



# Nance County Board Minutes



May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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, 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 May 1<sup>st</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 was recited.

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

Moved by Juracek and seconded by Nelson to approve minutes of the April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 meeting.

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

## **SALARY CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND	\$61,409.89
ROAD FUND	\$36,568.99

9:15 am Rod Wetovick, County Attorney present.

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$2,672.69; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$102.13; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$527.46.

The Board reviewed and approved the County Treasurer’s Miscellaneous Receipts #24030001 through #24030081 in the amount of \$615,227.88 for the month of March, 2024.

Dan Cornwell, Planning and Zoning presented two lot splits from Joe and Brenda Malander. The N 1/2 of 11-17-6W was purchased by Malander’s. Originally was going to leave the homesite to the sellers. Original deed sold the whole N ½ including homesite. Homesite has 2 homes on it that were on a conditional use permit, once the ag land was sold, the permit is not valid. Per Zoning Regulations, each house needs 3 + ROW and only 1 home can be on 20 acres. First Lot Split for Tract 1, in the NW1/4 of 11-17-6W, 3.71 acres to be split. Discussion held. Second Lot Split for Tract 2, in the NW ¼ of 11-17-6W, 3.01 acres to be split. Discussion held. Easement from Tract 1 to Tract 2 given, for Tract 2 to have access to the property. Discussion held on that a Density Declaration that will be filed for the properties. Stating that regulations currently prohibit another residence from being built on each 20 acres that the houses are set on.

Moved by Ditter and seconded by Horacek to approve the Lot Split for Tract 1. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Nelson to approve the Lot Split for Tract 2.

The audit for Nance County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 has been completed and is available for inspection at the County Clerk's Office. All the board members received a copy of the audit for review.

Tony Bernt, Highway superintendent, gives department updates. Discussion held on an Iworks program. It is a program that would assist with tracking signs, culverts, work orders, road work, road maps, record keeping, etc. Along with information about each item such as date, size, location, etc. The base package for county road is \$2400.00 a year and the public works package would be \$2800.00. The setup fee for the program would be around \$8600.00. Will get more information and see if this is something that would benefit the County. Discussion held on the bridges that need to be replaced. Three bridges that need replaced, bridge on 120<sup>th</sup> in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ 28-16-8 (Valasek), bridge on 560<sup>th</sup> East of Highway 14 (Hellbusch), bridge on Valley Road east of Mark Sonderup. Have quotes from Husker Steel for prefab slab bridges on Valley Road and 560<sup>th</sup>. Waiting on a quote for the 120<sup>th</sup> bridge. Priority of bridges is 120<sup>th</sup>, Valley Road and then 560<sup>th</sup>. Working with Husker steel and their engineer. Will advertise for bids using those specs using Hydraulic study. Wetovick brought up if some could be replaced with a double box. Bernt said that could bid different options. Discussion held on using sinking funds / bridge buy back funds for help replacing bridges. Quotes from Husker Steel include engineering, removal and building of new bridge. Engineering could increase after removal. After receiving the 3rd quote will discuss it at the later meeting. Fence on 160<sup>th</sup> is being put back in by Dennis Mottl. Bridge and road closure on Macon Road will be done in the future. Replaced bridge on Valley Road and N 140<sup>th</sup> with culverts, the road will need time to heal and is flagged. Juracek and Nelson were concerned about water that ran out of the fields onto the road at 320<sup>th</sup> on Hwy 22. All 911 signs have been ordered through the new program from the state prison. Road Crew is continuing hauling dirt on 590<sup>th</sup> by Patton's finishing the last mile. Fiber installation started Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> in rural Nance County. Bernt talked about how there are some communication issues between the installation crew and the County that are being addressed. Scott Russell has been hired as a part-time road employee to help manage the installation of the fiber. The contractor explained to Bernt that they are looking at doing 1.5 miles a day roughly. Contacted Nick Bosak for floor design plan and numbers for road building remodel.

SuAnn Engel, HR/Budget gave updates on Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance. The increase this year is 8.7%. This last year there were quite a few claims, many employees met their deductibles. In the HRA buydown was over budget this year, historically use about 35%, we are now around 50%, over budget by roughly \$20,000. The last insurance increase was in 2021. The Personnel Committee met to discuss options. A handout with insurance information was reviewed and discussed. Committee recommended Option 2- Employee/Employer 25/75 on the increase and Option 2 HRA Buy-Down- 50% of \$3100 (\$60,000/year- budget \$65,000/year). Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Juracek to approve committee recommendations of both option #2 for insurance plans.

SuAnn Engel, HR/Budget presented some concerns with building concerns. The exit door bottoms are rusted from the salt. Getting estimates to patch bottoms and then

would like to paint the exist doors once repaired. Discussion held to compare price of repair and replacing of door. Noted during discussion that doors are installed into a cement brick wall, that could make replacement more difficult. There is a gap between the building and the parking lot, needs to be cleaned out and filled in. Jamie Dubas, Maintenance, stated that was something that he could do. Would like to have a pad of cement poured south of the garage with a curb for the dumpster to be placed on. The dumpster is hitting the garage and ruining the trim and siding. Horacek has purchased paint and texture to paint the steel ramp out front of courthouse. After discussion was held, would like to get an estimate on powder coating the ramp. Discussion held on the remodel of the road building. Will start with getting estimates of cost. The Road Dept. will work on doing demo and will work on getting office space on the second floor, to temporarily move Road offices and Emergency Manager to while the main floor is being remodeled. Will need to do work in phases, starting with demoing the upstairs. Discussion started about where the food pantry will be temporarily moved to during the remodel. Will look into options that would work.

Moved by Juracek 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