



# Nuckolls County Board Minutes



## OCOTBER 16, 2017 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, October 16, 2017 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of October 10, 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 Blackstone approve the Agenda and the October 10, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Zikmund. Blackstone, Zikmund and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Christensen expressed concern about the HVAC vent covers not being replaced in offices on the second floor of the courthouse. Haba and Miller explained that several contractors had been contacted about the issue. Blackstone discussed installing a more secure firewall for cybersecurity, but would like to do more research before official discussion. **A motion was made by Blackstone to replace lights in the offices with LED lights, an entire office at a time when repairs are needed. Seconded by Zikmund. Blackstone, Zikmund and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

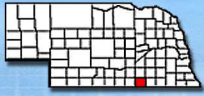
Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent, and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary, met with the Board to give the weekly update on the road department. Their discussion included; Warren requested to advertise hiring a road department employee as his team is currently down one individual and Darrell Kile visited with the board regarding the Aurora Coop road. Kile explained to the board that the road is a safety and health hazard due to the dust that blows across the highway. Kile has contacted the Environmental Air Quality Agency in regards to the air hazards due to the heavy traffic into the facility. The board discussed possibly closing the East entrance and directing traffic through the West entrance and Warren will check on a soybean based treatment that could possibly be an option to treat the road. **A motion was made by Zikmund for the board to Approve Resolution Certifying Proper Completion of Project C006513610 #708. Seconded by Christensen. Blackstone, Zikmund and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Miller updated the board that Jarod Shroyer had been contacted to repair the fencing around the abandoned Oxbow Cemetery.

**A motion was made by Zikmund to Approve Special Designated Liquor License for Meyer Vineyards, Inc., dba Superior Estates Winery for November 16, 2017. Seconded by Christensen. Blackstone, Zikmund and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

The board proceeded to the quarterly jail visit and noted a leakage where the old and new building join. Zikmund asked Miller to contact Jamie Haba for assistance on getting that fixed.

Carissa Uhrmacher presented the Community Based Juvenile Services Application to the board. Uhrmacher explained how the grant funded programs are utilized in Nuckolls County. The programs are designed to focus on alternative options for individuals 12-18 years of age to help try keep them out of the juvenile court system. **A motion was made by Christensen to Approve signing the Community Based Juvenile Services**



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**Application. Seconded by Blackstone. Blackstone, Zikmund and Christensen all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Darrell Hayek and David Varver of Saline County joined the board with a presentation on Windfarm education. This presentation was an unbiased explanation on the pro and cons of Windfarms. Attending this was Nuckolls County Roads Gary Warren, Mary Statz, Terry Madison, Laverne Schroer, Ron Herbek and Nuckolls County Assessor Susan Rogers.

UNL Extension Jacie Milius, Extension Educator for Nuckolls/Thayer Counties and John Westra Associate Research and Extension Director Southeast Extension District joined the board for the discussion concerning the part-time position advertised for the Nuckolls County Office. Westra explained the Extension Office is a unique partnership between Nuckolls County and UNL and becomes yet more unique because Nuckolls and Thayer County are merged. The board expressed concern for the advertised job description and stated they felt it posed liability on the county advertised incorrectly and this is why they asked to postpone the interviews. The board asked that Milius return with Nuckolls County's long time office manager Jean Stichka for a future discussion about this position before continuing on with the interviews.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. until Monday, September 23, 2017.

Timothy Zikmund, Chairman  
By: Carrie Miller, County Clerk