

Nemaha County Board Minutes



March 20, 2019

County of Nemaha, Nebraska
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Chambers
Nemaha County Courthouse, Suite 201
1824 N St Auburn NE

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, Commissioner's Chambers, Nemaha County Courthouse, Auburn NE for a regular scheduled meeting. Notice of meeting was published weekly in the Nemaha County Herald. The agenda for the meeting was kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Nemaha County Clerk during normal business hours and also on the Nemaha County website. The agenda was held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the board and items for approval by the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

Chairman Mellage called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present for the Meeting: Mike Hall, Commissioner District 1; Bryan Mellage, Commissioner District 2; Larry Holtzman, Commissioner District 3; County Clerk Joyce Oakley. Chairman Mellage noted the posting of the open meeting laws poster.

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Holtzman, seconded by Hall to approve the agenda as presented: Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Holtzman, aye.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Hall, seconded by Holtzman to approve the March 6, 2019 minutes as presented with no corrections. Roll call vote: Holtzman, aye; Mellage, aye; Hall, aye.

Motion by Holtzman, seconded by Hall to approve the March 13, 2019 emergency meeting minutes as presented with no corrections. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Holtzman, aye; Hall, aye.

Claims – Motion by Holtzman, seconded by Hall to approve the accounts payable claims as presented by the County Clerk and authorized for payment by the Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Holtzman, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye;

Motion by Holtzman, seconded by Hall to deny the claim of Joyce Lockard in the amount of \$131.88 for reimbursement for towing service. No discussion. Roll call vote: Holtzman, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

Discussion Items/Commissioners Reports/Report of Meeting(s) Attended:

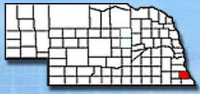
SE District Meeting (LH) *Commissioner Holtzman updated the board on his attendance at the Southeast Nebraska County Officials meeting held on March 14, 2019 in Lincoln;*

Developing a road crew – *Discussion was held on developing a specialized road crew for projects, more discussion will be held.*

Replacement schedule for road equipment – *Board is actively developing a replacement scheduled for road equipment and vehicles.*

Salary for weed control superintendent – *Part time salary for superintendent will be \$18.32 per hour; Berwick Coop Oil Co. fee \$25.00 per application (pay this application fee?) – go ahead and submit a claim for payment of the \$25.00 application fee;*

Office equipment budget for officials & office directors – *chairman explained the process and procedure for officials and directors requesting new office equipment after the budget has been approved;*



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Driving records for all employees – County Clerk will call NIRMA to see if we need to notify employees that the county will be make application for driving records for employees;

Trees in road right of way – board will be active in contacting land owners with trees growing in right of way;

Renew lease for NCDAA rent of office @ Multi-Plex bldg. – board was okay with renewing the lease with NDAA for a 3-year period, county clerk will prepare the lease;

Thank you letter from Adrian Smith – so noted;

NACo info. reg: “Cadillac Tax” on employer provided health insurance coverage – county clerk printed and presented this information to the board for future reference;

Registrations for NIRMA April 11, 2019 Mtg in Lincoln – County Clerk will register Hall, Holtzman and Mellage

9:00 a.m. Jim Oestmann, Health Insurance benefits for county employees – Jim Oestmann, with the Auburn Insurance Agency was present to update the board on the renewal of the health insurance benefit for the employees and ask the board if they had any questions regarding the service he provides to the county and employees. Oestmann represents the Harry Koch Agency for the county’s health insurance benefits.

9:30 a.m. Ashley Robertson & Desaray Johnson, Project Response – reg: requested funding for FY 2019-2020 – Ashley Robertson & Desaray Johnson, Project Response were present to request funding for the FY 2019-2020 budget. Robertson & Johnson updated the board on the activities and funding of Project Response, they cover 5 counties in SE Nebraska (Otoe, Nemaha, Johnson, Pawnee and Richardson Counties). Project Response, in recent years, has received a REP grant for covering a portion of Johnson’s salary. This grant has been cut by \$10,000.00. Robertson told the board they have contacted Otoe, Johnson, Pawnee and Richardson Board of Commissioners to seek funding for the \$10,000.00 to cover the wages. Mellage asked how they came up with the request for the amount of funding dollars. Robertson explained they asked Otoe County for \$3,000.00; Nemaha & Richardson \$2,000.00 and Johnson & Pawnee \$1,000.00. Board gave a unanimous consensus the county will budget for this expense in the FY 2019-2020 budget.

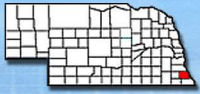
Discussion/Action – Business

1. Fuel Bids for April, 2019 – The following fuel bids for April, 2019 were received: Berwick Coop #1 Diesel \$2.869, #2 \$2,545, Regular Unleaded \$2.299; Midwest Farmers #2 Diesel \$2.466, Regular Unleaded \$2.255; Farmers’ Cooperative #2 diesel \$2.59, Unleaded \$2.35; Sapp Bros. #2 \$2.49, Unleaded \$2.309. Motion by Hall, seconded by Holtzman to approve the fuel bid from Midwest Farmers for the month of April, 2019. No discussion. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Holtzman, aye; Hall, aye.

2. Authorize the County Clerk to advertise for the appointment/hiring of a Noxious Weed Control Superintendent – Motion by Hall, seconded by Holtzman to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for the appointment/hiring of a part time Noxious Weed Control Superintendent at a pay rate of \$18.31 per hour. The position, with the possibility of adding other county duties/responsibilities, maybe be reconsider to fulltime position. Roll call vote: Holtzman, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

3. Continuation of Permit #2018-19 to Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Co. to Perform Work on Public Road ROW – crossing county road 728 between Secs. 22 & 27 T5N R13E (original permit issued June 13, 2019) – Motion by Holtzman, seconded by Hall to issue an Extension for Permit 2018-19 issued to Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Co., extending to September 30, 2019 for crossing county road 728 between Secs. 22 & 27 T5N R13E. No discussion. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Holtzman, aye; Mellage, aye.

4. Continuation of Permit #2018-20 to Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Co. to Perform Work on Public RD ROW – county road 728 between Secs. 23 & 26 T5N R13E (original permit issued June 13, 2019) – Motion by Holtzman, seconded by Hall to issue an Extension for Permit 2018-20 issued to Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Co., extending to September 30, 2019 for county road 728 between Secs. 23 & 26 T5N 13E. No discussion. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Holtzman, aye; Hall, aye.



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5. Resolution 2019-12 Release of pledged security to Auburn State Bank \$50,000.00 – Motion by Hall, seconded by Holtzman to adopt Resolution 2019-12, releasing pledged security to Auburn State Bank in the amount of \$50,000.00, cusp 257776BY9. No discussion. Roll call vote: Holtzman, aye; Mellage, aye; Hall, aye.
6. Floodplain Permit #93 Nemaha South NDOT – (Hwy 67 S of Nemaha) – Motion by Hall, seconded by Holtzman to issue Floodplain Permit #93 to Nebraska Department of Transportation for resurfacing Hwy 67 South of Village of Nemaha. No discussion. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage; aye; Holtzman, aye.

Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business

1. Remove from the table Resolution 2019-10 subdivision of a 7.65 acre & 2.00-acre tract of land for Roger Gerdes in Sec. 21 T6N R14E – Motion by Hall, seconded by Holtzman to remove from the table Resolution 2019-10 subdivision of a 7.65 & 2.00-acre tract of land for Roger Gerdes in Section 21 T6N R14E, tabled at the March 6, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting. No discussion. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Holtzman, aye; Mellage, aye.
2. Resolution 2019-10 Subdivision of a 7.65 acre & 2.0-acre tract of land for Roger Gerdes in Sec. 21 T6N R14E – Motion by Hall, seconded by Holtzman to adopt Resolution 2019-10 approving a subdivision of a 7.65 acre and a 2.00-acre tract of land for Roger Gerdes in Sec. 21 T6N R14E. No discussion. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Holtzman, aye; Hall, aye.

Discussion/Action - Buildings/Grounds/Property

1. Cost for replacement of mulch on courthouse grounds – County Clerk has received 2 estimates for premium mulch for placement on the courthouse grounds: Tradewell \$1,000.00 for 100 cubic yards of mulch, price includes delivery charge; Barcel Landscaping \$1,974.50 for 110 cubic yards of mulch and \$540.00 delivery charge. Motion by Holtzman, seconded by Hall to approve the price quote from Tradewell for 100 cubic yards of mulch. No discussion. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Hall, aye; Holtzman, aye.

Discussion/Action - Equipment/Office Equipment/Vehicles/Furniture

1. Replacement of 2 sheriff vehicles thru state bidding process – Motion by Holtzman, seconded by Hall to authorize Brent Lottman, Nemaha County Sheriff to purchase 2 sheriff vehicles through the state bidding process. No discussion. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Holtzman, aye; Mellage, aye.

Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent

1. Whetrock Inc. – price list for 2019
2. Prioritize projects for 2019 – King’s bridge, Hutton bridge, road maintenance/rock

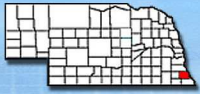
County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders

1. Fund balances as of February 28, 2019
2. Nemaha County Clerk monthly fee report for February, 2019 – fees collected \$23,527.13
3. Nemaha County Clerk of District Court monthly fee report for February, 2019 – fees collected \$1,032.82
4. Nemaha County Veterans Service Officer Status Report for February, 2019

The following claims were approved for payment by the Board of Commissioners and authorized the County Clerk for payment:

General

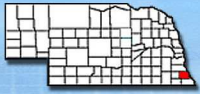
Salaries	\$49,399.04
A-1 Fiber, se	235.00
Action Tech, sftwr	1,034.99
Aflac, ins	1,477.80
Airespring, se	368.40
Airstream, se	257.08
Aub News, pub	3,212.15
Aub Plumb, se	146.40
Aub Postmaster, pstg	374.08



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Auto Parts, su	32.48
Berwick Coop, fu	801.71
Black Hills, ut	487.11
Capital Bus, cont	7.87
Cody's U-Save, me su	23.15
Constellation, ut	821.24
DAS Acct, se	469.00
Dodge County, se	19.22
Dollar General, su	32.40
Douglas County, se	96.50
Family Value, me su	88.20
Fankhauser, atty fe	1,790.00
First Wireless, se	136.00
Glenn's, su	131.10
Hall Funeral, se	215.00
Handley Law, atty fe	1,620.00
Johnson Co Clk, su	44.00
Johnson Co, se	47.84
Johnson, E, mi	307.40
Kollasch, cont	3,800.00
Kraviec, pstg, se fe	106.10
Lesoing, G, mi	182.64
Liberty Nat'l, ins	451.01
Ligouri, A, mi	80.39
Longs Creek, bd pr	850.50
Lynch's, su	2.98
Mass Mutual, annt	50.00
Microfilm, se	103.00
Mid-American, su	711.00
MIPS, sftwr	1,333.34
Moore, R, se, mi	214.54
NACEB, du	100.00
NE Hlth Human, se	168.00
Nem Co Ag Society, rt	100.00
Nem Co Clk, hra	5,763.75
Nem Co Ct, fe	356.50
Nem Co Hosp, me se	1,702.37
Nem Co Tax, ret	7,894.25
Nem Co Tax, ss, fwh	15,318.64
Nem Co Tax, annt	50.00
Nem Co Tax, nwh	4,687.57
Nem Co Treas, reim	315.06
New York Life, ins	145.74
Oestmann, K, pr se	34.62
OK Tire, ti re	1,356.66
Otoe County, se	36.50
Paper Tiger, se	35.00
Petersen's Road, se	1,519.00
Priority Print, su	156.77
Quill, su	554.18
Reed, J, mi	74.24
Sack Lumber, su	17.29
Sarpy County, se	21.65



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Schendel Pest, se	210.00
SE Dist Co Officials, reg	150.00
Spartan Store, su	116.09
Thomson West, su	241.92
Time Warner, se	26.67
United Healthcare, ins	21,333.81
UNL Is, se	83.65
VIEU, su	92.00
Visioncare, ins	105.30
Waddell & Reed, annt	25.00
Washington Nat'l, ins	71.70
Windstream, se	980.11
Road	
Salaries	\$14,645.14
AFLAC, ins	438.10
Auto Parts, pts, su	280.58
Berwick Coop, fu	14,439.81
Black Hills, ut	99.22
Constellation, ut	231.92
Eggers Bros, pts	958.01
Farmers Coop, su	61.80
Lawson Prod, pts	382.81
Liberty Nat'l, ins	33.98
Lynch's, su	15.99
Martin Marietta, rk	17,980.65
NE Child Spt, garn	255.00
NE Public Emp, un du	425.00
Nem Co Tax, ret	2,226.15
Nem Co Tax, ss, fwh	4,470.77
Nem Co Tax, nwh	1,313.53
New York, ins	154.00
NMC, pts	8,713.32
RDO, pts	909.00
United Healthcare, ins	8,390.77
Village Johnson, ut	38.00
Windstream, se	211.38
County Tourism	
Brownville Concert, adv	500.00
SE NE Tourism, se	500.00
Register Deed Preservation	
MIPS, sftwr	358.69
911 Emergency Service	
American Tower, se	906.52
Windstream, se	371.05
911 Wireless	
Windstream, se	1,174.99

With no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners motion by Hall, seconded by Holtzman to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Holtzman, aye; Mellage, aye.

Bryan Mellage, Chairperson



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Board of Commissioners

I, Joyce Oakley, the undersigned County Clerk of Nemaha County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are a part of the official records of this office. A complete copy of the minutes is available during normal business hours at the Nemaha County Clerk's office or on the Nemaha County's website: www.nemahacounty.ne.gov.

Joyce Oakley
County Clerk

The next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2019 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Agenda for the meeting closes at 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 1, 2019. Current agenda and meeting minutes can be found on the Nemaha County's website: www.nemahacounty.ne.gov