



# Nuckolls County Board Minutes



## NOVEMBER 20, 2017 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, November 20, 2017 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of November 13, 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 November 13, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Christensen. 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; crews are cutting trees and the gravel crew will need to gravel Road 3400 & Road M for a residence to move in. Warren stated that he had documentation and was working with the County Attorney regarding a land owner blading their own road, on Road 3900. Warren also informed the board that he had two excellent interviews from the applications received, and looking ahead at the Road Department's needs is thinking about hiring them both. Buescher explained that the salary was in the budget due to the crews working short. Zikmund and Blackstone agreed that Warren should proceed, but Christensen opposed the idea.

Treasurer Ensign presented a Release of Pledged Securities. **A motion was made by Christensen for the board to sign the Release of Pledged Securities. Seconded by Blackstone. Zikmund, Christensen and Blackstone all voted aye. 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Nick Elledge gave the board a brief update on the schedule of the Noxious Weed and Emergency Management departments. Elledge explained that he submitted the documentation for MPG grant and will be taking Incident Command training in January.

Rob Thompson and 2 other representatives of Aurora Coop joined the board to discuss the dust issue at intersections 3750, 3800 and 3900 along Nebraska State Highway 8, caused by traffic going in and out of Aurora Coop. Thompson, Warren and the board continued the discussion of possible treatment options and options other than soybean and tree sap treatments were discussed. The discussion recessed with the understanding of more actual treatment costs to be brought forward and Aurora Coop would contact the State of Nebraska Department of Roads about a possible turn lane off Nebraska State Highway 8.

Dylan Ikkala, Dave Savage and John Yocum of Apex Clean Energy, Inc. gave the board a brief introduction of the project they are conducting in Nuckolls County. Savage explained the Wind Energy project is still in the beginning phases, and 6 month to a year from now if the project succeeds another group, involving more of the road maintenance and construction part of the project, would want to meet with the board and Warren. Ikkala stated that they still working with landowners, and are approximately 50 percent away from their goal.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. until Monday, November 27, 2017.



# Nuckolls County Board Minutes



Timothy Zikmund, Chairman  
By: Carrie Miller, County Clerk

## **PAYROLL GROSS WAGES FOR THE MONTH OF November 2017**

General (Fund 100)	\$ 75,758.23
Road Fund (Fund 300)	\$ 47,137.57
Civil Defense (Fund 910)	\$ 2,187.50
911 Emergency (Fund 5907)	\$ 500.00
Noxious Weed (Fund 5400)	\$ 729.16
<b>Total of all funds</b>	<b>\$ 126,312.46</b>