



Nance County Board Minutes



January 13, 2026

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on January 13, 2026 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, and Scott Russell. Absent- Darren Nelson. 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 7th, 2026.

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 Horacek to approve the agenda.

Moved by Russell and seconded by Voichoskie to approve minutes of the December 30th, 2025 meeting.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Crouse to approve all claims submitted and claim for Sedwick Sprayfoam, svcs-\$15,000.00.

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND	\$67,549.96
ROAD FUND	\$46,791.71

9:04 am County Attorney, Rod Wetovick present.

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$4,695.26; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$377.04 and County Sheriff in the amount of \$332.78.

There being no further business, old or new, to come before the Board of Supervisors, it was moved by Ditter and seconded by Voichoskie to adjourn Sine Die at 9:14 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 2026. The selection process used was secret ballot. Chairman vote was as follows: Cornwell-5 and Ditter-1. Cornwell was declared Chairman. Vice-Chairman vote was as follows: Ditter-5, Crouse-1. Ditter was declared Vice-Chairman.

The meeting was turned over to Chairman Cornwell.

Discussion was held on committee appointments. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Voichoskie to make the following appointments of various committees and offices for 2026: 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-Russell; Board of Directors Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services-Crouse, Alternate-Russell; 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 Voichoskie to reappoint the following: Dan Cornwell as Zoning Administrator for 2026; Chad Borowiak as Weed Superintendent for 2026; SuAnn Gabel as Title VI/ADA Coordinator for 2026; Ben Bakewell as the E911/PSAP Coordinator for 2026; 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, 2026 – December 31, 2026; and Don Shuda as Veteran's Service Officer for 2026;

Appointments to the County Drug Law Enforcement and Education Fund Board for 2026, 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 2026:

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 2026 Grievance Board:

Marianne Hellbusch, John Sharples, Dave Baxa, Mindy Swanson, Andy Koziol, Jennifer Wood, Karen Penne, Cody Cunningham, Skyler Herman. Roger Olson has moved and will be looking for a replacement.

Matt Childress, Relationship Manager from Applied Connective here to discuss the Applied Invoices and the SLCG Grant that assists with reimbursement of some of the costs of the applications from Applied Connective for Nance County. Discussion of a grant from Emergency Management that has expired, it covered some applications from Applied, those are now on our monthly billing. Jenna Church, Emergency Manager stated that they have reapplied but after the government shutdown it has been taking longer. That grant is through the emergency manager PET region. Childress then went over the SLCG Grant, it started in 2022 with first round being 100%, second round is 80/20 cost share, third round will be 70/30 cost share, he thinks there is a year or 2 left after the third round. This grant helps with reimbursement of some of the applications from Applied for Nance County. Discussion of current phone system, current system was installed in 2016 and in the next year or two will be needing to look at upgrading.

Dan Cornwell, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented the updates to the Planning and Zoning Commission Board Member list and Board of Adjustment Board Members. Lynn Belitz, Pat Connelly and Chris Cunningham, their term expired on December 31, 2025. Cornwell has spoken to all of them, and they would all like to be reappointed for another 3-year term. Natalie Sharman, her term expired on the Board of Adjustments on December 31, 2025, Cornwell has talked with her, and she would like to be reappointed for another 3-year term. Dennis McCoig is the Alternate on the Board of Adjustments, his term expired December 31, 2025, he would like to be replaced, Cornwell has talked with Paul Bialas, and he would like to be appointed to the alternate position on the Board of Adjustments for a 3-year term. Nance County would like to thank Dennis McCoig for his time serving on the Board of Adjustments. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Russell to reappoint Belitz, Connelly and Cunningham to the Planning & Zoning Commission and reappoint Sharman and appoint Bialas to the Board of Adjustments

Clerical error noted on Resolution #25-27, that was approved on 12/30/2025. Resolution had omitted wording that should have been on it, need to add that salary percentages of Deputies of Treasurer, Clerk and Assessor are based on the base salary of the County Treasurer/Clerk. Moved by Russell and seconded by Crouse to approve correcting Resolution #25-27.

Tony Bernt, Highway superintendent, gives department updates. Road Building remodel continues. Working on bridges inspection projects-filling in voids with dirt and clearing trees from under bridges. Working on a bridge guardrail on N. Emerald Road. Continuing to shred trees. Working in the weed shed, getting items moved around, since the building has now been spilt with the Sheriff's Office.

10:09 AM County Attorney, Ben Bakewell present.

Open bids for the lowboy trailer that was advertised for surplus equipment. Two bids were received. Chairman opened bids: Matthew Schenk-\$4,800.50 and William Ziemba-\$3,257.00. Discussion held on bids. After discussion, moved by Horacek to accept the \$4,800.50 bid from Matthew Schenk. Clerk will contact bid that was accepted and get the paperwork ready.

Discussion was held on replacing the two overhead doors on the weed shed. Bernt, Highway Superintendent, received back two quotes. One from Elite Doors, LLC out of Norfolk, NE for \$20,665.20 for two electric insulated overhead doors, with headers, framing and openers. Second from Dohmen Garage Door, Inc out of Columbus, NE for \$11,001.00 for a door would not include framing. Discussion held. The road department side of building door would be funded from the building fund and Sheriff side of building would come from a fund line in the Sheriff budget. Bakewell asked for the doors to be billed separately. Moved by Russell and seconded by Horacek to accept the quote from Elite Doors, LLC for replacement of the two doors on the weed shed. There will be a warranty on the new doors and looking into a maintenance program with them to ensure doors continue to work properly.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Crouse to adjourn.

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

Timothy C. Cornwell
Chairman

Adrian F. Chlopek
County Clerk