



# Nance County Board Minutes



October 24, 2023

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on October 24th, 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, Ralph Horacek, Steve Crouse, Robert Voichoskie, Darren Nelson and Gary Juracek; Absent- None. 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 October 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 Voichoskie and seconded by Nelson to approve the agenda.

Moved by Juracek and seconded by Voichoskie to approve minutes of the October 10th, 2023 meeting. Roll call vote: AYES-Ditter, Horacek, Crouse, Voichoskie, Juracek, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT- None. ABSTAIN: Nelson. Motion carried.

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

## **GENERAL FUND**

Antelope County Sheriff, housing; \$360.00; Applied Connective Tech, svcs.-\$2,208.98; Black Hills Energy, svcs-\$410.00; Boone County Sheriff, housing-\$1,430.00; Boone County Treasurer, dispatching-\$37,595.00; Ashley Boryca, mileage-\$139.78; Capital Business Sys, lease-\$126.50; Cedar Valley Lumber, tools & supplies-\$306.31; Adrian Chlopek, meal-\$46.35; Ciancio Hardware, supplies-\$75.32; Cintas Corporation, supplies-\$153.97; City of Fullerton, ambulance/water-\$250.00/\$242.90; City of Genoa, ambulance-\$250.00; Clearly, phone svc-\$667.66; Cornhusker Cleaning Systems Inc, supplies-\$53.71; Culligan, reverse osmosis-\$73.99; Eakes, supplies -\$557.11; SuAnn Engel, mileage-\$117.90; First Concord, buy down-\$4,772.07; Genoa Leader Times, pub-\$498.00.00; Sonya Glup, mileage -\$258.91; Hall County Veteran's Svcs, quarterly payment-\$5,235.75; Hampton Inn, lodging-238.00; Heartland Disposal, svcs-\$52.00; Holiday Inn, lodging-\$540.75; Hometown Leasing, svcs-\$894.23; Lisa Lassek, mileage-\$117.64; Loup Power Dist, elect.-\$710.22; Joyce Mason-Newquist, prior svcs-\$96.00; MIPS, svcs-\$2,479.99; Mitch Friedrichsen Lawn Service, svcs-\$770.00; John Morgan, Title VI & ADA salary-\$200.00; NACO, svcs-\$37.38; Nance Co. Journal, renewal-\$40.00; Nance Co. Treasurer, postage-\$382.94; NE Secretary of State, regs.-\$120.00; NE State Bar Association, subs.-\$50.00; NE Weed Control Association, dues-\$15.00; NPPD, svcs-\$100.00; Homer Nelson, prior svcs-\$24.00; Nextoner, LLC, supplies-\$129.00; Olsson, svcs-\$4,199.39; Palmer Journal, pub-\$178.50; Paper Tiger Shredding, svcs-\$30.00; Pappy's Place, fuel-\$86.53/\$631.53; Platte Co. Detention Facility, housing-\$50.00; Steve Pritchard, mileage-\$160.17; Region IV Inc, quarterly payment-\$1,128.75; ServiceMaster, svcs-\$3,658.00; Sipple, Hansen, etc, LLC, atty fees-\$3,016.72; Smith & Sons Repair, svcs-\$450.00; Sparrow Publication, pub-\$192.64; State of NE-Central Finance, network svcs -\$172.00; Stealth Broadband, svcs-\$15.00; Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters, svcs-\$163.30; Toms Auto Care, tires & svc-\$792.63; US Bank, supplies/fuel-\$219.44/\$191.69; US Cellular, wifi backup-\$10.68; Verizon, phone-\$91.61; Rodney Wetovick, mileage-\$28.82; Wex, fuel-\$447.60; Brandi Yosten, atty. fees-\$650.00; Megan Zoucha, travel-\$243.94; **Health Insurance-\$19,166.81; Retirement-**

\$6,776.21; Social Security-\$7,014.27; Disability-\$24.97; Life Insurance-\$28.52; First Concord-\$97.50;

**ROAD FUND**

Appeara, supplies-\$169.89; Applied Connective Tech, svcs-\$30.60; B's Enterprises, Inc, parts-\$15,288.00; Black Hills Energy, heating-\$313.80; Chad Borowiak, reimburs.-\$29.08; Casey's, fuel-\$708.55; Cedar Valley Lumber Company, supplies -\$70.78; Ciancio Hardware, parts-\$9.24; Cintas Corporation, supplies-\$203.44; City of Fullerton, water/sewer-\$70.25; City of Genoa, water/sewer-\$28.00; Clearly, svcs-\$45.84; Cornhusker Cleaning Systems Inc, supplies-\$194.18; Cornhusker PPD, electricity-\$62.59; Alexander Cornwell, equip.-\$34,200.00; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, parts & supplies-\$1,096.43; Filter Care, svcs-\$169.75; Genoa Leader Times, pub-\$210.00; Grainger, parts & tools-\$2,253.72; Hometown Leasing, equip-\$71.55; Loup Power Dist., electricity-\$374.51; Midwest Service \$ Sales, supplies-\$601.90; Miller Used Tire Warehouse, supplies-\$616.00; MIPS, svcs-\$116.53; Nebraska Machinery Co., parts & svcs-\$1,887.51; Overland Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$13,640.80; Pappy's, fuel-\$7,350.36; Prairie Creek Township, road maint.-\$2,500.00; RDO Truck Centers, parts & labor-\$665.27; Riverside Portables, repairs-\$170.00; Sapp Brothers, fuel & supplies-\$13,856.04; Sparrow Publications, LLC-\$291.04; Theis Inspection Svcs, LLC, contracts-\$334.52; Tom's Auto Care, parts & repair-\$861.62; Tools Plus Industries, LLC, supplies-\$693.46; US Cellular, svcs-\$69.69; Verizon, svcs-\$47.87; Verizon Connect NWF, INC, svcs-\$220.35; Village of Belgrade, water & sewer svc-\$30.00; Vontz, gravel-\$17,501.28; **Health Insurance-\$14,474.37; Retirement-\$4,280.59; Social Security-\$4,802.57; Disability-\$15.89; Life Insurance-\$20.95; First Concord-\$77.50;**

**VISITORS PROMOTION**

**SINKING BRIDGE FUND**

**HWY BRIDGE/ROAD BUYBACK PROGRAM FUND**

**SINKING ROAD EQUIPMENT FUND**

**APPRAISAL FUND**

**REGISTER OF DEEDS FUNDS**

**VMP FLOW THROUGH FUND**

Loup Power Dist., elect. -\$125.00;

**CANINE FUND**

Countryside Vet Clinic, svcs-\$83.10;

**DISASTER FUND**

**COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND**

**SINKING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Nance County Treasurer, transfer-\$625.00;

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

Nebraska Office of Rural Health, loan repayment-\$3,749.98; Weathcraft Co. of Lincoln, road roof-\$35,993.00;

**911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

Century Link, phone-\$261.66; Clearly, phone-\$22.92; Frontier Citizens, phone-\$61.09; Great Plains Communication, phone-\$82.40; Loup Public Power, electricity-\$29.07;

**BUILDING FUND**

TSK Electrical Services, parts & labor-\$272.00;

<b>SALARY CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$76,480.79</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$79,636.30</b>
<b>ROAD FUND</b>	<b>\$117,054.44</b>

9:20 am Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney and Ronda Malander, County Treasurer Present.

The Board reviewed and approved the County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #23090001 through #23090032 in the amount of \$149,784.55 for the month of September 2023.

Dan Cornwell, Planning and Zoning Director gave updates on the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning regulations and final invoice. It has taken longer to complete and the consulting group working on Plan would like final payment. Dan informed them that final payment would be made when the final product is approved in November. The Planning and Zoning Commission meets on November 15<sup>th</sup> to approve the new plan. There are about 12 changes. It will then be brought to the Board of Supervisors on November 28<sup>th</sup> for approval and to be adopted. At that time the final invoice will be paid.

Jerad Reimers, Congressman Smith's District Coordinator presented updates from Congressman Adrian Smith's Office. Discussed that the Grand Island Office handles case work, which helps constituents and government entities to navigate federal red tape, from the IRS, VA Benefits, expedite passports, etc. Discussion on Congressman Smith being Chairman for subcommittee of trade. One of the main issues for Nebraska that he is addressing is Ag trade issues. Healthcare is also a concern of Congressman Adrian Smith and working on requiring insurance companies to be more flexible for rural coverage for traveling nurses and hospice. Question on the farm bill from County Attorney, stated it is with the budget bills (12 appropriations bill), which they will be back to once the Speaker of the House Race is decided.

9:45 am Ben Bakewell, County Sheriff Present.

Jenna Clark, Emergency Manager, presented her quarterly update. Emergency Management Performance grant to reimburse ½ salary and benefits is on track for this year. ARPA Grant for 50% reimbursement of office expenses, was able to turn in expenses to get full share for reimbursement, was able to use Alert Sense and damage assessment tool invoices. Have gotten a little over \$3,000 reimbursement from the ARPA Grant. In August, she participated in two exercises (tabletop and full scale) with Loup Power, Platte and Nance County, worked on evacuation, public notification, etc. Public meetings for MFO were held and applications turned in, should hear about them soon. Asked by chairman, if there was a way to have public meetings sooner, so it can be done before budget time, Jenna stated that would work to do them earlier. The Silver Jackets high water mark project is done, waiting on printing of sign. It will be a high-water mark at the Headgates from the flood, it will be a historical marker and public awareness on flooding. Loup Power will install the sign and the Army Corp. of Engineers will do an unveiling. She also participated in Homeland Security exercises/training, on how to put together training, either tabletop or full scale. Will have the ability to do more training locally. She also is the head of the State Training team for the region. Attend meetings at NEMA a few times a month, to help organize statewide trainings. The International Association of Emergency Managers is next week in California. This training is fully grant funded thru our region.

Tony Bernt, Highway Superintendent gave updates on the road department. 160<sup>th</sup> Ave project, road is open. After research, there was already a resolution (#22-17) to change N. 160<sup>th</sup> Ave from minimum maintenance to a local road in August of 2022. Not in a hurry to close bridge and Macon Road, want to work on removing gravel. Discussion on the process of vacating road, about a 2-month process and needs to start with a study from the highway superintendent about the road usage. The tree shredder is working again, still having some issues with overheating, getting parts to fix. Chad Borowiack, Weed Superintendent, has been using the new mist sprayer to spray areas that they have shredded, to help with regrowth. Can shred trees between September 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> without having to have a bird study done. Will be working on bridge cleaning, there are 39 bridges to clean before Thanksgiving. Will be cleaning the decks before they are inspected. Would like to look into construction air

compressor at sometime to help with the cleaning of the bridges. Tom Glenn 485<sup>th</sup> project, they are working on rocking today and finish work. If we do projects like this again with them, Tony would like to work with them on the way he would like to see projects finished. Did have them add a few culverts during the project. Discussion held on Township Round Table meeting being scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and at that meeting discussing graveling and maintenance of minimum maintenance roads. Discussion held on a quote received from Applied Connective for security cameras on the outside of the road buildings. The quote is roughly \$5,000 a building. There are also internet concerns at the buildings, right now have Pep waves, enough internet to run timecards but not to run cameras. Would need to look into adding different internet at the buildings to run cameras through Verizon. Will put on agenda for next meeting, November 14<sup>th</sup> for discussion of cameras. Road department is having 2 retire this year, Tony will look into a date for a retirement party for them.

#### **RESOLUTION # 23-27**

WHEREAS stop signs and traffic control devices have been installed at several intersections and other locations in Nance County, Nebraska, and it is the desire of the Board of County Supervisors to have and maintain a record of such traffic control devices and have them officially designated,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska in regular session assembled on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 that a Stop Sign be installed in Nance County at the following locations:

- On N 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue approaching N 470<sup>th</sup> Street.

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Crouse that the above Resolution be approved. Roll Call: AYES: Voichoskie, Horacek, Nelson, Juracek, Crouse, Ditter, Cornwell; NAYS- None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN- None. Motion Carried.

SuAnn Engel, HR/ Budget presented updates with the budget. We have received the \$200,000 bridge match for the Belgrade Southwest Bridge. Bridge was paid for with those matching funds program, \$458,000 from buyback program, \$493,000 from inheritance, and \$410,000 from tax asking. On track for budget transfers of \$218,000 every other month, road salaries are roughly \$110,000 a month, road bills monthly need to be \$100,000. Inheritance tax is right about \$1.2 million after the \$400,000 tax relief transfer. Owe roughly \$9,000 to pay on the road roof project. Then if we get FEMA money, inheritance tax would be repaid \$338,000 to inheritance to reimburse roof project. There was also \$242,000 from General from a bridge payment and interest payments that could be paid back from FEMA money. Discussed increasing cash reserve whenever we can in the budget, SuAnn joined in a National meeting, and learned that in other states they can spend their cash reserves, in Nebraska we can use cash reserves to help with cash flow but unable to spend it. Need to be looking at ways to adjust and increase our cash reserve when we can. Disaster funds: we are earning interest, would like to use the interest for some tax relief and to make the interest payment on the bond in December. When working on the budget, for August through October we estimated getting \$9,500 a month in interest, have received more than that each month. For November through January cut it in half due to not knowing the interest rates. If things continue on the same track, we should be able to use \$75,000 for tax relief and \$23,000 for the bond interest payment. If we get any excess FEMA funds, we should consider putting that into our sinking funds, not necessarily used for tax relief. She attended the NIRMA Self-Defense Conference last week in Kearney. While there she received a dividend check for \$4,354 for Nance County. The conference is education on protecting the county and improving culture. She stated that it was a fitting conference for her HR position to attend. Discussion held that there was a lot of incorrect information while policies were being adopted but the changes that were adopted have been discussed for a long time. She wanted to assure the board she is not aware of misuse of the time clocks or PTO use. Explained that any changes to employees times are done in writing, whether on pink slips, clipboard, or email. She attends the NIRMA HR Roundtable once a

month, they have HR Specialists that discuss things from work comp., FMLA, culture, discrimination, etc. It is a great asset to her that is offered free with our insurance and she will continue to use. Discussed that she has been approached by NIRMA and many about her position as HR/ Budget, it has been becoming a more popular position, especially with in-house budget preparers and constant changes with budgets and HR. She discussed there are many new laws and regulations that are favored more to employees and not employers. It is a balance to have enforcement of policies but create a favorable culture to be able to work. Talked about how she learned that 79% of employees have burnout throughout the year, we need to be encouraging our staff to take their breaks and utilize PTO to help with burnout and to be thankful for good employees. MIPS had come in, to job shadow payroll, to watch how we process payroll and to see how they could make the new program better and useable. Discussion held on employee appreciation and encouragement of things that can make employees more productive and happier with their job.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Juracek to adjourn.

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

Timothy C. Cornwell  
Chairman

Adrian F. Chlopek  
County Clerk