



Nance County Board Minutes



May 9th, 2023

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on May 9th, 2023 in the Supervisor's Room, Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:15am with the following members present-Timothy Cornwell, Andrew Ditter, Robert Voichoskie, Ralph Horacek, Steve Crouse, Gary Juracek, and Darren Nelson. Also present is County Clerk, Adrian Chlopek.

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 Nance County Journal on May 3rd, 2023.

Notice of the meeting was given to the Board and a receipt of their acknowledgment is on file in the Clerk's office.

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited at prior Board of Equalization meeting.

Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Nelson to approve the agenda.

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to approve minutes of the April 25th, 2023 meeting.

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

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND	\$59,437.07
ROAD FUND	\$35,478.03

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$902.49; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$284.72; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$570.75.

The Board reviewed and approved the County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #23020044 through #23030091 in the amount of \$418,770.39 for the month of March, 2023.

Don Shuda presented the new budget for Veteran Service Official Salary; current salary is \$20,333.00. 2023 to increase \$612.00 a year, to equal \$20,945.00. Nance County VA Benefits this year was \$1,551,000.00 that is for pension and compensation, does not include hospital, education, burial expenses, etc.

9:40 A.M., Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney and Ben Bakewell, County Sheriff present.

Chlopek and Dan Cornwell, presented the discussion of the history of the Interlocal Agreement between cities and county for Nance County Economic Development for the budget and annual payments of the entities. Presented 4 different options of supporting options to try to make the options more equal between the 4 entities. Option 1- to go back to valuation method, Option 2- stay at the \$3 per capita,

Option 3- double the per capita to \$6, Option 4- divide the county population by the proposed budget. Discussion of the 4 options was had and the 3 board members that are Board of Representatives for the Nance County Development Agency (NCDA) will take options to the Board of Representatives for the Nance County Development Agency (NCDA) meeting on May 23rd, 2023.

Dan Cornwell, Zoning Administrator presented a lot split application for Marjorie Brandenburger. To split off 1.95 acres off of 160 acres in the SW1/4 of the SE1/4 of 29-16-4. Recommended by Zoning Administrator to approve application. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Horacek to approve said lot split application.

Dan Cornwell, Zoning Administrator presented a status briefing on Updated Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations. The planning process is on track and is approx. 60 % complete. The planning and zoning commission will meet on May 25th, 2023 to further develop regulations and review first draft of updated plan.

Tony Bernt, Highway superintendent, gives department updates. Applied for a state program for new reflective signage. These would be signs on an asphalt road, 66 new Stop Ahead Signs and 3 Stop Signs. Continuing to work on 160th Project. Will be starting to replace a wooden box structure on the Valley Road with culverts. # 14 grader is back from being repaired by CAT. #9 grader is in Norfolk at CAT, quote given for a rebuild before was incorrectly quoted, new quote for rebuild is \$57,057.00 with warranty or \$33,853.00 for repair with warranty. Roof project contractor still waiting on supplies to be delivered. Concern brought to Voichoskie on hole in 320th Ave, Bernt stated he would have his crew get this repaired.

Klint Arnold, from Stealth Broadband discussed their purchase of the internet service from Applied Connective Technologies. He discussed fiberoptics and wireless internet for rural areas. Talked of the BEAD program for broadband, will be working with counties for support of this program and will be in touch as needed with board as program progresses.

Jamie Dubas, Maintenance discussed the gutters on the east side of the building. During last high wind, north gutter was torn off and there is an issue in the winter with the middle gutter causing ice in the parking lot. Quote received from Seamless Reliable Gutter of \$1,005.00 to replace gutter on the east side and eliminating the middle gutter and draining all water to the south side of building. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to approve quote to replace gutter system.

Ashley Boryca, Extension office assistant discussed with board the rental fees for the event building, now with having a cleaning company. Daily rental fees for multipurpose room were \$200.00, for a non-profit organization were \$100.00, and for funeral were \$100.00. With additional days being \$50.00 for multipurpose room and non-profit organization and funerals of \$25 for additional days. Discussion held. Recommended by Board to raise rental fees by \$50.00 each and the additional days fee by \$25 each. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Crouse to approve rental rate increases.

SuAnn Engel discussed changes to the Employee Handbook. Changes (small wording changes) to sections of Equal Employment, No-Harassment Policy, Complaint, Reasonable Accommodation, Grievance Procedure, Promotions/Job Posting, Reemployment, Overtime (removing the exception of the road department earning OT for hours not worked, to make up for the difference in pay, \$1.00/hr increase would be

made to each full-time employee), Vacation (Describing that your first vacation hours start on the first month of employment. If the maximum vacation time is reached, there will be no additional accrual of vacation until the balance drops below maximum. All available flex and comp time should be used first), Discipline and Discharge, Confidential Information, Safety Policy, Drug-Free Workplace, Inclement Weather, Smoking (added Vaping and Tobacco), Use of County Vehicles. Recommendation by the Employee Committee to approve the changes. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Horacek to approve changes to the Employee Handbook.

Jenna Clark, Emergency Management gave a quarterly update. Grant to reimburse 50% salary and benefits on track, ARPA grant to reimburse office supplies and cell phone on track. Worked with the Fullerton Public School on their Emergency Action Plan at a 2-day workshop. Continuing to work with weather service on severe weather and worked with them during ice jams watching rivers. Working with Arbor Care on a table talk exercise on a severe weather event. U.S. Army Corp Engineers, selected Nance County for a High-Water Mark Historical Marker at the Genoa Headworks.

Ronda Malander, County Treasurer made an itemized report to the county board covering the amount of uncanceled personal property taxes shown by Distress Warrants returned by the County Sheriff. Distress warrants collected in the amount of \$3,843.10 plus interest of \$126.04 for a total of \$3,969.14 for Eight Distress warrants. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Nelson to approve report of Distress Warrants.

SuAnn Engel gave updates on Insurance Renewal Rates. Health Insurance increase 3.98%. Employee Committee recommended for county to absorb the cost increase. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Horacek for county to absorb the cost increase for health insurance of employees. Vision increase of 3.67% and Dental increase of 3.71%. Discussion had on In Lieu amount, adjusting from \$400 to \$500. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Crouse to increase the in-lieu amount. No increase from National Insurance.

Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Nelson to adjourn.

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

Timothy C. Cornwell
Chairman

Adrian F. Chlopek
County Clerk