



Nuckolls County Board Minutes



May 19, 2014 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, May 19, 2014 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of May 12, 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 8:59 a.m. Chairman Brown approved the Agenda as submitted and the May 12, 2014 minutes with corrections.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to give the weekly update on the road department. Warren noted the tube at Edgar Tietjen has been replaced, blades are on the roads (noted the magnets have been working very well), 2 trucks are hauling gravel. Warren updated the Board on the current shop projects. Warren gave a progress report on the new Ruskin Shop Building in Ruskin. Warren noted they have received the new backhoe at the Nelson shop.

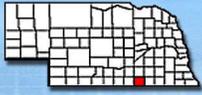
A motion was made by Corman to authorize Chairman Brown to sign the contract with Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC for Project C-65 (683) for triple 96"x 40'-0" Corrugated metal pipes with steel headwalls and Brown seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

Warren brought a can of metal that was collected from the magnets installed on the blades. Chairman Brown recessed to the parking lot to view the collection of nails, screws, and various other metals. Chairman Brown reconvened the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Dan Swartzkopf, Insurance Broker for the County met with the Board to discuss the County Insurance and to submit quotes for the 2014-2015 Insurance premiums for the Employee's Medical and Dental Insurance. Also present is the Insurance Committee members; Tim Schmidt, Royce Gonzales and Jean Stichka. Also present is Vicki Ensign, Treasurer. The quotes submitted were by HCC Life (current carrier); Transamerica and QBE Ins. The quote for fixed costs by HCC Life is the same as 2013/2014 fiscal year and the funding costs will increase 10-11%. Discussion was held regarding the need to fund at the max rate. Brown suggested to fund at the expected costs but put a cap on the dollars in the Liability Claim Reserve. Currently it is unprotected. He suggests a resolution to cap at a 2 year annual maximum figure.

Swartzkopf suggested the county renew with HCC Life. A motion was made by Corman to renew with HCC Life for the fiscal year 2014/2015 as submitted.

Further discussion was held regarding the Wellness Plan. Currently the County pays the first \$500.00 at 100% and then the balance goes to deductible and co-insurance. The Insurance Committee has recommended we increase the amount to \$750.00. Swartzkopf will check to see if this will change the amount of funding for the county and to see if it will change the county's grandfather status. Swartzkopf also gave the Board information regarding the new Healthcare Reform regulations and submitted an Amendment to the Insurance Plan to be effective July 1, 2014 regarding Eligible Dependents, Special Restriction for Pre-Existing Conditions, Special Waiting Periods for a Pre-Existing Condition and Medical Benefit-Individual Annual Plan Year Maximum Paid Benefit.



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A motion was made by Corman to Authorize Chairman Brown to sign Amendment #3 to the Nuckolls County Employee Insurance Benefit Plan and Combs seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

Chairman Brown recessed at 10:10 a.m. to Board of Equalization. Chairman Brown reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

Vicki Ensign, County Treasurer met with the Board to ask assistance in completing a request from NACO regarding information on Nebraska Recycling Evaluation Project. Board requested to disregard.

Stefanie Will-Creech, Executive Director to ASAAP which serves Nuckolls, Clay, Webster & Adams Counties. Stefanie reviewed the work they have done in Nuckolls County and the costs associated with this. Stefanie is requesting the County supplement their program to help defer the costs associated in Nuckolls County in the amount of \$5,000.00. The Board asked if the schools in the county help to supplement their work. It was noted they do not fund as it is not a budget item. The Board requested Stefanie to submit this year and last budget information for ASAAP before they will consider this request. No decision made at this time.

Jamie Manzer, Director for SASA met with the Board to request \$5,000.00 budget support for 2014/2015. This is up from \$4,000.00 from last year. The client assistance is up in Nuckolls County. Manzer discussed other budget requests and funding from other sources. **A motion was made by Combs to fund SASA \$5,000.00 for fiscal year 2014/2015 and Brown seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Timothy Stutzman, Emergency Manager/Noxious Weed Sup't met with the Board to submit his notice of resignation effective May 30, 2014.

Chairman Brown requested an Executive Session. A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to go into Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. for Personnel reasons with the 3 Board members, Clerk Kassebaum and Chuck Mittan, Superior Express present. Chairman Brown reconvened at 11:32 a.m.

The following salary claims were approved:

General Fund Salaries:	\$58,491.33
Road Fund Salaries:	\$42,960.98
Civil Defense Salary:	\$ 2,380.00
Emergency 911 Salary:	\$ 400.00

As there is no further business the meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m. until Monday, June 2, 2014.

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