



Nance County Board Minutes



April 9, 2019

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on April 9, 2019 in the Supervisor's Room, Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present-Timothy Cornwell, Andrew Ditter, Robert Voichoskie, Ralph Horacek, Dennis Jarecke and Robert Small. Also present is County Clerk, Danette Zarek. Chairman advised those present of the open meetings act and its posting in the Supervisor's Room.

Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Nance County Journal on April 3, 2019.

Notice of the meeting was given to the Board and a receipt of their acknowledgment is on file in the Clerk's office.

Chairman amends the agenda adding Jim Kuntz to discuss the usage of Vacation/Comp/Sick during mandatory work schedule. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Small to approve the agenda as amended. Roll Call: AYES-Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Nelson. Motion carried.

Moved by Small and seconded by Voichoskie to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 meeting. Roll Call: AYES-Small, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-Jarecke; ABSENT-Nelson. Motion carried.

Jim Kuntz is present to discuss pay claims/work hours. With the mandatory 12-hour work days for the road department, they are being required to use up to 8 hours of available vacation & comp hours, or sick if the time off pertains to an illness, if they need to take a day off. Kuntz feels that if they have put in their 40 hours, they shouldn't be required to take off vacation/comp or sick if needing time off. Cornwell explained that with the hours being mandatory, employees have to be accountable and requiring employees to use the vacation/comp & sick time accomplishes this. In addition, when a vacation, comp or sick time is used, the county continues to pay all time above 40 hours at time and one-half.

Moved by Ditter and seconded by Voichoskie to open the budget hearing. Roll Call: Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Nelson. Present are SuAnn Engel, budget preparer, and Kurt Pickrel and Gary Northrup with the 1st Bank & Trust. Points West Community Bank and Genoa Community Bank were unable to be present. Darren Nelson and Rod Wetovick, County Attorney, arrive during the discussion. The board discussed the amendment of \$3.3 million to cover disaster expenses in the 2018-2019 budget and discussed bonding and loans available to pay disaster fund expenses until FEMA and NEMA funds are received. Currently the county has funds available for today's pay claims and for anticipated claims to be paid at the April 23rd meeting. Pickrel informed the board that there is only so much a bank can loan one entity. For example that amount for 1st Bank & Trust is 3 million dollars. A bond is a good avenue. If it can be structured so you only pay interest for 2-3 years then when the FEMA/NEMA money comes in, pay off the bond. Interest rates on bonds have come down since December. Pickrel will get with the other two banks in the county and get back with the board. Also discussed the option of a line of credit if the bonds cannot be issued prior to bills being paid. Board asked Engel to contact Phil Lorenzen with DA Davidson and set up a special meeting as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION #19-4

WHEREAS, Nance County has experienced an enormous amount of damage from the 2019 flooding disaster, and

WHEREAS, Nance County finds it necessary to amend the county budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, which was adopted on September 11, 2018, by Resolution No. 18-14. No additional tax monies are needed, and

WHEREAS, an amended proposed county budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 was prepared by the budget making authority, was transmitted to the county board on the 9th day of April, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska as follows:

1. That the amended budget document for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 be, and the same hereby is, adopted for Nance County for said fiscal year.
2. That the Disaster Fund is hereby authorized to expend the amount herein appropriated to it during the fiscal year July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.



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3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and the expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in the disaster fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in such fund, and tax levy requirements for such fund.

Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Horacek to adopt said resolution. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT-None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #19-5

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NANCE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS to authorize the Nance County Treasurer to make the following transfers in accordance with the amended 2018-2019 budget: transfer \$197,007.86 from the highway buyback fund to the disaster fund; and transfer \$68,902.56 from the bridge buy back fund into the disaster fund. Moved by Ditter and seconded by Horacek to approve said resolution. Roll Call: AYES-Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSENT-None. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Tony Bernt, gave updates in the road department—once all residents have access to their homes, the road crew will cut back on their hours—Jarecke commented on the lack of enforcement south of the river to keep motorists off of the roads. Feels that those who were not local residents should have been ticketed. Request was made to National Guard, but the request was denied—Jarecke asked if the road department could try and get one north/south completely passable so residents south of the river can get south. S300th Ave. or S310th Ave. were suggested as they have the least amount of damaged road surface. The road department will work on the request—Board asked Bernt of his suggestion for S290th Ave. north of 555th St. Bernt feels it would be best if the county just took over the road. Discussion held—It is reported that Wes Wahlgren with the NDOR has projected a Nov. 1st completion date for the bridge on Hwy 39 south of Genoa. Nelson talked to him regarding access for the rescue squad prior to the completion. Wahlgren said he was hesitant to put in a shoefly but he would contact Lincoln. It was suggested that the rescue squad use the tower road, so Nelson asked if the State would help with the maintenance on that road. They will check into that also—Cornwell informed the board that the agreement on the rental equipment (compaction roller and dozer) established a purchase price, so if the cost of the rental is close or above the cost to purchase, the county will purchase the equipment.

Pickrel returns with information on bonding. He called DA Davidson and spoke with Cody Wickham. Said that DA Davidson has been working with NACO last week on a process. He said the board could call him and he could explain it. It is short term money for the county until FEMA money comes in. Then once FEMA money comes in, you pay it back and the county can re-bond what is left. It sounds exactly what the county would be looking for. Cornwell asked Engel to make a call to Cody and set up a meeting.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Jarecke to approve all claims submitted. Roll Call: AYES—Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

SALARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND	\$55,106.58
ROAD FUND	\$48,541.22
DISASTER FUND	\$ 2,664.22

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Nance County Ag Society-Loan to help with fair expenses, \$15,000.00;

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$2,679.43; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$275.70; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$512.14.

Jerad Reimers, Community Liaison with Adrian Smith's office, came before the board to update them on what the Congressman has been working on. He then answered questions of the board. Board asked if there was a way to speed up the FEMA payment for the flood damage. Reimers said he can start a casework process on this as there are ways to speed up the payment process. He will need the county to sign a privacy release. It was asked why so little available to individuals. There are dozens of residents that have had basement damage, but don't qualify because they did not have a foot of water on the main floor of the home. Reimers gave Denise Ziemba, Emergency Manager, contact information for Michael in the Grand Island office. He can help her with this. Voichoskie asked why farmers are required to wait so long until they can do anything to their farm ground that has been damaged. He has contacted the FSA/NRCS and he is told that he cannot do anything to clean up his land until June. Reimers felt there are some inconsistencies with the agencies. He will send a privacy release for Voichoskie and start the casework process on this.



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Board reviewed treasurer's pledged collateral – On April 3, 2019 new pledged collateral #80381LAA2 in the amount of \$100,000.00. Irrevocable letter of credit #54413 in the amount of \$700,000.00, and irrevocable letter of credit #53030 in the amount of \$300,000.00 were cancelled on April 3, 2019. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Ditter to approve said pledged collateral. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Discussion held with SuAnn Engel, budget preparer, on the 2019-2020 budget. She presented the board with the 2019-2020 budget calendar. The board will not meet with the officials and department heads until after the end of the present budget year, so the ending balances will be available. She presented the board with a contract to prepare the 2019-2020 budget. The fees remain the same as last year. Moved by Nelson and seconded by Jarecke to sign the budget contract. Roll Call: AYES-Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Jarecke, Small, Cornwell; NAYS-None; ABSTAIN-Horacek. Motion carried.

Brad Gleason and Dallas Schweitz came before the board to discuss road S290th Ave. to Gleason's residence. Board discussed taking over the road to keep it well maintained. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Voichoskie to take over the maintenance of S290th Ave. from East Newman Township. Roll Call: AYES-Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-Ditter, Horacek. Motion carried.

Megan Zoucha, Assessor, came before the board to discuss a new imagery that would show flooded rivers/creeks. Cornerstone Mapping submitted a quote for professional remote sensing services. The imagery will show the damages to cropland and pastures from the aftermath of the flooding. Some sort of adjustments will need to be made to areas suffering from the flood. The imagery will help the assessor's office view the damages to the properties to aid them in adjusting the values. Cost for the entire project is \$15,650.00. Payments can be split between two budget years. Zoucha feels her Appraisal Fund for this year will have the funds to cover the 1st payment. Discussion held. Moved by Horacek and seconded by Small to approve the cost for the imagery. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Denise Ziemba came before the board with information regarding flooding. She states she has placed a news release in the Nance County Journal regarding the public assistance approved for Nance County. She has a 4-person incident management team, who have each been through a disaster, come to her office to look over her files to let her know if things she has been doing are being done correctly. The river south of town has cut a new channel close to George & Judy Palmer's home. She has found assistance for them through the NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program. They have 60 days to file for the assistance. She has hired Jeannie Horacek to help with filing and disaster paperwork. Ziemba attended an Emergency Managers Conference last week.

Steve Pritchard, Extension educator, and Ashley Boryca, office manager, introduced Brad Schick as the new Beef Educator in Nance County. He covers 7 counties. He has a meeting this Thursday from 5-7 pm at the extension office for ag producers. Mr. Schick is originally from the Battle Creek area. They updated the board on all the donations made and donations still coming in for flood victims. There will be additional hay bales and also fencing supplies and labor to help replace fences. Fifty people have contacted the extension office for fencing supplies.

Engel has contacted Cody Wickham with DA Davidson and he can come up for a meeting next Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., if that works for the board. Engel states that there would be no upfront cost to the county for up to 3 years. If things get started by next Wednesday, they could wire us the money on the 24th of May and it would be available by our May 28th meeting. The final details are being worked out and should be available in the next couple of days. They are still lobbying for a 90/10 split for the FEMA money, making the county's share 5%. The clerk's office will post notices of the special meeting in Fullerton, Genoa & Belgrade.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Nelson to adjourn. Roll Call: AYES-Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Timothy Cornwell
Chairman

Danette Zarek
County Clerk