



Nuckolls County Board Minutes



APRIL 14, 2014 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, April 14, 2014 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of April 7, 2014. Brown, Combs, 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. Chairman Brown 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 Brown approved the Agenda as submitted and the April 7, 2014 minutes as submitted.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to give the weekly update on the road department. Warren updated the Board on Project C-65 (642). Warren approved the work by Van Kirk Bros Construction on the box culvert. The County will be moving equipment in to finish the dirt work, seeding, etc. The Motorgraders are still out on the county roads grading this week. Work on Unit #92, Gravel truck is complete and in use again. The new belly dump trailer is also in use this week hauling gravel. Warren noted the cement has been poured for the floor of the new Ruskin Shop. Discussion was held regarding magnets on the Motorgraders. The Board would like to see them on the graders to help pick up nails and such while grading the roads. Warren will get information on the costs and type needed.

A motion was made by Brown to approve the Easement for Electrical Line request by Nathan Schardt, Davenport to run an electrical line under a county road and in the county road ditch located between Section 35, T5N-R5W (Clay County) and Section 2-T4N-R5W (Hammond Precinct) and Corman seconded the Motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Corman to approve the request for a Natural Gas Line Easement, located in County R.O.W., from the City of Superior to serve the new Superior East LLC Elevator on the east side of Superior and Brown seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

Clerk Kassebaum updated the Board on the wellness plan for the Nuckolls County Employee Insurance.

Royce Gonzales, Safety Committee Spokesman met with the Board to give them the approved Safety Committee Minutes for February 20, 2014 and the unofficial Safety Committee Minutes for March 20, 2014. Gonzales discussed items talked about in the March 20, 2014 minutes along with the new, 2014 Safety Committee Meeting dates, a new fire extinguisher inspection form and the attendance list. A motion was made by Brown to accept the Safety Committee Report as submitted and Combs seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

Sharon Hueffle, Director for the South Central Economic Development District met with the Board to review the current and prior year activities. S.C.E.D.D. will be adding Howard County to the current 12 County District. Hueffle discussed the Nuisance Abatement in Superior Project and the Superior building Demolition Projects in Superior. Hueffle also discussed other services they provide for the Counties. She also submitted the Annual Newsletter, an agenda for some upcoming educational training sessions all across the 13 counties. Hueffle discussed grant funds.



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Mike Clements, General Manager for the Lower Republican NRD met with the Board to discuss the water issues resulting for the Compact Call along the Republican River Basin that runs into Kansas. Clements discussed his plan to control the water usage for flow into the Republican River. The Kansas Law Suit which claims Nebraska has not been giving all of the promised water to Kansas. This plan called N-CORPE (Nebraska Corporation Republican Platte Enhancement Project) is designed to get all the water promised to Kansas. N-CORPE purchased land in the Twin Platte and Middle Republican NRD's and will shut down 119 irrigation wells and eventually return the land to grass. They will keep 30 wells and have them pump water to the Madison River which will lead into the Republican River. Clements noted the Lower Republican NRD has not allowed any new drilling for irrigation wells since 2002. Clements noted the irrigated farmers in the Lower Republican River Basin have been paying an Occupation Tax of \$10.00 per irrigated acre to help pay the hefty fines to Kansas. Tim Schmidt, County Attorney; Susan Rogers, County Assessor and Vicki Ensign, County Treasurer all attended this session.

Tim Stutzman, Emergency Manager and Noxious Weed Superintendent met with the Board to give his March 2014 Mileage Log and to give them an update on the meetings he has recently attended. Stutzman noted the funding for the Republican River Cleanup has been cut and therefore will not be doing much work along the river. They are asking the landowners to take an active part in keeping the river basin clean. Stutzman is publishing the Noxious Weed Notice to Landowners to clean up their noxious weeds on their land. Stutzman discussed NRIN (Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network) which is trying to get County's communications connected. Stutzman also talked about a new program for Schools which focuses on School Shootings and the procedure to follow template. **A motion was made by Corman to accept the Emergency Manager/Noxious Weed Superintendents Mileage Report for March 2014 and Combs seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Gary Warren met briefly with the Board to give them some figures for the magnets on Motorgraders. Warren will also get some more figures from other companies.

As there is no further business the meeting recessed at 11:53 a.m. until Monday, April 21, 2014.

Arnold Brown, Chairman
By: Jackie L. Kassebaum, County Clerk