



Nance County Board Minutes



June 13th, 2023

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on June 13th, 2023 in the Supervisor's Room, Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00am with the following members present-Timothy Cornwell, Robert Voichoskie, Ralph Horacek, Steve Crouse, Gary Juracek, and Darren Nelson. Absent- Andy Ditter. 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 June 7th,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.

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

Moved by Juracek and seconded by Nelson to approve minutes of the May 23rd, 2023 meeting.

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

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND	\$57,767.93
ROAD FUND	\$40,153.37

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$5,630.47; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$111.14; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$1,729.51.

9:10 A.M., Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney.

Dan Cornwell, presented the Rural Health Match as past Economic Development Director as he started this process before the transition to the Clerk's Office. Brittany Bertram present via Zoom. D. Cornwell reviewed background of DHHS Rural Health Match Program. When she first approached NCDA Director with the Rural Health Match. He explained that if needing a match that she would need to approach the county where she works, Platte County. She did and came back and stated that Platte County does not have an economic development or agencies to facilitate program. She then came back to NCDA for assistance. She had talked with her employer and they agreed to match \$5,000.00 for 3 years. There was discussion with DHHS about the program and not working in the county they are applying for match and they agreed that with this situation that as long as 1 entity was a facilitator that it would be fine. She has received 3-year agreement of \$2,500.00 each year from Fullerton Economic Development and Nance County Foundation. She has received 1 year agreement of \$2,500.00 from the Nance County Development Agency. D. Cornwell on behalf of Brittany, stated that she is appreciates the work of the NCDA Director to facilitate the program for her, currently there is no mental health practice in Nance County to work out of, she can not start her own business until working under a practice for at least a

year. She works for Columbus Community Hospital who is her current employer, serves surrounding counties. In the future might be seeing patients in Genoa at the Genoa Community Hospital. Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Nelson to approve giving Brittany Bertram a rural health match of \$2,500.00 each year for three years, funding from the Inheritance Fund.

Albin Ziemba, Easement for waterline under road. Road on 350th Ave, between SE1/4 Section 19-Township16-Range 4 and SW ¼ Section 20-Township 16-Range 4. South of previous easement from Albin Ziemba earlier this year. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Voichoskie to approve Easement for Albin Ziemba for a waterline under the road.

Sarah Ciancio, representing herself and her husband and Mike McCray came before the board to discuss what can be done with the road N 230th Road to their new house. It is a mail and bus route. She has talked with township and they state they do not have the budget to bring the road to standard. T. Cornwell stated that the county would take it over once the road is built to standard. It is currently a minimum maintenance road. The county could be hired to do the work and cost looking at \$3,000.00 to \$3,500.00 to bring road to standards, this would be from the highway to the driveway of the house. County attorney, stated that he would like it to go thru the township and township would need to agree for the road to be brought to standard and then taken over by county. Explained there would need to be an agreement from township and someone from the township would need to be present at the board of supervisors when the road is relinquished to county and there would need to be an agreement of who is going to pay for the work to bring the road up to standards. Sarah stated she would meet with the township and get back with the board.

Shirley Stuart-Monroe, Clerk Magistrate on update on upgrade of equipment in courtroom (audio-visual components, equipment or full systems). The only cost to the county will be having Applied Connective Technology run new lines and if there is possible electrical work to be done. Applied Connective has been here and ran the lines. The county will be provided with a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the agreement for the AOC (Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation) to hand over ownership of audio/visual systems once installation is complete to the county. Each courtroom is covered by both manufacturer warranties and a 5-year agreement for support through CTI. After installation and confirmation of working order, the AOC will transfer ownership of all equipment to the county by Statement of Acceptance which shall include a complete inventory listing. There is no payment of funds required to complete transfer of ownership. County attorney wanted to clarify that after 5 years that the county will need to budget for repair and maintenance. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Crouse to approve county to sign the Memorandum of Understanding once all installation has been completed.

Tony Bernt, Highway superintendent, gives department updates. Project on 160th Ave is about a month-month and a half from completion. Update on projects out west that Tom Glenn had brought to the board March 2023. Tom Glenn was going to do the work on 485th and he has not started the work yet. The other 4 projects (on 465th, 470th) Bernt said possible once work is done on 160th that they will do those, since they are out that way already. Update on the road building roof, contractor said it should be within this month, as they are still waiting on supplies, once work complete then we should be able to work on getting our FEMA excess funds money. We are still down 2

motor graders and in Norfolk at CAT, #9 motor grader motor supposed to be in this week and then when a bay is open, they will start work and #14 motor grader repair is under complete warranty and work has started. Sany is looking getting one of their motor graders here for our drivers to demo. Discussion on FEMA/ NEMA money. Bernt stated they have said final payment will not be given until all work is done. We are waiting on the county roads, the management costs, and excess funds to be paid out. Bernt is looking into why we were only paid 75% and not 90% of the Hellbusch bridge project. Emergency Manager, Jenna Clark stated that she has contact information at NEMA that could be contacted to see where the process is. The management cost grant for the 5% of our portion, Jenna Clark, Emergency Manager stated that all documents have been turned in by her and Cindy at the road department. The drive pump for the wheeled excavator is out, waiting on quote from CAT for repair, will have to trailer it back into town. Culvert projects are on hold until excavator repaired. Did not get selected for this round of County Bridge Matching program. The bridge on the Valley Road we were looking at if we were selected in this round of Bridge Match, and since not selected, that bridge is a strong candidate for culverts to replace bridge. Will not getting the matching funds of \$250,000.00 from Timbercreek Bridge until we close the road to the old bridge after new road on 160th is completed. There are 2 fully funded upcoming bridges, Swantek Bridge is looking at starting the beginning of next year and the Homolka Bridge in 2027. The bridge on the Valley Road we were looking at if we were selected in this round of Bridge Match, and since not selected, that bridge is a strong candidate for culverts to replace. Cornwell asked if there were any other bridges that needed addressed, Bridge by Andy Johnson, Bernt stated that could be replaced with culvert, Nissen Bridge west of Genoa needs looked into for ideas.

SuAnn Engel, HR/ Budget presented how the preliminary budget is looking. She presented pie chart to show where tax dollars are being spent by each fund function. Presented a list of expenses by department and requested budget. Asked for each department to look at ways to decrease budget request if able. We do not have the fund balances yet, which could make a difference. Discussion had on the Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Fund of \$100,000.00 and how we should look at spending it. Discussion had and reviewed that the \$100,000.00 could be spent on the purchase of the 2 new sheriff's vehicles, making the bidding process and reporting easier. Talked about property tax relief. Discussion had on what we have done in the past years for transfer from Inheritance Fund to give property tax relief, decided to at least start looking at a \$300,000.00 transfer this year depending on how the budget numbers look.

Moved by Juracek and seconded by Nelson to adjourn.

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

Timothy C. Cornwell
Chairman

Adrian F. Chlopek
County Clerk