



Nance County Board Minutes



May 13th, 2025

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on May 13th, 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, Steve Crouse, Darren Nelson 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 April 30th, 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 at the previous Board of Equalization meeting.

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

Moved by Russell and seconded by Voichoskie to approve minutes of the April 22nd, 2025 meeting.

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

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND	\$63,884.96
ROAD FUND	\$41,424.32

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$3,020.87; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$0.00; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$703.54.

Don Shuda and his Administrative Assistant Margy gave updates and budget information to the board. There was \$1,648,000 through the VA for Nance County to assist veterans with rent, utilities, food, etc. Through the Nebraska Vet's Aide, a total of \$8,843.31 was received in Nance County. At the next Nance County Board Meeting, May 27th, 2025, the VA will reappoint a member and appoint a member to replace a committee member. Discussion on the remodel project of the Veterans Cemetery in Grand Island and talked about the Opening Ceremony on July 12, 2025 at 10 AM at the cemetery. Discussion on budget, Nance County contract will stay the same as last year, \$20,945.00.

Ronda Malander, County Treasurer made an itemized report to the county board covering the amount of uncanceled personal property taxes shown by Distress Warrants returned by the County Sheriff. Distress warrants collected in the amount of \$13,533.19 plus interest of \$102.92 for a total of \$13,636.11 for twenty Distress warrants. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Crouse to approve report of Distress Warrants.

Steve Pritchard from the Extension Office discussed the hiring of a summer intern. Interviewed 3 candidates, Justine Kurpgeweit was chosen. Salary will be split between the County and the 4-H council. It is a temporary position running for 8 weeks from June 9th until July 30th, 2025. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to approve extension summer intern.

9:45 AM, Ben Bakewell, County Sheriff present.

RESOLUTION #25-6

WHEREAS stop signs and traffic control devices have been installed at several intersections and other locations in Nance County, Nebraska, and it is the desire of the Board of County Supervisors to have and maintain a record of such traffic control devices and have them officially designated,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska in regular session assembled on May 13th, 2025 that a Stop Sign be installed in Nance County at the following locations:

- On S 580th approaching S 270th (NE corner of the NE ¼ 2-15-6 and SW corner of SW ¼ 36-16-6)

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie that the above Resolution be approved.

Roll Call: AYES: Voichoskie, Horacek, Nelson, Crouse, Russell, Ditter, Cornwell;

NAYS: NONE; ABSENT: NONE; ABSTAIN: NONE. Motion Carried.

Utility Easement from Telecom Construction for Lumen (Century Link) presented. Boring utility line from pedestal located in the NW ¼ NE ¼ 26-16-6 across to the SW ¼ SE ¼ to house at address, 26642 S 580th. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Voichoskie to approve above easement.

Landowner Easement from Ken Boryca was presented for a water line underneath S 330th (SE ¼ 23-16-5 and SW ¼ 24-16-5 around the half mile mark North of S 560th intersection. Discussion held. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Crouse to approve said easement.

10:00 AM, Rod Wetovick, County Attorney present.

Ken Proski and Brock Schaefer concern with road ditch along property located at 55708 S 270th Ave. They presented pictures to the board of before and after county ditch work. Would like the ditch work that was done to be removed and a buried plastic tube placed due to wanting to be able to maintain the ditch and safety issues. Discussion held. Moved by Voichoskie to redo the ditch with the plastic pipe and see if surrounding landowners would assist with cost. No second given. Motion Failed. Discussion held. The County Attorney stated he does not feel that the county should ask for landowners' assistance. Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Russell to approve taking out current ditch work and replacing with plastic tube with county paying for the change. Discussion on timeline, Highway Superintendent stated they are currently working on 38 FEMA projects and that they are unable to give a start date to this project. Roll Call: Ayes: Voichoskie, Crouse Russell, Ditter Cornwell; NAYS: Horacek and Nelson; Absent: NONE; Abstain: None. Motion Carried.

Tony Bernt, Highway superintendent, gives department updates. Bridge replacement project on the Palmer Road (120th) was started Monday May 12th, 2025, the 45 day timeframe has started. The Detour is currently running as 120th by the bridge is closed due to bridge replacement. Filled 2 part-time and 1 full-time road position. One part-time is currently working and the other will start the 1st of June. The full-time

position will start May 19th. Had another applicant that would like to work some hours, has a CDL, would like to hire as a part-time employee to be used when needed. Discussion on purchasing office furniture for new offices for road department and emergency manager from Eakes. The price is set to increase July 2025, would like to order now and store it in the garage until the remodel is complete. Move by Russell and seconded by Crouse to purchase the office furniture now in this current budget. Cornwell discussed that road graders are currently 2 years out, discussion held on order a new one and that 2 motor graders will sunset on payments before this one would be received. Would go through Sourcewell to order. After discussion decided to get 1 motor grader ordered and which motor grader would be replaced.

Open bids for County Road Building Remodel Project, only 1 bid received from B-D Construction for the total of \$427,260.00. Discussion held. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Russell to accept a bid from B-D Construction for the road remodel project.

Nextlink Broadband had called with information on the NE BEAD program, stating they are applying to be granted areas in Nance County for broadband installation. They were asking for a letter of support, that the county accepts broadband being installed to have broadband installed for underserved areas in Nance County. The NE BEAD program will award applicants to our area and would bring out the awarded applicant to the county to visit. Discussion held. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Crouse to approve signing letter of support from Nance County.

Discussion held on the 4 stationary repeaters in Nance County. One in Genoa, Belgrade, Fullerton and one by the County's West shed. A quote to replace all mobile repeaters and duplexers was presented for a total roughly of \$41,863.50.

SuAnn Engel, HR/Budget presented a chart with health insurance rates. There is an increase of a little over \$9,000. Last year insurance was 75/25 split with employer and employee and there was an increase for employee last year. Discussion held. Decided to stay the same as last year and have county absorb the increase. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Crouse to approve insurance rates.

SuAnn Engel, HR/Budget handed out Budget binders to everyone with a breakdown of budgets for each department. Pie chart of where tax dollars are being spent within Nance County and a spreadsheet of budgets is presented. Explanation on how the new legislation has changed budgeting, explaining estimated growth and cap to get to our estimated available increase for tax request. Discussion held on building cash reserves. Engel asked County Board members to review their budget binders and make notes on anything they have questions on.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Crouse to adjourn.

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

Timothy C. Cornwell
Chairman

Adrian F. Chlopek

County Clerk