



Nance County Board Minutes



July 9th, 2024

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on June 9th, 2024 in the Supervisor's Room, Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:00pm with the following members present-Timothy Cornwell, Robert Voichoskie, Ralph Horacek, Steve Crouse, Gary Juracek, and Darren Nelson. Absent- Andrew Ditter. Also present is County Clerk, Adrian Chlopek, Ben Bakewell, County Sheriff, and Ronda Malander, County Treasurer.

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 July 3rd, 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 previous Board of Equalization meeting.

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

Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Juracek to approve minutes of the June 25th, 2024 meeting.

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

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND	\$60,321.37
ROAD FUND	\$42,457.57

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$3,083.62; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$94.38; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$1,088.49.

Fullerton's Future, Inc. (Allen Chlopek and Schuyler Sharp) presented updates on progress. Updated on student enrollment, progress of construction, and the need for funding. Suggestion to reach out the local Economic Developments for interest in grants from the LB840 funds.

Board of Supervisors met with all department heads to discuss their budget proposals and other agenda items, as follows:

Ronda Malander, Treasurer, to discuss budget proposals. Looking at a slight increase in salaries and insurance. Lowered furniture request. Will be looking at replacing hard drives on computers to support Windows.

Megan Zoucha, Assessor in to discuss budget proposals. Increase in wage and insurance. Lowered line item for hiring appraiser, have been doing more internally. Kept the appraisal salary line item, in case it is needed if Assessor is ever off for a period. Lowered the GIS line item, due to switching to a new company this year. Increased line item for a new computer and mileage/travel due to taking more training. Appraisal Fund (1100) is a fund balance and can be used for software, education, aerial photography, etc.

SuAnn Engel, HR/Budget/Building to discuss budget proposals. HR increase due to wage and insurance. Building Fund discussion on remodel for road department office, it is going to be a few years project. Increased building fund by \$90,000 for remodel. Discussion was held to also increase revenue by the same amount, so this would not be task asking, as we are still waiting on FEMA/NEMA reimbursement. Building and Ground Fund increased part-time salaries for cleaning of event center and installation work to courthouse to install me door locks on interior doors. The sinking building transferred \$5,000 into it.

Shirley Stuart-Monroe, County and District Court budget proposal. Increase in District Court for the inter-local agreement. No changes in county court or district judge fund.

Engel to report for Steve Pritchard, Extension office budget proposal. Increase due to wages and insurance incentive. Had an increase in regular salary clerical line item of 3%, recommended by Board of Supervisors to increase that to 5% increase.

Dan Cornwell, Zoning administrator budget proposal. Decrease in total budget by 17%. Increase in salary. Working roughly 16 hours a week. Was able to remove the housing study line item.

Rodney Wetovick, County Attorney budget proposal. Increase wages and insurance.

Tony Bernt, Highway superintendent, gives department updates. Jim Kuntz, road department present with concerns of handbook description of overtime based on hours worked. HR explained that the handbook was updated to match state statutes to make it that everyone is paid based on hours worked. Tim Owens from Beckstrom Construction and Nick from Lumen/Century Link were present to discuss county concerns with broadband fiber installation. Concern about roads being put back to the way they were pre-construction of the buried lines. Explained that the road needs to be back to the way it was. Also, a concern of working 2 crews, Beckstrom stated that after this section, they will be working projects closer together, so that their maintainer can repair roads. Concern of locate being done too early and then county maintainer coming through and removing locates, informed that county still must maintain roads and that locates should be done closer to when work is to be done. Concern with watching at for private electric/water lines in road, a few have been hit. Beckstrom stated they have an electrician on staff to fix problems that arise. Fuel Contract options are given to the board. The Board asked Bernt to look into each option and bring back the current price to the next meeting. N 200th Ave Culvert Project: Culvert was washed away in the large rain we received with flash flooding. The cost for a new replacement of existing for supplies would be #39,220.00. Proposal with County Culverts on hand (supplies) would be \$16,300.00. Discussion held, decided to use the culverts on hand to get the road open. Received a quote from CAT for a gravel retriever for \$22,000.00. Would be an additional \$1,600.00 for CAT to mount. Bernt stated that Kevin Loseke, Road Mechanic could mount. Discussion was held on how it would help reclaim gravel that was in ditches and keep water in ditches and off roads. Moved by Juracek and seconded by Crouse to purchase a gravel retriever. Bridge quotes received from Husker Stell for the 3 bridges. Would like to focus on the 2 bridges that are heavily traveled. The Palmer Bridge south of Valasek's for the quote of \$233,836 which includes 90% of the engineering. The Bridge east of Mark Sounderup's for the quote of \$229,819.

These quotes on for an installed bridge. Board as for Bernt to talk with Husker Steel if there could be a package deal if both bridges would be done and bring back information to the next meeting. Township Road Agreements discussed. The current price is \$715 per mile of regular county road and \$385 per mile for minimum maintenance road. Discussion held, decided to increase each by 20%. The road department will be sending out agreements to each township.

Discussion had on budget proposal for Road Dept. Changes that were made or suggested: Noxious Weed Budget put in for a new pickup, everything else stays the same. Road Budget: Increase wages by 3% plus \$2/hr. based on merit. Hauling by others increased to \$45,000, due to looking into hiring out hauling in gravel. Lowered line item of general liability to \$40,000. Discussion held on gravel line item. Roughly spent \$388,000 on gravel last fiscal year. The board decided to increase the gravel budget to \$375,000.00. Budget for a replacement of a pickup. Sinking Road Equipment increased 76% due to the motor grader that was ordered coming in a lot earlier than expected.

Ben Bakewell, Sheriff budget proposal. Budgeted for an additional deputy, as they have been down one. Depending on if they can find the right candidate. Have it in the budget to possible put the right candidate through the academy. Salary increases from 20.6% to 5.3%. No increase for new employees. Increase in insurance. Last year of 3-year contract with Boone County for Dispatching. Need to start looking into new contract. County jail budget slight increase. The sinking vehicle increased by \$15,000. K-9 Fund; discussion held on drug dog retiring at the end of the year.

Jenna Church, Emergency Manager presented the Region 44 Interlocal Agreement between Nance, Merrick and Boone. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to approve signing Region 44 Interlocal Agreement. Emergency Management budget proposal. Increase in wages and insurance with yearly increases but also due to marriage. Sinking Emergency Mgt. fund was voted by advisory board to transfer excess funds from last fiscal year to this fund.

Adrian Chlopek, Clerk budget proposals. Supervisor fund- increase due to wages and insurance. Clerk- Increase in wages and insurance. Decreased clerk furniture line item to \$300.00. Election Commissioner- Decrease furniture line item. County Surveyor budget- will stay the same. Veteran's Service- Stays the same as last fiscal year. Miscellaneous General- increase line item for health reimbursement account. Due to running out of funds last year. Lower insurance liability line item to \$40,000. VMP Flow stays the same. Economic Development- After discussion, decided to cut the budget by \$20,000. To keep enough in for operating costs of website, Facebook page, Five to Thrive, promoting local events, etc. Will dissolve the Nance County Development Interlocal Agreement with the cities, allowing them to utilize the contribution to the NCDA into the local Economic Developments.

Engel, discussed working on increasing cash reserves. Discussion held on transfers for property tax relief.

Moved by Juracek and seconded by Voichoskie to adjourn.

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

Timothy C. Cornwell
Chairman

Adrian F. Chlopek
County Clerk