



Nuckolls County Board Minutes



MAY 12, 2014 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday May 12, 2014 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of May 5, 2014. 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. 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 and the May 5, 2014 minutes with corrections. 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 reported that the employees will be grading gravel roads this week. There will also be two trucks hauling gravel this week. Erosion control on project #642 is nearing completion. They will start construction on the Ruskin shop later this week, temporary electricity was put in last week. Hein's Construction will be spraying the parking lot at the courthouse as soon as he is back in the area.

A motion was made by Corman to approve Midland Area Agency on Aging budget request in the amount of \$9029.00 for FY 14-15 and Brown seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

Royce Gonzales met with the Board for the Safety Committee Report. Gonzales submitted the unofficial copy of the minutes from April 17, 2014 and the Official Copy of the minutes from March 20, 2014. Gonzales noted that a memo in regard to cleaning out under peoples desks is not needed as everyone complied with the initial request. A tornado drill was held at the courthouse. **A motion was made by Corman to accept the Safety Committee reports as submitted and Combs seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Brad Baker & Jeff Davis Executive Director of State Government Affairs with BNSF Railway Company regarding train blocking the crossing in Superior. Also present Carrie Lemke, Perry Freeman, Sandra Foote, and Tim Schmidt. Brad Baker filed a complaint because on May 3rd a BNSF train was left on the tracks blocking the access to south Superior for at least 5 hours. When Brad Baker spoke to the BNSF Train Master a "bad Conversation" took place between the two. Jeff Davis apologized for blocking the 3 crossings in Superior and for the conversation that ensued involving the train master and Brad Baker, BNSF Railway does not want to be represented in this manner. It is believed the crew left the train over the crossings because they did not know the area and ran out of time and to move it. Mr. Davis will meet with the Train Master and make sure a train is not left blocking all of the crossings in Superior in the future. He also gave contact information so that if there is any situation arise in the future everyone will have the proper contact information.

Timothy Stutzman requested an Executive Session for personnel reasons. A motion was made by Brown to go into Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. for personnel reasons with the 3 Board members, Deputy Clerk Mazour, Timothy Stutzman all present and Corman seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.



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A motion was made by Brown to leave Executive Session at 10:59 a.m. and enter the Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners and Combs seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

Frank Roberts, Murphy Tractor; Kyle Larson, NE Machinery; Randy Rhoades, GHS JCB; Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent; Jim Bolte, Foreman and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary were present for a bid letting for a New or Used Tractor Loader/Backhoe. GHS JCB's bid was for a 2014 JCB Backhoe, base price \$112,000.40 minus trade-in value of \$22,500.00 for a final cost of \$89,500.40. NMC CAT's bid was for a 2013 420F ST, base price \$92,185.00 minus trade-in value of \$12,000.00 for a final cost of \$92,185.00. Murphy Tractor's bid was for a 2014 John Deere 410K, base price was \$124,700.00 minus a trade-in value of \$19,265.00 for a final cost of \$105,435.00. **After some discussion, Combs made a motion to accept bid from JCB for the total cost of \$89,500.40 and Brown seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

The Board discussed how the County should handle the extra funds from Mid-American Benefits for reimbursement costs from the county insurance. No decision was made at this time.

There being no further business the meeting was recessed at 12:10 p.m. until Monday, May 19, 2014.

Arnold Brown, Chairman

By: Amy J. Mazour, Deputy Clerk