



Nuckolls County Board Minutes



JUNE 10, 2013 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, June 10, 2013 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of June 3, 2013. Combs, Brown and Corman 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 as submitted and the June 3, 2013 minutes as submitted. Chuck Mittan, News reporter for the Superior Express is present for the meeting.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to update them on the current activities of the County Road Department. Warren noted that he and Cindy will be at the Highway Superintendent's Workshop in Valentine on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. Warren discussed the 8th Street Project in Superior. Warren updated the Board on the activities of the Road Department. The blades are out on the County's gravel and dirt roads this week and 2 gravel trucks are hauling gravel. Some discussion was held regarding the quality of the gravel coming out of the Deweese Sand Pit. The motorgrader at the Oak shop needs repaired. The 3 county road pickups that were surplus property will be sold on Big Iron Auction on July 3, 2013. Last week and this week the road department is working on requests for driveway tubes and cleaning out tubes that were requested, that have been silted in. Warren proposed to bid several project tubes together to get a better price. Warren noted the only outlying road shop that does not have a restroom is Ruskin and he feels there needs to be one located there also.

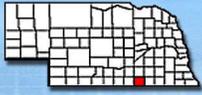
Warren announced that Stan Meyer of Superior has accepted the position in the Road Department and will start his new job on Monday, June 17, 2013.

During the Elected Officials and Department Heads time for miscellaneous business, Diane Wehrman, Clerk Magistrate requested from the Board a Courthouse Replica to give to Judge Ide who is retiring. The Board gave their approval. Clerk Kassebaum requested to purchase a new laminator as the old one quit working. This should be budgeted for. A request was submitted by Ken Himmelberg on behalf of the Trailblazer RC&D to send a billing statement on costs associated with the Household Hazardous Waste Collection held on April 13, 2013. This is all paid through a grant from NDEQ.

Vicki Ensign met with the Board to request approval for a Resolution to exchange, release or add new pledged securities to protect bank deposits in excess of F.D.I.C. at the Commercial Bank. **A motion was made by Combs and the motion was seconded by Corman to approve a Resolution for Pledged Securities for the County Treasurer dated June 10, 2013. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 absent. Motion carried.**

RuAnn Rutt, CASA Director met with the Board to request budget support for CASA in the amount of \$3,500.00. Rutt noted the amount has not changed from the last 3 years. She submitted a financial Income and Expense report. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to approve a request in the amount of \$3,500.00 for support of CASA for fiscal year 2013/2014. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 absent. Motion carried.**

Dan Rutt, Director to Revive, Inc. dba Horizon Recovery & Counseling Center met with the Board to request financial support to Revive Inc. a non-profit, Christian based organization based out of Hastings who offer rent, counseling, and life skills training to people who have drug and alcohol addictions. The program receives no



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Federal or State funds for support. They did get a grant from the Crime Commission for help to Youth for Drug and Alcohol addictions. Rutt noted they have served 5 new clients from Nuckolls County since January 1, 2013 and served 7 that have been in the program previously in 2012. Last year they had 9 new clients for all of 2012. Rutt noted they do charge the client however there are some who cannot pay and they try to get donations to help cover these expenses. Rutt noted they have been working together with ASAAP on a program called Peer to Peer, which does work in the Superior and Lawrence/Nelson School Districts. They also contract with the Probation Office. **A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Brown to postpone the request until budget discussions. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 absent. Motion carried.**

Dan Swartzkopf, Krull Insurance Agency and the Nuckolls County Insurance Broker met with the Board to discuss the 2012/2013 Insurance Plan year. Also present is the Nuckolls County Insurance Committee members of Schmidt, Gonzales, Bolte and Stichka. Swartzkopf had submitted an Aggregate Report through May 2013. The report showed our Aggregate Figures for funding are currently at a 69.5 percent of the total funding premiums. Swartzkopf submitted a proposal from HCC Life the Reinsurance Carrier. With the new figures for 2013/2014 fiscal year we will see an overall decrease of 1.4%. **A motion was made by Brown and the motion was seconded by Combs to approve the renewal rates as submitted for the Nuckolls County Employee Health & Dental Insurance for 2013/2014 with HCC Life. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 absent. Motion carried.**

Swartzkopf also had discussed previously having the County implement a Wellness Program. Swartzkopf submitted a proposal from Wellness Partners LLC for the cost of \$12.00 per participant a month. The costs will include a full workup on a blood screening and consultation with any diagnosis. Additional options are flu shots, bone density scan and lung function tests. The Board determined to table the proposal to the Insurance Committee for further discussion.

Tim Schmidt, County Attorney; Vicki Ensign, County Treasurer and Susan Rogers, County Assessor met with the Board at 11:00 a.m. to submit a formal request for a refund of 2012 personal property taxes assessed against the 4th Street Junction in Superior. The amount of request for refund is \$950.31. The taxes were paid by the purchaser of the 4th Street Junction however they did not operate as a business in 2012. The Assessor received notice in time to correct the 2013 Personal Property Taxes but not in time for the 2012 P.P. taxes. The personal property should not have been assessed at a business rate. It was noted by the Assessor they had sent out the renewal notice but did not receive a response and it is their policy to continue assessing at the current rate until they are notified. Schmidt verified there was no business in 2012 at that location. Rogers recommends approving the refund of the 2012 Personal Property Taxes in the amount of \$950.31. **A motion was made to approve the request for a refund in the 2012 Personal Property Taxes to Vogler Ag Enterprises in the amount of \$950.31. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 absent. Motion carried.**

The County received notice from Nirma on the renewal rates for the County Liability, Vehicle, Physical Damage, Workers Compensation and Elected officials Bond Insurance for 2013/2014. The total costs are \$82,883.00 for the year. This shows a 7.29% increase or \$5,632.00 increase from last year. It is noted we did receive \$9,203.00 for a refund from last year's premium. **A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Brown to renew the Nirma and Nirma II Insurance for 2013/2014 in the amount of \$82,883.00. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 absent. Motion carried.**

Ensign discussed with the Board if they would allow any claims on the 24th before the fiscal year end. The Board noted that if there was claims requested to be paid, we should process and they will decide if they should be paid on the 24th or wait until July 1, 2013 which is a new fiscal year.

There being no further business the meeting was recessed at 11:41 a.m. until Monday, June 17, 2013.



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Michael D. Combs, Chairman

By: Jackie L. Kassebaum, County Clerk