



# Nuckolls County Board Minutes



## JUNE 15, 2015 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, June 15, 2015 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of June 8, 2015. Christensen, Zikmund 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 Corman 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. A motion was made by Corman to approve the Agenda and the June 8, 2015 minutes. Seconded by Christensen. Corman, Zikmund and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Tim Zikmund shared with the board what topics were covered at the County Board Convention the previous week that he attended in Kearney.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to give the weekly update on the road department. Their discussion included; cleaning ditches, storm damage documentation, score reports on critical bridges done, Project # 680 involving Bridge #C006500210, Project #354 involving Bridge # C006504225, and denial of the Tire Grant. Gary informed the board that he and Cindy would be gone Tuesday-Thursday this week to the Superintendent of Roads Conference in North Platte.

Department Heads gathered with the board to discuss wage increases for the new budget. Royce Gonzales presented spread sheets asking the board for a 3.5% wage increase as well as changing the raise cycle to match the fiscal year instead of the calendar year. Corman and Zikmund were in favor on no raise due to increase in insurance expenses and upcoming expenses with the recent storm damage and courthouse repairs. After discussion of the increase of insurance premiums the employees would actually be taking home less a paycheck Corman entertained a motion for \$10 a month raise. Motion died without a second. Corman entertained a motion for no raises. Motion died without a second. Christensen said he hated to see the pay scale slide backward without any consideration for cost of living expense hikes. It was also suggested that the Elected Officials Deputies be separated from the 4 year Resolution set with the Officials and raised the same percentage as employees. This was denied. Deputies have always been set a percentage of what the Elected Officials salary and that was not an option. The question of raising the part time employees to match the Weed position pay was also denied. The weed position being seasonal and restricted is why it is that amount. Zikmund asked Gonzales to see examples of other wage increments and the board tabled the discussion till 1:15 p.m.

**A motion was made by Corman to approve 4 claims of previous employee vacation and 25% of their sick leave from when they transitioned to an Elected Official. Seconded by Christensen. Corman, Zikmund and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Royce Gonzales summited monthly report on behalf of the Safety Committee. Gonzales explained that it was recommended by the Safety Committee that the Christmas lights be removed from the Courthouse lawn trees and not be put back up due to the size of the trees. The board said they would accept the recommendation and have them removed. **A motion was made by Corman to accept the Monthly Safety Committee minutes as presented. Seconded by Zikmund. Corman, Zikmund and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**



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Susan Rogers presented a Tax Correction for #5724 that would grant a refund of \$128.02. Rogers said that due to Statue the correction could only go back 3 years. **A motion was made by Christensen to approve the Tax Correction and Tax Refund for Parcel #5724. Seconded by Corman. Corman, Zikmund and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Dan Rutt visited with the board last week about requesting funds to help support the work he does in Nuckolls County. The board at that time tabled the request for discussion this week.

**A motion was made by Corman to Deny Request for \$1,000.00 to Horizon Recovery and Counseling Center. Seconded by Zikmund. Corman, Zikmund and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Bid Letting for Reappraisal Contract for Commercial Properties and Appraiser Maintenance Contract was held. Assessor Susan Rogers and Darrell Stanard were present. One bid had been received for each contract from Stanard Appraisal Services Inc. **A motion was made by Zikmund to accept the bid of \$60,528 for Reappraisal Contract for Commercial Properties from Stanard Appraisal Services Inc. Seconded by Corman. Corman, Zikmund and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried. A motion was made by Christensen to accept the bid of \$21,360.00 for Maintenance Appraiser Contract from Stanard Appraisal Services Inc. Seconded by Corman. Corman, Zikmund and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

A discussion was held on the return of the Protocol from AQS Environmental, Inc. and estimated quotes from Yellow Van Cleaning & Restoration as well as Steamatic Total Cleaning & Restoration. Yellow Van Cleaning & Restoration quoted remediation and cleaning of contents to be \$92,789.83. Steamatic Total Cleaning & Restoration quoted remediation and cleaning of contents to be \$35,656.26, more if they contracted individuals for plumbing and electrical repairs. Zikmund stated that he thought it would be better if whoever did the remediation worked first hand with who would be doing the plumbing and electrical he also suggested Steamatic and only do what the protocol says and no more work no less work than is required. Corman agreed that he like the idea of the remediation company handling the plumbing and electric aspects of the job as well, but couldn't imagine just taking partial walls out and leaving rest even if the area was unused at this time. **A motion was made by Corman to contact Steamatic Total Cleaning and Restoration to do the Courthouse mold remediation and contents cleaning, as well as asking them to contract the plumbing and electrical jobs. Seconded by Christensen. Corman, Zikmund, and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

**Corman made a motion to enter Executive Session for Possible Litigation including; Zikmund, Christensen, Corman, Miller and Sheriff Baker at 1:02 p.m. Corman, Zikmund, and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

**Corman made motion to enter back to regular session at 1:10 p.m. Corman, Zikmund, and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

The Department Heads returned at 1:15 p.m. to continue salary negotiations. **A motion was made by Corman to move everyone but Elected Officials wage increases from the calendar year to the fiscal year. This would mean employees would get salary adjustments in July vs January. Seconded by Zikmund. Corman, Zikmund, and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Christensen to allow the Employees a 2% salary increase for the 2015/2016 budget year including part time employees and excluding the weed position. Seconded by Zikmund. Christensen and Zikmund both aye, Corman nay. Motion carried.**



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There being no further business the meeting was recessed at 2:15 p.m. until Monday, June 19, 2015.

Danny K. Corman, Chairman  
By: Carrie Miller, County Clerk

## PAYROLL GROSS WAGES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2015

General (Fund 100)	\$ 73,936.11
Road Fund (Fund 300)	\$ 43,988.92
Civil Defense (Fund 910)	\$ 700.00
Noxious Weed	\$ 750.00
911 Emergency (Fund 5907)	\$ 400.00
Total of all funds	<b>\$ 119,775.03</b>