



Nuckolls County Board Minutes



SEPTEMBER 17, 2012 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, September 17, 2012 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of September 10, 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 September 10, 2012 minutes as submitted. Also present for the meeting is Chuck Mittan 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 all motorgrader operators are out grading the county roads this week and 1 gravel truck is out yet hauling gravel to requested areas. The road department is working on the courthouse sidewalks again this week. Some of the road employees are cutting down and removing trees on the work site. Discussion was held regarding the maintainers and how they are grading the roads against traffic. Warren noted they are doing the finishing up touches to County Project C-65 (412), located south of Nelson on Road N, between Section 31-T3N-R6W (Blaine Precinct) and Section 6, T2N-R6W (Nora Precinct). Warren discussed the results of the report on the problems with the Excavator. Warren informed the Board that he set October 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. for a bid letting for construction on Project C-65(631), located between Sections 15 & 16, T4N-R5W (Hammond Precinct). Warren reported that the FEMA Audit went well. Warren let the Board know that he, (Gary), Jim and 8 other road employees will be attending the Pipeline Meeting in Red Cloud. Warren & Corman will meet with Kottmeyer today regarding the repairs to the Kottmeyer bridge.

Warren & Buescher submitted the 2012 NBCS Report for Public Roads Classification & Standards in Nuckolls County. Discussion was held regarding the hours and fuel used for the Motorgraders and county owned pickups & dumptrucks. **A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Brown to approve the 2012 NBCS Report and authorize Chairman Combs to sign the Certification & the Road & Bridge Contract Report. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Brown to approve the request by Windstream Nebraska, Inc. to replace communications facilities in Section 2, T3N-R5W (Elk Precinct). Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.

Vicki Ensign, Treasurer met the Board to report on the Surplus Property Sale. The County received \$753.69. All items were sold. Ensign also asked the Board if she needed to transfer some funds from the County General to the County Road. It was decided to make \$130,000.00 transfers each month. \$1,307,022.00 was budgeted for transfers from the General fund to the Road fund.

Clerk Kassebaum discussed the final results in the amount of tires collected for the Tire Recycling Project with the Trailblazer RC&D and the Little Blue NRD. The total amount of tire collected is 110.04 tons. Nuckolls County will pay the overage amount of \$89.00 ton. Nuckolls County was allowed 59 ton. The overage is 51.04 ton. Kassebaum also discussed some options for shelving storage for the basement. No decision was made.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to accept the 2012 Extension Inventory as submitted. Combs, Brown and Corman all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.



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Tim Stutzman, Emergency Manager and Noxious Weed Superintendent met with the Board to discuss options for getting some funding for the Lawrence Fire District for assistance to switch radios over to the narrowbanding communications. Chief Deputy Brad Baker was also present as he is the 911 Administrator. The Nuckolls County Emergency 911 had applied for grant funds for the narrowbanding. Pierce Electronics submitted the quote which did not include Lawrence as Lawrence is not in the Nuckolls County 911 district. They are part of the Mid Rivers District. Baker noted that Lawrence has not been part of the past grants that have been applied for and received. Platte Valley Communications has been the company that services the radios and equipment for Mid Rivers. It was discussed who owns the Lawrence license. This will be looked into more by Stutzman.

Michael Meyer, founder of Benefit Houdini Insurance met with the Board. Tim Schmidt and Susan Rogers also were present as part of the Insurance Committee. Meyer was 15 minutes late for the meeting as scheduled. Meyer had submitted quotes for the Nuckolls County Employee Insurance Plan with a fully insured quote from Assurant Health and also a higher deductible quote. The PPO would be Midlands Choices Premier. Schmidt noted that Nuckolls County is currently under contract with Mid American Benefits and he does not suggest that the County break that contract. The Board commented they would be willing to hear his proposal again closer to renewal time. No decisions were made.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board held a Bid letting for an Interior Vertical Lift for the Courthouse. Joe Callan, Eletech, Inc. was present for the bid letting. Eletech, Inc was the only bid submitted. The bid was submitted for \$33,499.00 for a 36" x 54" lift and \$34,761.00 for a 36" x 48" lift. The current lift is 36" x 48". If the County would install a 36" x 54" lift there would require additional work to move wiring and construction work to the existing floor between the 1st level and 2nd level. Callan explained the reason the larger lift is less expensive is the 36" x 54" is a more common size and they make more of them. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Combs to approve the purchase of the 36" x 48" Savaria Concord V1504 Vertical Platform Lift in the amount of \$34,761.00. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye and 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.** The old lift will need to be removed by the County. Eletech will notify when they will be delivering the lift.

Joe Mertens requested to visit with the Board regarding a complaint with the county roads and how they are maintained. He also brought in a sample of a weed that he found in the County Road ROW which was quite tall. Joe requested the Board to come out and look at the road.

The following salary claims were approved:

General Fund Salaries:	\$61,274.00
Road Fund Salaries:	\$40,981.54
Civil Defense Salary:	\$ 2,290.00
911 Emergency Fund Salary:	\$ 400.00

There being no further business the meeting was recessed at 11:42 a.m. until Monday, October 1, 2012.

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