



Nance County Board Minutes



July 14th, 2026

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open session on July 14th, 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, Ralph Horacek, Steve Crouse, Darren Nelson, and Scott Russell. Absent- Robert Voichoskie. Also, present is County Clerk, Adrian Chlopek and County Attorney, Rod Wetovick.

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 8th, 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 Ditter and seconded by Crouse to approve the agenda.

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Russell to approve minutes of the June 23rd, 2026 meeting.

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

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND	\$71,041.99
ROAD FUND	\$43,243.65

J.D. Myers, Ag Relations for Summit Carbon Solutions present during public comment. He stated that they are in the early stages of preparing for a carbon pipeline to run north and south through Nance County a few miles west of Fullerton. Will be back to formerly talk to board about the project at a later date.

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$3,024.41; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$44.98 and County Sheriff in the amount of \$1,118.63.

Dan Cornwell, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented a request for variance for Jay Connelly that the Board of Adjustment has approved. The County Board does not have to approve but he wanted the board to be aware of the approval.

SuAnn Gabel, HR/Budget went over a handout of the transfers from last fiscal year to the new fiscal year. She also went over a breakdown of all the smaller offices budgets, breaking down unused budget from last year and request for this fiscal year. After looking at the overall budget, it is short \$286,000. Later on in the meeting, the Sheriff and Highway Superintendent will talk about their ideas to cut budgets.

Nicole Collins is concerned with ditch drainage along east side of County Road yard along Ida Street in Fullerton. Discussion was held. It is the city right-of-way. She stated she will continue to work with the city. Explained that water will need to be able to flow to the nearest storm drain, city is looking into options that would assist with water flow from that area.

Brad Stephens wanted to thank Highway Superintendent and Road Crew for keeping up with the roads after the rain and Weed Superintendent for keeping up with the ditches. Stephens then asked what the protocol for maintaining minimum maintenance roads and maintaining trees. Discussion was held.

Tony Bernt, Highway Superintendent, gave road updates. Will be working at the fair grounds this week during the fair Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There is an old brick 1847 Nance County that was removed from the old courthouse. Discussion on placing it at the beginning of the driveway. Continuing to work on FEMA projects from the 2024 Flood. Three projects have been paid for already. Total project for FEMA reimbursement would be around \$380,000.

Resolution #26-8

WHEREAS, the Nance County Board of Supervisors are requesting that the following described county road in Fullerton Township, Nance County, Nebraska be reclassified from MINIMUM MAINTENANCE to LOCAL ROAD:

1/3 mile of N. 230th between SE ¼ Section 7-Township 16- Range 6 and the SW ¼ Section -Township 16- Range 6, from Highway 22 north to just past the driveway of 53586 N. 230th.

WHEREAS, Fullerton Township board has been contacted regarding the Nance County Board of Supervisor's intent to reclassify said road and both boards agree to turn over the control of said road to Nance County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Nance County Board of Supervisors that the portion of minimum maintenance road as described above in Nance County, Nebraska, be reclassified to a "Local Road" as defined in Section 001.06 of title 428 of the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards.

Moved by Russell and seconded by Crouse to adopt the said resolution.

Resolution #26-9

WHEREAS, the Nance County Board of Supervisors are requesting that the following described county road in Fullerton Township, Nance County, Nebraska be reclassified from MINIMUM MAINTENANCE to TOWNSHIP LOCAL ROAD:

Roughly 0.30 miles of N. 200th North of the Canal to the section corner of the SE ¼ Section 22-Township 16- Range 7 and SW ¼ Section 23-Township 16- Range 7. Valley Road North on N. 200th is already a township local road.

WHEREAS, Loup Ferry Township board is requesting the Nance County Board of Supervisors to reclassify said road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Nance County Board of Supervisors that the portion of minimum maintenance road as described above in Nance County, Nebraska, be reclassified to a Township "Local Road" as defined in Section 001.06 of title 428 of the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards.

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Russell to adopt said resolution.

Easement to Construct Utilities on County Right-Of-Way from Cornhusker Public Power District presented. This is on N. Nickel Road in the NE ¼ 27-17-7. See easement for the section of the road. To bury an electric line due to the powerlines being in the trees and not being able to clean trees away from line. Discussion held. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Ditter to approve above easement.

County Sheriff, Ben Bakewell present.

SuAnn Gabel, HR/Budget went through all the department budget proposals for each department.

Road Department: Decrease the pickups line item by \$57,000, decrease the gravel/rock line item by \$25,000, decrease the traffic sign / posts line item by \$5,000, Radio equipment line item by adding \$18,000 (the \$18,000 is moved from the new machinery line item), decrease the new machinery line item another \$20,000 (\$18,000 was already moved from this line item), machine hire line item decrease by \$5,000, overtime line item decrease by \$25,000.

Sheriff Department: Decrease payment for comp time by \$15,000.

The audit for Nance County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 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.

Copyright settlement claim that was tabled at the last meeting in June was discussed. Have requested that the settlement agreement have notary acknowledgment on all signers and that a W-9/ 1099 be received from the entity for tax purposes as any payment over \$600 needs to have a W-9 filed. No response was received from the last couple of emails since June 11th, 2026. Check was printed and not being paid until that information is received, asked board to deny this current claim and if needed place another claim. Moved by Russell and seconded by Nelson to approve, denying the claim at this time.

Moved by Nelson and seconded by Russell to adjourn.

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

Timothy C. Cornwell
Chairman

Adrian F. Chlopek
County Clerk