



Nance County Board Minutes



February 13th, 2024

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on February 13th, 2024 in the Supervisor’s Room, Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:05 am with the following members present-Timothy Cornwell, Andrew Ditter, Robert Voichoskie, Ralph Horacek, Darren Nelson, Steve Crouse, 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 Nance County Journal on February 7th, 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 was recited at the previous Board of Equalization meeting.

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

Moved by Juracek and seconded by Ditter to approve minutes of the January 23rd, 2024 meeting.

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

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND	\$61,016.10
ROAD FUND	\$34,587.43

9:05 am Rod Wetovick, County Attorney present.

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$2,709.37; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$1683.16; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$762.80.

Fullerton’s Future which was on the agenda, asked to be postponed until the next meeting, February 27th, 2024.

Nick Killion and Heather Gamon from Lumen d/b/a Qwest Corp. Presented information on broadband fiber placement for high-speed internet for the underserved areas in the Fullerton area. Lumen has been working with Nance County Highway Superintendent about requirements for the work being done. Lumen brought with them 76 easements. Highway Superintendent and County Clerk will review easements and let Lumen know the cost for easements. Easements will be brought to the board on March 12th, 2024 meeting.

Tony Bernt, Highway superintendent, gives department updates. Nance County received FEMA reimbursement payment, from road projects from the 2019 Flood. Still waiting for payment from FEMA on Excess Funds and CAT-Z Management. The road department has been hauling white rock to each of the 3 shops. This will be 50/50

mixed with gravel. White rock size is 1" to 1.5" depending on availability. Estimated overall cost for the January snowstorm is \$98,873.87. Discussion was held on possibility of selling the older snowblower to a neighboring county. Eddie Bomar from CAT was here, with the Financial Agreement for the 2 new motor graders. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Juracek to agree to signing financial agreements. Fuel Barrel has been ordered, waiting for it to come in.

Elaine Menzel, Legal counsel for NACO presented to the board upcoming NACO events for 2024. Discussed the NACO scholarship that children of county employees can apply for. Discussed optional County Board Certification, Board Members would get hours for each NACO event attended, would need to attend 30 hours in 2 years to receive a certificate. Menzel also went over the legislative proposals being heard in the legislature this short session. She recommended if people have opinions on bills or items in legislation to attend hearings, if you are unable to attend hearing can submit comments.

Klint Arnold with Stealth Broadband presented to the board information on broadband fiber placement for the area North and East of Fullerton, a grant that they are applying for. Showed maps of the area, noting the underserved area. Would like letters of support from Nance County. Klint will work with County Clerk on getting letters to the board for approval to sign.

Board reviewed pledged collateral #3136ACYK1 in the amount of \$2,600,000.00, #96254LKB9 in the amount of \$185,000.00, #3137BVXP6 in the amount of \$2,000,000.00, #3140X7FM6 in the amount of \$1,276,339.00, #3130ANPJ3 in the amount of \$1,050,000.00 released on 1/26/2024 and newly pledges collateral, #63968AL86 in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Crouse that the pledged collateral has been reviewed and approved.

AB Tree 2024 Mediject Tree Care Contract reviewed. For the 3 Pin Oak trees on the east side of the parking lot behind courthouse. Last time treated was 2020, recommended to treat every 3-4 years. Total price for treatments is \$262.50, if paid by March 1st less 5%, totaling \$249.37. Discussion held. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Nelson to approve signing 2024 AB Tree Mediject contract.

The board reviewed the treasurer's semi-annual statement for July 1st, 2023 through December 31st, 2023. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Crouse to approve the Treasurer's semi-annual statement – July 1st, 2023 through December 31st, 2023.

Jenna Clark, Region 44 Emergency Manager, brought information from a city engineer from Columbus about applying for a Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant through FEMA. For a flood and ice jam mitigation study, from west side of Columbus to the west along the Loup River. It would include the Loup River Public Power Canal intake area by Genoa and further west to provide a holistic evaluation. Multiple affected partner jurisdictions will need to collaborate in this effort. It is a \$200,000 estimated study cost upon which 75% or \$150,000 would be paid by the BRIC grant and 25% or \$50,000 by benefiting stakeholders. The proposed Nance County stakeholder cost could be 10% or \$5,000. Needing a letter of Financial Support from Nance County with the intention of providing the local share of the Columbus Area Regional Flood Mitigation Assessment. The assessment aims to identify flood risk reduction alternatives in the areas. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to approve signing Letter of Financial Support for above mentioned project.

Judd Allen from NACO came before the board thanking Nance County for their continued business. Discussed the benefits offered to the County. SuAnn Engel, HR/Budget, asked about short-term disability being offered to employees, J. Allen stated he would look into and get back to her. Switching online enrollment systems from NACO.

Steve Pritchard, Lead Educator Extension Boone-Nance Counties presented to the Board the Extension Boone-Nance Annual Report. Which includes 1) Summary of 2022-23 budget expenditures, 2) Current fiscal year 2023-24 budget, 3) County Impact Report, 4) Program impacts and accomplishments for each educator and assistant/associate, 5) Individual Impact Statements, and 6) Samples of 4-H newsletters, major program brochures and other products that represent 2023 programming. Pritchard presented the 2023 Event Building Rental summary. Discussion on cleaning of the event center, Ashley Boryca will be doing the event center cleaning as needed, will no longer be using Service Master to clean the event center. Lisa Lassek will be back up for cleaning if Ashley is not available.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Nelson to adjourn.

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

Timothy C. Cornwell
Chairman

Adrian F. Chlopek
County Clerk