



# Nance County Board Minutes



January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 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 Scott Russell. 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 January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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 Voichoskie and seconded by Crouse to approve the agenda.

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Ditter to approve minutes of the December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting. Roll call vote: AYES- Horacek, Crouse, Nelson, Ditter, Cornwell; NAYS-None; Abstain- Voichoskie and Russell; Absent- None. Motion carried.

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

## **SALARY CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND	\$66,627.24
ROAD FUND	\$46,652.76

9:03 am Rod Wetovick, County Attorney present.

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$5,966.90; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$10.57; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$705.80.

There being no further business, old or new, to come before the Board of Supervisors, it was moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to adjourn Sine Die at 9:16 am.

The County Clerk acting as chairperson called the meeting to order with the first order of business being the selection of the Chairman of the Board for 2025. The selection process used was secret ballot. Chairman vote was as follows: Cornwell-7. Cornwell was declared Chairman. Vice-Chairman vote was as follows: Ditter-6, Crouse-1. Ditter was declared Vice-Chairman.

The meeting was turned over to Chairman Cornwell.

Discussion was held on committee appointments. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to make the following appointments of various committees and offices for 2025: Contact person for Region IV Mental Health & Substance Abuse Service District-Ditter; Alternate-Voichoskie; Northstar Services-Voichoskie; Alternate-Ditter; Nebraska Area on Aging Governing Board-Crouse; Alternate-Voichoskie; Board

of Directors Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services-Crouse, Alternate-Voichoskie; Other committee appointments made were: Building, Insurance, Employment Review & Personal Policy Review-Horacek, Cornwell, Ditter; 9-1-1 – Russell, Nelson; Safety-Horacek; East Central Health District/ Good Neighbor/Financial Board-Horacek, Alternate-Nelson; Juvenile Diversion-Cornwell, Alternate-Ditter; General Assistance-Horacek, Ditter, Nelson; Emergency Management Supervisory Committee-Nelson; Alternate-Cornwell; East Governance Board-Jenna Church; Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD), Council of Officials-Russell, Adrian Chlopek.

Discussion was held on the following appointments. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Russell to reappoint the following: Dan Cornwell as Zoning Administrator for 2025; Chad Borowiak as Weed Superintendent for 2025; John Morgan as Title VI/ADA Coordinator for 2025; Ben Bakewell as the E911/PSAP Coordinator for 2025; Doug Stevenson from Olsson as County Surveyor (term ends 1-1-2027); Tony Bernt, as Highway Superintendent, License #1672, Class A as county employee from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025; and Don Shuda as Veteran’s Service Officer for 2025;

Appointments to the County Drug Law Enforcement and Education Fund Board for 2025, as follows:

Rodney Wetovick, Nance County Attorney, Chairperson  
Investigator Tim Stopak, Nebraska State Patrol  
Nance County Sheriff’s Department

and appointment to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for 2025:

Jenna Clark – Region 44 Emergency Manager; Jonathan Ahlers – Belgrade Volunteer Fire Dept.; Darren Nelson – Genoa Rescue; Ben Bakewell – Nance County Sheriff; Candi Beed – Fullerton Rescue.; Brandon Harter – Fullerton Fire Dept.; Robert Green – Genoa Fire Dept; Tim Cornwell – Nance County Board; Anthony Bernt – Nance County Hwy Supt.; Val Snyder – Private Industry/Tallgrass; Robert Bomberger – Private Industry/Tallgrass; TBD – East Central Dist. Health Dept.; Amanda Roebuck – Genoa Hospital.

And appointment to the 2025 Grievance Board:

Marianne Hellbusch, John Sharples, Dave Baxa, Mindy Swanson, Roger Olson, Andy Koziol, Jennifer Wood, Karen Penne, Cody Cunningham, Skyler Herman.

Chlopek presented updates to the General Assistance manual for discussion. The manual must be updated every 2 years. The update includes a new figure for income resource guidelines, based on 75% of the poverty Guidelines updated in the Federal Register by DHHS. New figures for 2025 will be out on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Figures for maximum payments per month allowed for shelter are figured at the inflation rate from 2024. Those figures will be updated on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Clerk will send out updated numbers in the guidelines to all the Supervisors to review. The Board will approve the updated manual at the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Discussion held on a list of items in the Personnel Policy that should be reviewed. Decided that these items will be brought to the attention of the Personnel Policy Committee for discussion and to bring back recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion held on County Lease, Lease Agreement between Red Coal Repair and Nancy County Sheriff’s Office. Lease would be for use of a bay to store drone

vehicle. The lease is a term of 2 years at the rent of \$80 a month. Lease was reviewed by County Attorney and All Board members. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Russell to approve the lease agreement between Red Coal Repair and Nance County Sheriff's Office.

Discussion of upcoming Surplus Inventory Auction. The auction will be posted in the newspaper the last two weeks of January. Vehicles will be parked in the grass behind the garage. Small items will be placed in the hallway in the courthouse. Bids will be reviewed at the February 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting; Board reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Tony Bernt, Highway superintendent, gives department updates. The township roundtable will be this afternoon at 1 pm at the Event Center. Discussion was held on getting a dumpster to clean out the basement of the road building before remodel begins. Start of the design phase of the road building remodel. BD's has been here and will be creating design layouts. Bernt also contacted Prochaska & Associates and is having them design also, they will not release their designs without a fee. Bernt stated that BD's is looking like the best option for design layout, for bids to be advertised for. Cornwell stated that he had reached out to the Mayor and City Administrator of Fullerton for where the Food Pantry could be relocated. He stated that he had heard back, and they stated it can be moved to the old fire hall. Tree shredding is continuing, currently down to one machine. Received a bad sample from the motor grader located in Genoa, was advised by CAT to check everything and run 125 hours and resample. Calling around for dirt prices. Continuing to work FEMA paperwork for the damage from the flash flood last year. Will be picking up the 2 new pickups next week.

10:59 AM, moved by Nelson and seconded by Russell to enter into Executive Session for purpose of Sheriff Update on Investigation. 11:07 AM, Moved by Horacek and seconded by Voichoskie to reconvene into Open session.

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, Russell, Ditter, Cornwell; NAYS-None; Absent-None. Motion carried.

Timothy C. Cornwell  
Chairman

Adrian F. Chlopek  
County Clerk