



Nuckolls County Board Minutes



JULY 24, 2017 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, July 24, 2017 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of July 17, 2017. Christensen, Zikmund and Blackstone 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 Zikmund announced the 'Open Meetings Act Law' as posted in the Commissioners Board Meeting Room and handouts are available.

The board reconvened at 8:30 a.m. A motion was made by Christensen approve the Agenda and the July 17, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Blackstone. Blackstone, Zikmund and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

Jay Lyon explained his concerns with the gravel management on the road to his residence.

Budget Committee Vicki Ensign and Susan Rogers joined a discussion concerning the various 2017 Annual Allocation Requests that the board has tabled. Ensign explained that she had been communicating with the State Auditor's office about counties allocating to agencies. Counties are not obligated unless there is an inter-local agreement or regulation by state statute. Miller believed that all the requesting agencies were on a yearly basis. Zikmund suggested cutting back the amounts that the county gives but not completely denying the requests.

Veteran's Service Officer Bob Kotinek was first to present the Veteran's Service and Veteran's Aide Budgets to the board. Kotinek explained there was a minor increase due to some training, but otherwise nothing changed. The board agreed that the Veteran's Officer's fill in staff wage should be raised to \$12.50 an hour.

Diane Wehrman presented the County Court Budget. The board had no questions or concerns.

County Clerk Carrie Miller presented the County Clerk Budget, Election Budget and the Register of Deeds Preservation Budget. Miller explained that there was a slight increase in the County Clerk Budget due to changing an employee's single coverage insurance to a family coverage expense. Miller also explained that the previously discussed additional Register of Deeds/Elections Deputy salary was included for cross training of Accounts Payable and Payroll. The board stated there would be no additional raises. Miller explained that the board had already discussed the matter, and told Miller to add to the budget, that this was not a raise but a promotion for learning on more skills and responsibilities. Christensen stated he was not in favor of increasing any salary. Zikmund stated they could just cut the budget. Blackstone felt even though it would be an earned promotion it could possibly offend other employees. Miller agreed to remove the additional \$3,000.00 and do the promotion at a later date.

Treasurer Vicki Ensign presented the County Treasurer Budget. The board had no questions or concerns.

Assessor Susan Rogers presented County Assessor's Budget. Rogers had recommended to the board that her office would take over the 2017 Appraisal duties saving the county approximately \$53,000.00. However, adding additional responsibilities to the office, Rogers would increase different line items to compensate for taking over the re-appraisal duties that were previously contracted to Stanard Appraisal. The board was pleased with the overall savings.



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The board reviewed the County Commissioner's Budget. A slight increase was noted due to insurance.

Sheriff Brad Baker presented County Sheriff Budget, Jail Budget, Equipment Reserve Budget, 911 Emergency Services Budget and 911 Wireless Budget. Baker explained that there wasn't a lot of changes overall but the Jail Budget did reduce approximately \$5,000.00. The board asked if more should be budgeted for housing prisoners. Baker stated jailing expenses is so unpredictable he felt more comfortable leaving it as it was and Ensign explained that an interfund transfer could be done at a later date if needed. The board asked Sheriff Baker if he intended to purchase a vehicle this year. Baker stated that he had one in the department that needed to be replaced so he put it in his budget.

County Attorney Sara Bockstadter presented the County Attorney Budget, Diversion and Drug Law Enforcement Budget. Bockstadter noted that like Miller she budgeted for family insurance in the County Attorney Budget.

Samantha Haba joined for the Buildings and Grounds Budget.

Rogers and Ensign reviewed the Visitors Promotion Budget, Liability Claim Reserve Budget and the Medical Relief Budget.

A motion was made by Christensen to accept the Safety Committee Report as submitted. Seconded by Blackstone. Blackstone, Zikmund and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

Rogers and Ensign presented the Miscellaneous General Budget and Inheritance Tax Budget.

The final budget hearing will be advertised for August 28, 2017.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. until Monday, August 7, 2017.

Timothy Zikmund, Chairman
By: Carrie Miller, County Clerk