



Nuckolls County Board Minutes



AUGUST 14, 2017 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, August 14, 2017 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of August 7, 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 August 7, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Blackstone. Blackstone, Zikmund and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

The board signed a letter of support to the Riparian Improvement projects to the Little Blue River for 2018-2019 with supplying assistance from the Nuckolls County Weed Superintendent as time permits.

Assessor Susan Rogers presented to the board, she had received a bid from MIPS for \$4,648.70 to replace and install computers in the Assessor's Office. Rogers explained that after the power outage the courthouse experienced on August 4, 2017, that the middle office computer never recovered. The board agreed that the office should proceed.

Nick Elledge presented bids he had received for the purchasing the Noxious Weed/Emergency Management vehicle from Alexander Motors Inc. Elledge had 2 bids, 2018 Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab 4X4 for \$27,825.00 and 2018 Chevrolet Silverado Double Cab 4X4 for \$26,219.00. A discussion was held about holding off the purchase and shopping around, but even the options on the lots were not in acceptable comparison with the state bid price.

Sheriff Baker and Budget Committee Vicki Ensign and Susan Rogers were present for the discussion of the Sheriff Department's Budgets. The board asked if Baker felt there was any where his budgets could be cut more. Baker said no, and explained that the only changes were in the salary and insurance lines of his budget. There was also a cell phone bill that was in the Emergency Management budget back to the Sheriff budget. The remaining line items had not changed in the last several years. Blackstone asked Baker if he felt that the department could cut vehicle line item and use cars instead of trucks, that surrounding counties use cars. Baker stated no, that surrounding counties also have difficulties with up keep of their cars. The board questioned why Baker's deputies needed such flashy vehicles. Baker explained that when the department replaces a vehicle, he gets numerous bids inside and out of the county, as well as researches state bids. It has been the experience of the department a current year new vehicle that's already built has been cheaper than ordering a new one. All of the flash, so to speak, is not ordered special. The trucks handle the use, are maintained under warranty and retain trade in value. There was a heated discussion that expressed personal opinions between Blackstone and Baker. The budget committee explained that due to staff changes, the insurance line item had actually reduced approximately \$5,000.00. The budget remained.

Gary Warren and Cindy Buescher presented County Road & Highway Bridge Buyback Budgets. Warren explained that with the Budget Committee they had removed an additional \$20,000 from the previously presented budget. A discussion was held about motorgrader and fuel line items. Warren explained that the last motorgrader purchase they did get a good deal. However, the motorgrader he is trading in the next round will not be as valuable on trade in towards the purchase. Blackstone questioned why if the previous year fuel cost is \$116,450.99 why there was \$300,000.00 budgeted. Warren explained that fuel use and prices are unpredictable and would like to leave it at \$300,000.00, the past few winters have been mild and those years fuel usage does



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not reflect what a hard winter could cost. There was a heated discussion that expressed personal opinion between Warren and Blackstone. Ensign presented several past years fuel usage figures with the spread ranging from \$198,000.00 to \$268,000.00. Warren also asked the board to remember and consider that the road budget actually requires 15 months of functioning costs, due to the way taxes are collected, and those additional months are the department's busiest time of the year for projects. The budget remained

A motion was made by Christensen for the Chairman to sign the 2017/2018 Maintenance Contract between Nuckolls County and Stanard Appraisal for \$22,800.00. Seconded by Blackstone. Zikmund, Blackstone and Christensen all voted aye. 0 voted nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Christensen to fund SASA 2017/2018 annual allocation request for \$5,000.00 at \$2,500.00. Motion died.

A motion was made by Zikmund to fund SASA 2017/2018 annual allocation request for \$5,000.00 at \$1,000.00. Seconded by Blackstone. Zikmund, Blackstone and Christensen all voted aye. 0 voted nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Blackstone to fund the Mid Nebraska Individual Services, Inc. 2017/2018 annual allocation request for \$4,500.00 at full amount. Seconded by Zikmund. Zikmund, Blackstone and Christensen all voted aye. 0 voted nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Christensen to fund Region 3 Behavioral Services 2017/2018 annual allocation request for the full amount requested of \$10,889.15. Seconded by Zikmund. Zikmund, Blackstone and Christensen all voted aye. 0 voted nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Blackstone to fund CASA 2017/2018 annual allocation request of \$4,500.00 the full amount requested. Seconded by Christensen. Zikmund, Blackstone and Christensen all voted aye. 0 voted nay. Motion passed.

The board discussed and told the Budget Committee to proceed with the budget process.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. until Monday, August 21, 2017.

Timothy Zikmund, Chairman
By: Carrie Miller, County Clerk