



Nance County Board Minutes



March 12th, 2024

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on March 12th, 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 March 6th, 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 Crouse to approve the agenda.

Moved by Juracek and seconded by Nelson to approve minutes of the February 27th, 2024 meeting. Roll call vote: AYES-, Horacek, Crouse, Nelson, Juracek, Ditter, Cornwell; NAYS-None; Absent- None; Abstain- Voichoskie. Motion carried.

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

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND	\$59,372.34
ROAD FUND	\$31,613.43

9:10 am Rod Wetovick, County Attorney present.

9:18 am Ben Bakewell, County Sheriff present.

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$5,646.58; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$448.20; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$751.90.

The Board reviewed and approved the County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #24010001 through #24010056 in the amount of \$286,790.61 for the month of January 2024.

Steve Pritchard, Lead Educator Extension Boone-Nance Counties presented that their copier is 11 years old. Received quote from Eakes for copier lease at \$197.00 a month. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to approve copier lease. Also, presented that Ashley Boryca's laptop is 5 years old and at the end of the lease. They have it so they rotate, so that all computers are not at the end of their lease at the same time. The lease is through UNL and includes the software and tech support. \$2200 for a 5-year lease. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Crouse to approve lease for a new laptop.

Ben Bakewell, County Sheriff talked about the opportunity to have a speaker come to Nance County, the speaker is a private organization that is called I Got A Name.org. They teach parents about human trafficking and internet safety. Natalie Sharman is in charge of lining up the speaker and advertising. Discussion held on use of the event center for the May 19th event, that will be open to the public. Ashley Boryca discussed that liability insurance will need to be purchased through the Tulip program or an insurance policy that matches what we require needs to be presented from the organization for the use of the building. Insurance through the Tulip program is \$51 a day. Discussion held. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Ditter to approve use of the event building, with the insurance being paid through the Tulip program for the day.

At 9:36 am, Moved by Horacek and seconded by Juracek to convene into an Executive session for the purpose of discussion of criminal investigation. At 9:41 am, Moved by Horacek and seconded by Ditter to end Executive Session and reconvene regular session.

Change of Boundary Application presented, for Property owned by Richard M. Shotkoski Trust, Chris Belgum, Successor Trustee. Located in the SE ¼ of Section 15-Township 16- Range 5W. Was 2.8 acres and is now after boundary change 3.29 acres including ROW. Discussion held. Question of pivot corners on farmland. After discussion, moved by Ditter and seconded by Crouse to approve Change of Boundary Application from the Richard M. Shotkoski Trust.

Tony Bernt, Highway superintendent, gives department updates. Continuing to pull shoulders to reclaim gravel. Have started hauling out gravel and rock to places that need them before we get some moisture. Still hauling in rock. Have hired 1 part time Road Employee. Open position, 2 Full time and 1 part time. Sold the older Snowblower to Merrick County for \$15,000. Trees along the fence line on the 160th project were removed by the power company. Dennis Mottl has been contacted to replace the fence that was taken out during the 160th project. Voichoskie talked of an area on 570th between 340th and 350th that he received a call from, stating there was a lot of gravel in the ditch. Bernt stated he would check to see if that is a township road and if needed contact township.

Nick Killion and Heather Gamon were here from Lumen to answer questions on the Century Link Easements. Tony Bernt, Highway Superintendent discussed that the County Road Department is going to have to be in daily contact with the crews doing the work, as County will be moving gravel to side and the moving it back once each section is done. Bernt also stated he will make sure daily that compaction is being done in order for the road to heal correctly. Lumen stated that there is a possibility of more than 1 crew running at a time, which Bernt stated creates more time and work for this crew, being a daily commitment with multiple crews. Cornwell asked if all houses would have access in the areas, they are suggesting work. Killion stated that every living unit will have the availability of service with a pedestal at the road. Bernt stated that the western part of Nance County that has the worst service available is not covered in this project. Lumen stated that this project is to be completed by the end of 2024, if it would take longer, they would have to get an extension from the State of Nebraska. It is proposed that it would be up and running by the end of 2024. At this time, they have not elected a construction contractor. Cornwell asked if there was any taxable value. Gamon stated that occupational tax could be looked into and permit fees that we

collected. Bernt stated that once this project is completed it will have a lifetime effect on the road department with working around utilities. There were 76 easements presented for review. The 76 easements were broken down into 5 projects. Was decided we would approve easements by projects. Project FHD3, Utility Easements #1-29, southeast of Loup River area. Easement #29 is a private road and cannot be approved by the Board. Discussion was held on overlapping companies doing the same in the same areas, and Lumen stated that is a possibility. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to approve Project FDH 3, Utility Easements #1-28, excluding #29 as it is a private road. Project FDH 6, Utility Easement # 30, small section east of City Limits. Discussion held. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Nelson to approve Project FDH 6, Utility Easement #30. Project FDH 2, Utility Easements #31-42. West of Fullerton in Valley. Discussion held. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Crouse to approve Project FDH 2, Utility Easements #21-42. Project FDH 1, Utility Easements #43-51, Northstar area. Easement # 45 is a Loup Ferry Township Road, discussed with Clint Dubas, Chairman of Loup Ferry Township. Discussed cost to township to remove gravel and fix road after project. The township stated they would invoice \$600 and agree that the County Board could approve easement for the township. Discussion held. Move by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to approve Project FDH 1, Utility Easements #43-51. Project FDH 4, Utility Easements #52-76, Northeast and Northwest of Fullerton. Discussion held. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Voichoskie to approve Project FDH 4, Utility Easements #52-76. Utility Easement Permit Fees were paid. Full Easements can be viewed in the Clerk's Office during business hours.

Megan Zoucha, County Assessor, gave a short presentation on the new GIS website from Beacon Schneider. Explained how to access the website and all the features of the new website. Website is up and running for the public to access.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Voichoskie 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