



# Nance County Board Minutes



January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 in the Supervisor's Room, Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with the following members present- Andrew Ditter, Ralph Horacek, Steve Crouse, Darren Nelson, Gary Juracek, and Robert Voichoskie; Absent- Timothy Cornwell. Also, present is County Clerk, Adrian Chlopek.

Vice-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 and Nance County Journal on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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 Juracek to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: AYES-Ditter, Horacek, Crouse, Voichoskie, Nelson, Juracek; NAYS-None; ABSENT- Cornwell. Motion carried.

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to approve minutes of the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting. Roll call vote: AYES-Ditter, Horacek, Crouse, Voichoskie, Nelson, Juracek; NAYS-None; ABSENT- Cornwell. Motion carried.

9:09 am Timothy Cornwell, Nance County Supervisor Chairman present.

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

9:13 am Ben Bakewell, County Sheriff present.

## **GENERAL FUND**

Antelope Co. Sheriff, housing-\$760.00; Applied Connective Tech, svcs.-\$2,159.58; Black Hills Energy, svcs-\$355.00; Blue360 Media, supplies-\$94.95; Boone County Sheriff's Office, housing-\$1,105.00; Ashley Boryca, mileage-\$31.44; Capital Business Systems, lease-\$205.24; Cedar Valley Lumber, supplies-\$89.40; Cintas, supplies-\$126.01; City of Fullerton, ambulance-\$250.00; City of Genoa, ambulance-\$250.00; Clearly, phone svc-\$667.52; Co. Assessors Assoc. of NE, dues-\$75.00; Culligan, reverse osmosis-\$73.99; Zach Czarnick, mileage-\$59.73; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, supplies-\$72.82; Eakes, supplies & copies-\$517.27; Fillmore Co. Clerk, svcs-\$489.74; First Concord, buy down/fee-\$934.33; Tyler Foland, mileage-\$65.24; Genoa Community Hospital, svcs -\$1,558.78; Sonya Glup, mileage -\$38.36; Heartland Disposal, svcs-\$362.95; Hometown Leasing, svcs-\$745.68; Ralph Horacek, mileage & reimb.-\$49.12; Justice Data Solutions Incorporated, svcs-\$2,850.00; LaQuinta Inn & Suites, lodging-\$2,039.15; Len & Jo's, supplies-\$29.12; Sandhills Weed Mgt. Area, dues-\$200.00; Loup Power Dist, elect.-\$1,271.04; Mental & Behavioral Health Inc., cont. ed-\$200.00; MIPS, svcs-\$2,630.47; Mitch Friedrichsen Lawn Svc, svcs-\$310.00; John Morgan, Title VI & ADA salary & acting atty-\$470.00; NE Sheriffs Assoc., membership-\$230.00; NE Weed Control Assoc., dues-\$150.00; NE Planning & Zoning Assoc., dues-\$40.00; Olsson, svcs-\$10,553.01; Paper Tiger, svcs-\$30.00; Pappy's, fuel-\$103.80; Platte County Sheriff's Office, svcs-\$75.00; Steve Pritchard, mileage-\$50.07; Protective Technologies International, equip.-\$4,759.12; Erik C. Klutman, atty fees-\$1,072.50; Ryan Sonderup, mileage-\$58.43; Sparrow Publications, publication-\$197.69; St. Rose of Lima, rent-\$50.00; State of NE-Central Finance, svcs -\$709.60;

Stealth Broadband, svcs-\$15.00; Toms Auto Care, svcs-\$57.94; US Bank-supplies/fuel-\$915.48/\$49.01; US Cellular, wifi backup-\$11.84; Verizon, svcs-\$91.65; Wells Drug, prescrip.-\$27.30; Wex, fuel-\$989.07; Jennifer Wood, mileage-\$31.70; Brandi Yosten, atty fees-\$3,278.50; **Health Insurance-\$20,967.98; Retirement-\$7,439.63; Social Security-\$7,673.52; Disability-\$24.97; Life Insurance-\$28.52; First Concord-\$97.50;**

#### **ROAD FUND**

Ag & Industrial Equipment, parts-\$238.10; Appeara, supplies-\$175.99; Applied Connective Tech, svcs-\$30.60; Alex Bialas, reimb-\$100.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel-\$313.80; Capital One Trade Credit, parts-199.99; Casey's, fuel-\$937.53; Ciancio Hardware, parts & supplies-\$45.95; Cintas, supplies-\$179.89; City of Genoa, water/sewer-\$28.00; Clearly, svcs-\$45.82; Community Feed & Seed, supplies-13.90; Cornhusker PPD, electricity-\$115.05; D&H Truck & Auto Parts, parts & supplies-\$674.48; Dinkel's, rental-\$18,047.60; Eakes, supplies-\$106.62; Fair Manufacturing Inc., parts & equip.-\$25,640.00; Front Runner Fab Inc., rental-\$50.00; Glenn Brothers Construction LLC, road maint.-\$22,570.00; Grainger, parts & supplies-\$877.94; Heartland Disposal, svcs-\$50.00; Hometown Leasing, svcs-\$71.55; Kayton International Inc., rental-\$1,627.50; Dave Konwinski, reimb.-\$100.00; LaQuinta Inn, lodging-\$479.80; Lawson Products, supplies-\$225.30; Len & Jo's, supplies-\$157.83; Loup Power Dist., electricity-\$450.06; Midwest Service & Sales, parts-\$1,231.50; MIPS, svcs-\$116.53; NE Machinery Co., parts & labor-\$5,373.82; Overhead Door Company, repair-\$744.58; Pappy's, fuel-\$8,035.22; Prairie Creek Township, road maint.-\$2,500.00; Riverside Portable, LLC, svcs-\$35.00; Scott Russell, road maint.-\$508.97; Sapp Brothers, fuel -\$15,788.60; T&R Repair, parts-\$9.29; US Bank, supplies-\$104.94; US Cellular, svcs-\$69.69; Verizon, svcs-\$311.96; Verizon Connect NWF, INC, svcs-\$220.35; Village of Belgrade, water & sewer svc-\$45.50; **Health Insurance-\$11,642.12; Retirement-\$4,544.28; Social Security-\$5,147.29; Disability-\$20.43; Life Insurance-\$27.26; First Concord-\$62.50;**

#### **VISITORS PROMOTION**

#### **SINKING BRIDGE FUND**

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

#### **SINKING ROAD EQUIPMENT FUND**

Caterpillar Financial Services Corp., interest-\$971.12;

#### **APPRAISAL FUND**

#### **REGISTER OF DEEDS FUNDS**

#### **VMP FLOW THROUGH FUND**

Loup Power, elect. -\$106.00;

#### **CANINE FUND**

#### **DISASTER FUND**

#### **LOCAL ASSIST/TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND**

Dana Safety Supply Inc., supplies & equip-\$8,594.92;

#### **SINKING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Nance Co. Treasurer, transfer-\$625.00;

#### **INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

First Concord, buy down-\$4,558.19; Nebraska Office of Rural Health, loan repayment-\$3,749.98; Olsson, svcs-\$500.00;

#### **911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

Century Link, phone-\$274.16; Clearly, phone svc-\$22.91; Frontier Citizens, phone-\$61.83; Great Plains Communication, phone-\$82.40; Loup Public Power, electricity-\$28.96;

#### **BUILDING FUND**

AB Turf Care, svcs-\$942.40; I.S.S. Integrated Security Solutions, fees-\$840.00;

SALARY CLAIMS	\$83,632.68
GENERAL FUND	\$44,683.64
ROAD FUND	\$108,649.25

The Board reviewed and approved the County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #23012001 through #23012043 in the amount of \$283,062.28 for the month of December 2023.

Tony Bernt, Highway Superintendent gave updates on the road department. Discussion was held on the snow event in the last two weeks. Cornwell, gave recognition to the road department for all their work during these snow storms, for 5-6 nights they were running 3 shifts each day. Then ran 2 shifts and this week back to regular hours. Three pieces of equipment were also broken during the storms, the snowblower broke and being repaired, motor grader was down and we are still waiting on parts for the payloader. Rented another tractor to so we will be able to run both snowblowers. It was declared a State of Emergency. It was a stressful storm, with snow and wind. Now they are working to get snow to the sides of the roads. Concern of water on sides of road when the snow starts to melt. Concern of gravel budget and gravel on roads come this spring. Stated the cold weather was hard on all the equipment. Bernt stated that they received compliments from Piller Hog Confinements and other feedlots for the assistance in getting their roads opened. The priority was to get everyone a road to at least get into town. There was good communication between the Board Members and Road Crew about what needed to get done. Priority to get main arterial roads open for emergencies. The problem was the wind and as soon as the roads were opened the wind would blow them shut again. Received 1 new motor grader last week. The motor grader that was traded was needing repair. County will have to pay for the repair of that machine.

Public Comment 9:45: Brett Houtby, Charles Houtby, Shane Houtby, Joey Cook, David Sharman, Sam Earl, and Bill Dodds present. Concerns were discussed of snow removal by county of county roads, especially in western Nance County. Concern of the roads not being graveled and the roads having peaks. Concern of road graders, leaving 2-3foot of snow left in the cuts. The opinion from public that \$20.00 will not get quality heavy equipment operators, discussed that wages should raise. Concern over a culvert at 140<sup>th</sup> and 515<sup>th</sup> plugged since 2019. Was stated that the county could look at other gravel pits in Burwell and others, also talk with Howard County on where they get their gravel.

Bernt and Cornwell discussed that they appreciate all the public's help with this snow disaster with helping to get roads open and assisted when needed. Bernt discussed that his priority is emergency routes, school and mail routes. Would like a school bus route from each school, has only received one from Palmer School. This snow was different from other snowstorms, it was not an easy snow to move. The motor graders all have auto grade, and working on getting grades to 4%, they are working on fixing the crowns, but it is a work in progress. The road department is down a few employees, and 3 operators are new to maintaining roads. Bernt explained that he as GPS coordinates and locations where gravel was hauled and where maintainers were, stated that if anyone wanted to see them, they were welcome to stop by the road office to view stats. Road department put more gravel on the roads this fall, then they have right before winter. Bernt stated they are trying to leave a little snow on road and then during clean up move it to the shoulder and when it melts can recover gravel this spring. Bernt asked for the public to give him a phone call and visit with him about any concerns about roads that need to be addressed. Operator out west was hired on as dirt crew and running excavator and has never been in a maintainer before this fall, Bernt stated he explained to operator on how to clean up roads after maintained. Bernt and his foreman have

been in equipment and have to been able to drive around and view roads, that is where he appreciates phone calls, so he can address issues. The culvert on 140<sup>th</sup> and 515<sup>th</sup> is on the culvert list to get fixed. SuAnn Engel, discussed that items in legislature that have the potential to affect county budgets, there is a legislative item to restrict county budgets to 2% increases. Also there talk of taking away inheritance tax, which is what the county uses for property tax relief. State is coming down on what counties can do budget wise but not including counties in the state of emergencies reimbursements. There is a budget perspective to look at, the county is limited on what we can do. NACO is doing a study for salaries, due to the fact that the county level can not complete with the private sectors with salaries or benefits like they did in the past. When compared to other counties we are in line with salaries with our road department.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Ditter to adjourn.

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

Timothy C. Cornwell  
Chairman

Adrian F. Chlopek  
County Clerk