn & Garden, parts-\$49.96; Sack Lumber, supplies-\$38.95; Sapp Brothers, fuel & supplies-\$18,955.25; Sempek Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$19,261.00; T & R Parts Store, supplies-\$24.99; T & R Repair, repair-\$408.94; US Cellular, website-\$69.69; Verizon, phone-\$42.79; Verizon Connect NWF, phone-\$178.09; Village of Belgrade, water & sewer-\$30.00; Vontz Paving, Inc., gravel-\$7,402.50; Weldon Parts, parts-\$61.65; Health Insurance-\$13,525.12; Retirement-\$4,110.81; Social Security-\$4,937.60; Disability-\$13.62; Life Insurance-\$17.80 First Concord-\$77.50;

## **HWY BRIDGE/ROAD BUYBACK PROGRAM FUND**

Simon Contractors Co, Bridge/road contracts-\$280,088.22; Speece Lewis Engineers Inc, bridge/road contracts-\$21,291.25;

## **ROAD EQUIPMENT FUND**

Caterpillar Financial Services Corp, contract pmt-\$85,676.27;

## **APPRIASIAL FUND**

Eakes Office Solutions, digitize parcel cards-\$1,452.06;

## **VMP FLOW THROUGH FUND**

Loup Power, elect. -\$87.00;

## **CANINE FUND**

Countryside Vet Clinic, svcs-\$138.50;

## **COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND**

B-D Construction, ARPA Funds/Building Work-\$85,396.25;

## **INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

Big G's Smoke Shack, Co Gov't Day Meal-\$1,180.00;

## **911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

Century Link, phone-\$92.94/\$120.52; Clearly, phone svc-\$22.80; Frontier Citizens, phone-\$54.47; Great Plains Communication, phone-\$82.40; Loup Public Power, electricity-\$28.44;

## **BUILDING FUND**

Siemens Industry, Inc, agreement-\$444.00;

## **SALARY CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND                      \$44,394.64

ROAD FUND                              \$31,797.04

Discussion held on Operation Green Light, spearheaded by the National Association of County Officials and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers, to support military veterans, as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many veterans. It is asked that during the week of November 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, counties shine a green light on their county



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building to honor all veterans. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Voichoskie to sign the resolution declaring October through Veteran's Day a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service. The board also encourages its citizens to participate by shining a green light in an interior or exterior light fixture.

Ronda Malander, County Treasurer, presents her annual report of delinquent taxes which were not sold for want of bidders at the last annual tax sale held in Nance County. Resolution #22-26 directing the Nance County Treasurer to issue Tax Sale Certificates to the County covering the delinquent taxes upon such parcels of real estate is discussed. Said resolution also authorizes and directs the Nance County Attorney to commence foreclosure of all outstanding tax sale certificates expiring on November 1, 2022. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Voichoskie to approve said Resolution #21-26. The full resolution is available for inspection at the Nance County Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

Tony Bernt, Highway Superintendent, gives updates on the road department – one of the road crew passed his CDL. Three others are working on getting their CDL also – Re: the Progressive Insurance claim on the damage to the bridge on Valley Road, Bernt sent on documentation showing the cost and date of the new bridge rail and requested that they increase the payment of the claim. After review, they agreed to pay the total cost of the damages – He received information on the State county bridge match program. They are accepting proposals up until December 6, 2022. Completion dates of projects would be December 31, 2026. They pay up to 55% (no more than \$250,000.00) of the cost of the bridge. The county still has several pony truss bridges that could qualify. Will have to wait to see what bridges make the list. Discussion held on a solution to save the county money instead of replacing a bridge near Genoa. Some of these bridges could be box bridges or a short slab bridge or even large culverts. Board agrees to get on the list. If selected, County would have the option to decline – Had a \$280,088.22 bill come in on the Timber Creek bridge. Used what was left in the Bridge Contract line item of the Hwy Bridge/Hwy Buyback fund plus paid the remaining out of the Road Contract line item of the same fund. There is now \$103,865.00 remaining in the Road Contract line item. The amount of allocation funds expected to come in this next March is \$954,809.00. There is a balance of \$888,812.00 to pay on the Timber Creek bridge – Bernt came across a 2006 GMC service truck with a Durmax motor. It is available for \$23,850.00. He wondered if the county would be willing to purchase the truck for a county service truck. Discussion held. Board would like Bernt to negotiate with the seller to get it at a lower price. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Juracek to purchase the service truck. Roll Call: AYES-Ditter, Voichoskie, Small, Juracek, Cornwell; NAYS-Horacek; ABSENT-Nelson. Motion carried – no word on the ECM. Need to check to see if it could be rebuilt – waiting on contractor to get materials for the road building roof. Bernt will double check on it – Received a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between Nance County & Speece Lewis Engineers, Inc. along with a resolution authorizing the chairman to sign said Agreement on project no. BRO-7063(9) Genoa Northwest. Discussion held. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Voichoskie to sign said Resolution – Discussed finishing building up a patch of MMR on 370<sup>th</sup>. It could be a hazard for drivers on the road since the road goes from graveled road to MMR. A “no outlet” and “Minimum Maintenance Road” signs will be placed on the road for the time being.

Information received on additional funds available through the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund-ARPA. The projected amounts would be \$50,000.00 in 2022 and \$50,000.00 in 2023. We would need to research to see what the eligible uses would be. When Engel looked into the qualifications for the money, it appears that Nance County does qualify for these funds. Board gives the approval to apply for the funds.

SuAnn Engel gave the board a time line for the remodel projects: Sack Lumber to install the chair rail the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>. Painting is to take place the last 2 weeks of November and the flooring will be laid the first week in December -- Received a bid from Wonder Woman Painting for additional painting in the courthouse for hallway doors & jambs, registers, exit doors. The bid is for





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\$3,640.00, which includes the cost of the paint. Discussion held. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Small to accept the bid from Wonder Woman Painting for the additional painting. Also, the water fountain by the main door does not put out water as it should and may need to be replaced. The cost to replace would be \$1,736.00. Discussion held. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Juracek to purchase and install a new water fountain.

Rick Hill of Lincoln, Nebraska has filed a lawsuit against ES&S, the election company who services most Nebraska counties for electionware, along with Governor Ricketts, Secretary of State, Robert Evnen, Attorney General, Doug Peterson, the speaker of the Nebraska Legislature, Mike Hilgers, and all 93 County Election Commissioners. The county's insurance provider, NIRMA has hired an attorney to handle the lawsuit for any of the counties that wish to use said attorney. Wetovick says that he feels it would be best to have NIRMA's attorney handle the case. The County would need to pay the deductible and split the attorney's fees. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Horacek to retain NIRMA to handle the Case of Rick Hill v. Election Systems & Software, etal on Nance County's behalf.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Small to adjourn. All motions except where where specified had the following Roll Call: AYES-Ditter, Voichoskie; Horacek, Small, Juracek, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Nelson. Motion carried.

Timothy C. Cornwell

Chairman

Danette Zarek

County Clerk