



Nance County Board Minutes



June 27th, 2023

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on June 27th, 2023 in the Supervisor's Room, Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with the following members present- Timothy Cornwell, Andrew Ditter, Robert Voichoskie, Ralph Horacek, Steve Crouse, and Darren Nelson; Absent- Gary Juracek. 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 Genoa Leader Times on June 21st, 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 Voichoskie and seconded by Nelson to approve minutes of the June 13th, 2023 meeting.

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

GENERAL FUND

Antelope County Sheriff, housing-\$3,120.00; Applied Connective Tech, svcs & equip.-\$4,181.19; Black Hills Energy, svcs-\$410.00; Boone County Sheriff, svcs-\$63.21; Ashley Boryca, mileage-\$70.44; Capital Business Systems, copies-\$126.50; Ciancio Hardware, tools & supplies-\$22.24; City of Fullerton, ambulance/water & sewer -\$250.00/\$223.56; City of Genoa, ambulance-\$250.00; Jenna Clark, Mileage-\$31.45; Clearly, phone svc-\$664.86; Culligan, reverse osmosis-\$73.99; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, supplies-\$131.44; Eakes, supplies & copies-\$1,499.42; Ecolab, svcs-\$111.69; Genoa Community Hospital, lab-\$29.00; Genoa Leader Times, pub-\$348.00; Genoa Museum, donation-\$500.00; Sonya Glup, mileage -\$134.25; Gworks, svcs-\$20,580.00; Hall County Veteran's Service, Qt. payment-\$5,083.25; Hometown Leasing, svcs-\$586.10; Len & Jo's, supplies-\$11.94; Loup Power, svcs-\$701.37; Ronda Malander, mileage/room-\$237.11/\$255.06; MIPS, svcs-\$2,424.09; Mitch Friedrichsen Lawn Service, lawn care-\$1,155.00; John Morgan, Title VI & ADA salary-\$200.00; NACO, reg.-\$100.00; Nance County Clerk, postage-\$9.65; Nance County Historical Society, donation-\$500.00; Nance County Journal, renewal-\$80.00; Nance Co. Sheriff, Court svcs-\$44.66; Nance Co. Treasurer, transfer-\$20,000.00; Nance Co. Treasurer, transfer-\$7,000.00; Nance Co. Treasurer, postage, supplies & reg.-\$1,596.34; NE Supreme Court, salary reimb.-\$7,870.66; NIRMA, insurance renewal-\$42,098.50; Ober Locksmith, svcs-\$235.00; Olsson, svcs-\$8,033.35; Paper Tiger Shredding, svcs-\$60.00; Pappy's Place, fuel-\$42.69; Platte County Detention Facility, housing-\$891.36; Steve Pritchard, mileage-\$118.79; R & D Sprinkler Service, Inc, svcs-\$ 235.77; Region 4 Behavioral Health Systems, Co. Contrib.-\$2,938.75; Region IV, Inc, Qrt. Payment-\$1,128.75; Service Master, svcs-\$3,658.00; Sharples Heating & Cooling, svcs-\$75.00; Sparrow Publication, pub./renewal-\$740.22/\$40.00; State of NE-Central Finance, network svc charge-\$498.64; Stealth Broadband, svcs-\$15.00; Trouba Law Office, atty fees-\$1,762.25; US Bank, supplies/fuel-\$241.87/\$133.44; US Cellular, wifi backup-\$12.84; United States Postal Service, postage-\$189.00/\$189.00; Verizon,Phone-\$91.52; Wex, fuel-\$593.21; WJE Consulting, svcs-\$1,095.00; Yosten Law, atty fees-\$741.00; **Health Insurance-\$18,245.88; Retirement-\$6,696.12; Social Security-\$7,203.84; Disability-\$28.37; Life Insurance-\$33.95; First Concord-\$100.00;**

ROAD FUND

A.J's Of Genoa, fuel-\$44.64; Appeara, supplies-\$175.12; Applied Connective Tech, svcs-\$30.60; ; Black Hills Energy, heating-\$313.80; Cedar Valley Lumber, supplies & repair-\$237.93; Ciancio Hardware, supplies-\$7.34; City of Fullerton, water&sewer-\$68.81; City of Genoa, water&sewer-\$28.00; Clearly, svcs-\$45.50; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, parts & supplies-\$655.62; Eakes, copies-\$190.39; Filter Care, parts-\$106.90; Garrett Enterprises, repair-\$1,522.28; Heartland Disposal, garbage svc-\$43.75; Hometown Leasing, svcs-\$71.55; Kayton International, Inc, supplies & labor-\$657.86; Loup Power Dist., electricity-\$352.12; Midwest Service & Sales, supplies-\$727.70; MIPS, svcs-\$116.53; NIRMA, insurance renewal-\$42,098.50; Overland Sand and Gravel, gravel-\$2,992.11; Pappy's, fuel-\$4,854.26; Prairie Creek Township, road maint.-\$2,500.00; Riverside Portables, svcs-\$135.00; Sack Lumber, supplies-\$78.03; Sapp Bro's, fuel-\$17,850.55; US Cellular, svcs-\$69.69; Verizon, svcs-\$47.75; Verizon Connect NWF, INC, svcs-\$220.35; Village of Belgrade, water&sewer svc-\$30.00; Vontz, gravel-\$4,251.20; **Health Insurance-\$14,921.43; Retirement-\$4,485.05; Social Security-\$5,493.49; Disability-\$14.76; Life Insurance-\$19.38; First Concord-\$70.00;**

SINKING BRIDGE FUND

Nance Co. Treasurer, sinking bridge-\$119,304.02; Speece Lewis Engineers, Inc, svcs-\$2,080.00;

VISITORS PROMOTION

HWY BRIDGE/ROAD BUYBACK PROGRAM FUND

SINKING ROAD EQUIPMENT FUND

APPRAISAL FUND

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUNDS

VMP FLOW THROUGH FUND

Loup Power, elect. -\$27.00;

CANINE FUND

Countryside Vet Clinic, svcs-\$108.45;

DISASTER FUND

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND

SINKING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

Holy Cow Coffee, LLC, grant-\$5,000.00; Nance Co. Treasurer, grant reimb. (4-H Council)-\$2,500.00; T & A's Tree Service, LLC, grant-\$5,000.00;

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Applied Connective Technologies, central server-\$9,990.95; MIPS, svcs for central server-\$243.75; Welch Concrete, svcs-\$12,148.00;

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Century Link, phone-\$390.31; Frontier Citizens, phone-\$61.06; Great Plains Communication, phone-\$82.40; Loup Public Power, electricity-\$28.45;

BUILDING FUND

Hans Service, svc. contract-\$1,322.50; NE Fire Sprinkler, inspection-\$205.00; NIRMA, insurance renewal-\$17,706.00; Reliable Seamless Gutters, svcs-\$1,005.00;

SALARY CLAIMS	\$ 78,312.41
GENERAL FUND	\$146,535.42
ROAD FUND	\$ 80,523.88

9:14 am Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney present.

9:22 am Ben Bakewell, County Sheriff present.

The Board reviewed and approved the County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #23040054 through #23050060 in the amount of \$353,986.71 for the month of May, 2023.

Resolution #23-11

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 2022-2023 budget: transfer \$200,000.00 from General fund to the Road fund. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Crouse. Roll call: Ayes- Voichoskie, Horacek, Nelson, Crouse, Ditter, Cornwell; Nays- None; Absent- Juracek; Abstain- None. Motion carried.

Discussion had on Agreement to Alter Street Approach in the front of the courthouse. Agreement states: The City agrees to allow the County to install and build a suitable drain and cover said drain to allow individuals to access the sidewalk approach to the Courthouse without the hazards of ice, snow or excess water. County agrees to install said structure, at the cost of the County, and hold the City harmless from any and all liability that may result from its installation and use. County agrees to maintain said structure and clear the immediate area of ice and snow as necessary to make the installation function properly. In the even that the proposed installation does not achieve the desired result of better safety, the County agrees to remove it and place the approach back to its current condition. Discussion was had on ideas for structure, some ideas were a pipe and cement or a wire grate that is moveable, will look into what will work the best and better for snow removal and still allowing water flow. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Nelson to approve signing the Agreement to Alter Street Approach between the County and the City. Roll call vote: AYES- Horacek, Nelson, Crouse, Ditter, Cornwell; NAYS-None; Abstain-Voichoskie; Absent- Juracek. Motion carried.

Discussion on donations from Counties to entities. It was brought to the attention in another county in Nebraska from the state auditor stating that counties can not make donations of public funds. According to the Nebraska Supreme Court, a county's authority is limited to the powers granted to that political subdivision by statute: It is well settled in this state that counties have no inherent power, and that their commissioners, or agents, acting for them, have only such powers, generally, as are especially granted to them by statute, or such as are incidentally necessary to carry into effect those which are granted. Donations have been given to Museums, Libraries, and Nance Trans, those have statues associated with them, we will require receipts of what the money was spent on. Question on DHHS loan repayment program was had, it was discussed that DHHS Loan repayment should just come from Economic Development (NCDA) and not from the Board of Supervisors from the Inheritance fund also. Economic Development only granted 1 year of the loan reprogram and Nance County Board of Supervisors committed to 3 years. For next year recommended that the Board continues with their 3-year commitment but that the NCDA does not approve the next 2 years, as then county participating in Loan repayment as 1 entity. From here on out, on future applications, discussed that all funding goes thru NCDA and not thru the Board of Supervisors using Inheritance Fund. Will put on agenda for next meeting, for further discussion.

The County Board will need to designate a vendor for the 2023 postcard printing. NACO will coordinate with the State Print Shop to help facilitate the postcard process. County Assessor explained that we used the State Print Shop last year and it worked well. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to designate the State Print Shop as Nance County's vendor for 2023 postcard printing.

Landon Knopik with the Nance County Sheriff approached the Board of Supervisors about the barrier for the mountain lion. Knopik submitted a drawing of what the barrier will look like when finished. It will need 8-foot posts, conduit pipes, plexi glass, wood for the base and other supplies needed to build. Received quotes from Cedar Valley Lumber and Home Depot.

After discussion, decided to use local, Cedar Valley Lumber for supplies. The only thing that he can not get at Cedar Valley is the conduit pipes.

Tony Bernt, Highway Superintendent gave updates on the road department. Project on 160th continues, will work with Sheriff Dept. to fly drone over when project is finished. Have some dirt to still move and tubes and driveway culverts to put in. Roof work started last week, removing rock/rubber roof and starting framing. Will be worker longer hours in the coming days to get work going on the roof. Sharples Heating and Air is trying to work with county to see where the best place to put the air conditioner unit, it currently is on the roof, but with the new metal slanted roof, recommended moving it to side of building on west side for easier cleaning. Have a solid bid for the roof project and will need to take out of inheritance fund and pay back when FEMA/NEMA money received for project. # 14 motor grader back from getting warranty repairs, when taking it off the trailer, the front differential was catching on something, CAT is sending someone out to look at. The #9 motor grader is at CAT currently getting engine put in. Excavator has a hydraulic drive pump that went out. Roughly \$8,000.00 to fix. CAT came down and fixed last Monday.

Bernt, brought in the Township Agreements. Current agreements are \$715 for regular roads and \$385 for minimum maintenance roads per mile. For snow they only do regular roads, except if people have cows, etc. down minimum maintenance roads. Currently county has as agreement for Prairie Creek Township where they maintain their own roads. We are on the 3rd year of a 5-year agreement, they charge the county monthly. Discussion on what the charge is per mile for Prairie Creek to maintain their own roads. Discussion on how many miles that we maintain and what that looks like for the county. Would like to look into what other counties with townships are charging. Would like to look into pricing, and then be able to decide on if there is a change needed. Moved by Nelson to approve Township Agreements as they stand, same as last year and seconded by Voichoskie, discussion had on what county is bringing in per mile for maintaining road and look into what other counties are charging, and what Prairie Creek figures out to with what they charge the county for maintaining the roads. Would like it to be looked at before they decided if the price should change. Discussion on what we spend compared to what we make. Will look at things for next year, as these are redone each year. Roll call vote: AYES- Horacek, Nelson, Crouse, Cornwell; Nays- Ditter; Abstain- Voichoskie; Absent- Juracek. Motion carried.

Discussion on Audit of Retirement. Main question is Temporary/Seasonal Employees. Need to look at the process of temporary employees vs part time employees. Temp. employees need to be rehired for next season. Part Time they would receive part time benefits. Would like to be put on the next agenda for discussion with the budget to discuss about making them part time and adding benefits.

Discussion on spraying River, unsure if the grant funding will continue. Cornwell will talk with Weed Superintendent about funding and spraying of river. Spraying will be done only if grants are available.

Discussion from Megan Zoucha, Assessor and Chlopek, Clerk on protest hearing date and time. Currently have 9 protests but have till Friday June 30th to bring in protests. Discussed having them during the morning of July 11th at the next meeting, Board willing to start earlier in the morning, depending on how many protests are to be heard.

SuAnn Engel, Budget/HR had budget discussions. She handed out the budget binders to all the board members to review before next meeting, July 11th at which each department head will meet with Board to discuss budget. There is a possibility of needing the pink postcard again this year, the tax request increase limit for not needing a postcard is \$72,000.00 in total asking. Engel was able to get budget to pass validation for now but waiting for end of year revenue amounts and beginning fund balances. At this time the unrestricted funds are low at about \$84,000.00. We are using \$50,000 in capital improvements and \$608,000.00 in interlocal agreements to help pass validation. Discussion had on road building remodel, would budget

\$50,000.00 in building fund, with the difference coming from Inheritance Fund. She increased Road Dept. cash reserve from \$70,000.00 to \$100,000.00 and increased the general fund \$40,000.00 to assist with cash flow. We used 94% of last year's tax asking budgets. Preliminary budgets are starting to be brought back in by townships, fire districts and Ag Society. Ag Society has brought theirs in and has a Capital improvement asking of \$21,700.00, the board has requested that a representative from the Ag Society to come before the board about the preliminary levy allocation. Chlopek, will get ahold of the president of the Ag Society and set up a time for the Board meeting on July 25th, 2023.

Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Horacek to adjourn.

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

Timothy C. Cornwell
Chairman

Adrian Chlopek
County Clerk