



# Nuckolls County Board Minutes



## JUNE 25, 2012 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, June 25, 2012 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of June 18, 2012. Combs, Corman and Brown present for the meeting. The agenda of said meeting was remitted to board members in advance of the meeting and is posted in the County Clerk's office and on the County Website. Combs announced the 'Open Meetings Act Law' as posted in the Commissioners Board Meeting Room and handouts are available.

The board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Combs approved the agenda and the April 16, 2012 minutes as submitted. Also present for the meeting is Martin Pohlman of the Superior Express.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to give an update on the current activities of the County Road Department. Warren noted that Project C-65(601) is still in construction. They will be moving to Bostwick Precinct next to start cutting trees for Project C-65 (333), located on Road BC between 2720-2750. They are finishing the requests for driveway tubes this week. Unit #92 is in the Nelson shop for a new water pump. They are done with Project C-65 (650), re-grading Road D from 3150 to 3200, NW of Bostwick. Warren announced the Road Department will be having a Safety Meeting on Tuesday. All blades are out on the county roads this week maintaining the gravel and dirt roads. Warren noted that the road south of Ruskin is open. They will be working on cleaning gravel off of bridges and around guardrails this week.

An agreement with Mainelli Wagner Associates PC for the 2012 Bridge Inspections was submitted for approval. The Board tabled this action until Monday, July 2, 2012.

A Resolution for Project # HRRR-STWD (86) Intersection Signage Project was submitted by Warren for approval. Nuckolls County is responsible for 10% of the Project, which the Road Department's obligation of 10% (local match) consists of labor for installation work for stop, double arrow, yield, etc. signs. The County's cost for the Project is \$0.00. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to authorize Chairman Combs to sign the Resolution for Project #HRRR-STWD (86), Intersection Signage Project. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

An Agreement between Mainelli Wagner & Associates PC, Clay County and Nuckolls County was submitted for approval on a project to replace Bridge #C006500230, Nuckolls/Clay County Line Bridge Project located between Section 6, T4N-R7W, Nuckolls County and Section 32, T5N-R76W, Clay County. Warren noted the test results should be in soon on the beam sample that was taken. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Combs to authorize Chairman Combs to sign the Agreement between Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Clay County and Nuckolls County. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Brown to authorize Chairman Combs to sign a request from Windstream Nebraska, Inc. for plans to replace communications facility in Section 23, T1N-R7W (Beaver Precinct) north of 15<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge as submitted. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Clerk Kassebaum gave an update on the status of the County Flags being re-printed to correct a flaw in the design work. The purchase order is for \$289.85. Durable Flags is reprinting the flags and giving the County a discount of \$79.85. The reprinted cost is \$227.50 which includes shipping and handling. Nirma informed the Board that they are going to be submitting information electronically through the Nirma Portal for future



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communications. They are also implementing a new coverage to Counties which will be an accidental life insurance plan benefit for volunteers who work for the Member Counties. The benefit limit is \$10,000. Also the new website for Nuckolls County will be available for review soon. The website address will not change from the current address of [www.nuckollscounty.ne.gov](http://www.nuckollscounty.ne.gov).

Vicki Ensign and Royce Gonzales, the Budget Making Authority met with the Board to inform them that they have purchased a Samsung Series 7 Laptop computer for the use of preparing the budget. They purchased the laptop from BestBuy for \$950.00 plus \$100.00 for Microsoft Office program and plus warranty & maintenance service for a total cost of \$1,250.00. Ensign and Gonzales also requested to purchase the Bosonova Program (AS400) for \$150.00 from Mips, who provide us with the program for the budget. The Board gave their approval to purchase the Bosonova Program from Mips for \$150.00.

Clerk Kassebaum submitted a Resolution to transfer \$5,500.00 to the County Attorney's budget from the County General Miscellaneous fund. **A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Combs to approve the Resolution to transfer funds to the County Attorney's fund budget from County General Miscellaneous Fund. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

A letter of request from SASA Crisis Center for funds of support for fiscal year 2012/2013 in the amount of \$4,000.00 was received. It was noted this is the same amount as was requested last year. A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to approve the requested amount of \$4,000.00 for the support of SASA Crisis Center for the 2012/2013 fiscal year. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.

RuAnn Root, Executive Director of CASA met with the Board to request \$3,500.00 for the support of CASA for the fiscal year of 2012/2013. Root also gave a brief update on the activities that happened in Nuckolls County during last year. Root submitted a Mission Statement, Contact list and a budget request worksheet which shows the request for \$3,500.00. It also shows additional budgeted income and expenses for CASA for 2012/2013. Root announced a new program that CASA is advocating called TLC for children ages 18 to 24. They will be purchasing the Mary Lanning Dormitory in Hastings and plan to start renovations middle August and plan to finish in August 2013. As a supporter to CASA Nuckolls County youth will be eligible to utilize the TLC Program and its facilities and resources. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Combs to accept the budget request for \$3,500.00 for the fiscal year 2012/2013. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Chairman Combs recessed at 9:59 for County Board of Equalization.

Chairman Combs reconvened the regular session meeting at 12:42 p.m.

Jim Rempe, President of the Nuckolls County Ag Society, Marlan Watson, CPA for the Ag Society and Nick Elledge; Angie Gardner; Neal Bouray; Darren Ostdiek and Scott Meyer all board members of the Nuckolls County Ag Society met with the County Board of Commissioners to request the County to approve a request for Nuckolls County to give levy authority to the Nuckolls County Agricultural Society for the fiscal year of 2012-2013 in the amount of \$45,521 for the General Fund and \$24,151 for the Sinking Fund. The County Board requested to see the financial records for the Ag Society. Watson discussed the financial records as was submitted. Discussion was held regarding the reason why the ballot question for the Ag Society did not pass. The consensus was the language on the ballot did not explain the issue well and it was not advertized. It was explained the only resource the Ag Society has for any kind of funding for the 2012/2013 fiscal year is to request the levy allocation from the County or hold a townhall meeting which requires 10% of the registered voters to approve the Ag Society to receive any kind of tax dollars to help support them. It was noted the Ag Society is responsible for the Nuckolls County Fair among other things. Watson said they may still be able to have the County Fair this year with the funds they currently have but they would not be able to fund the County



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Fair in the future. Without receiving tax dollars this year the Ag Society would be broke and would be done. The Board noted the Ag Society will need to get back on the ballot for November and request the tax dollars from the voters again. If it does not pass in November they will determine then the voters of Nuckolls County does not want to support the Ag Society or County Fair. In order to be on the ballot in November the Ag Society will be required to do a petition which will require 5% of the registered voters to show they want the issue on the November ballot. However this will not be in time for the current fiscal year and would be for 2013/2014 fiscal year and up to 5 consecutive years. The issue of the 2012/2013 is still not resolved. Concerns and questions were discussed as to why this is just now being questioned. It was noted that the Ag Society is a municipality of the County and is allowed to be under the County's \$.50 cent lid levy. With some changes at the Ag Society it was brought to the County's attention. The Board determined to table the decision until next week to review all documents that were submitted. Discussion was also held regarding if the County would give levy allocation to the Ag Society would they be under the County's authority. It was determined to call the State Auditor and find out. No decision was made at this time and it will be addressed again next Monday.

Dan Swartzkopf, Krull Insurance Agency and County Insurance Agent met with the Board and the Insurance Committee regarding the Summary Plan Description for the County Employees Insurance Plan. The members of the Insurance Committee present are Tim Schmidt and Susan Rogers. Swartzkopf explained the wordage for the Podiatry question and the pregnancy guideline that was previously questioned. The County will be required to print new Employee Insurance Manuals for each employee and it was requested to have Mid-American Benefits do the printing. A return receipt will be required from each employee when distributed. Swartzkopf explained the new dental premiums that were decided on. The new rates are reduced as the dental claims from last year were much less than what the amount that it was being funded for. The funding will be allocated to the medical. The Insurance Committee members present were in favor of approving the revised issue of the Employee Insurance Plan Description. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to approve the revised issue of the Summary Plan Description for the Employee Insurance Benefit. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Tim Schmidt, County Attorney presented a Resolution for Approval of Change in the Safety Training Option Program (S.T.O.P.) The change is to change the requirement from 8 hour course to a 4 hour course. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to approve the Resolution for Approval of Change in the Safety Training Option Program (S.T.O.P.). Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Tim Stutzman, Emergency Manager met briefly with the Board. Stutzman had put the repairs for the Emergency Managers vehicle on the agenda, however he missed the appointment with the garage for the estimate on what was wrong and how much it would cost to fix. So Stutzman did not have any thing to discuss with the Board.

Ensign received a return call from Deann Haefner from the State Auditor's office regarding the Ag Society. Haefner answered some questions for the Ag Society and the County. Haefner noted that procedures with paying claims, etc would not change if the County allowed the Ag Society to be under the County's levy authority. Haefner will send an email to verify this information. The Ag Society's board and Watson were present also for the phone conference with Haefner.

There being no further business the meeting was recessed at 2:06 p.m. until Monday, July 2, 2012.

Michael D. Combs, Chairman  
By: Jackie L. Kassebaum, County Clerk