



# Nuckolls County Board Minutes



## MARCH 19, 2018 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, March 19, 2018, in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of March 5, 2018. Zikmund, Christensen 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. **Christensen made a motion to approve the Agenda and the March 5, 2018 minutes. Seconded Zikmund. Zikmund, Christensen and Blackstone voted Aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion Carried.**

**A motion was made by Christensen to Accept Treasurer Ensign's presented Tax Sales Report. Seconded by Blackstone. Zikmund, Christensen and Blackstone voted Aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion Carried.**

Warren and Buescher were present for the Road Department 1 & 6 hearing. The presented 25 projects for the one year and 20 projects for the six year age attentive agenda. **Christensen made a motion to proceed with Resolution. Seconded by Zikmund. Blackstone, Zikmund & Christensen all voted Aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.** See attached Resolution

County Attorney Sara Bockstadter joined the meeting to inform the board of the history and current status of the North and South County Road between sections Sixteen(16), and Seventeen(17) and Twenty(20) and Twenty-one(21), all in Township One(1) North, Range Eight(8). Bockstadter explained that it is a dispute between 2 individuals where one has gated and padlocked an entrance. Bockstadter also explained that the county's involvement in this matter is, after researching the area, according to a 1900 plat map there was a county road. Sometime between 1900 and 1917 the river shifted and it appears the road may have become more or less unused by the general public but does not appear to have been vacated.

Warren and Buescher were present for the Road Department Gravel Bid Letting held at 1:30 p.m. One bid from Deweese Sand & Gravel was submitted. Carmon Gross from Deweese Sand & Gravel was present for the letting. Victor @ \$16.140; Liberty @ \$16.40; Sherman @ \$17.00; Hammond @ \$16.90; St. Stephens @ \$16.25; Nelson @ \$16.80; Blaine @ \$16,90; Elk @ \$17.35; Alban @ \$15.45; Highland @ \$15.55; Nora @ 16.70; Spring Creek @\$16.90; Bostwick @ \$15.45; Beaver @ \$15.55; Garfield @ \$15.65; Hardy @ \$16.15; Hauled to Nelson Shop @ \$16.75; Pit Price at Deweese is \$11.60 & Superior is \$12.50 for Gravel and for Mudrock, Deweese is \$12.65 and Superior is \$13.55. **A motion was made by Blackstone to accept Gravel Bid from Deweese Sand & Gravel, Inc. for 2017 year. Seconded by Zikmund. Blackstone and Christensen voted Aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Blackstone for the Chairman to sign Gravel Agreement between Nuckolls County and Deweese Sand & Gravel, Inc. Seconded by Christensen. Zikmund, Christensen and Blackstone voted Aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion Carried.**

**Chairman Zikmund recessed the regular Board Meeting at 10:30 a.m. to enter Board of Equalization meeting.**

**Chairman Zikmund reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:32 a.m.**



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Nuckolls County received 4 Request for Proposals for a new courthouse heating and cooling system. Energized Electric Co. was \$375,000.00. Rutt's Heating and Air conditioning was \$375,670.00 plus a possible additional \$6,500.00 making it a total of \$382,170.00. Rasmussen was \$375,550.00. Trane and Rome Service Inc. was \$336,750.00. Ron Paul with Rasmussen was present and was able to answer questions from the board about Rasmussen's proposal. The board agreed a special meeting would be called on Monday March 26, 2018 to speak with the other 3 contractors, for a possible final decision on April 2, 2018.

**A motion was made by Zikmund to enter Executive Session at 12:30 p.m. with the board, County Attorney Sara Bockstadter and Clerk Miller for Potential Litigations, Legal Advice Ref: wind development moratorium. Seconded by Christensen. Zikmund, Blackstone and Christensen voted Aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Zikmund to re-enter regular session at 1:11 p.m. Seconded by Christensen. Zikmund, Blackstone and Christensen voted Aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion Carried. No Action was taken.**

The board discussed and requested the Burial Assistance Application be put back on the agenda after receiving a list of expenses from the requesting funeral home.

Warren and Buescher returned for the 2018 Skid steer quotes. Randy Rhodes with JCB presented a quote of \$10,000.00 for a 2018 JCB 270 T and Jeff Mach with LandMark Implement presented a quote of \$2,913.00 for a 2018 John Deere 325G. **A motion was made by Blackstone to accept the quote of \$2,913.00 from LandMark Implement for the 2018 John Deere 325G. Seconded by Zikmund. Blackstone and Zikmund both voted aye. 0 voted nay. Christensen abstained. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Christensen to approve a Special Designated Liquor License for D & D Lyons Den for April 14, 2018. Seconded by Zikmund. Zikmund, Christensen and Blackstone voted Aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion Carried.**

Logan Schnitker of D.R. Properties & Home Improvement, LLC join the board for a discussion on the January 11, 2018 door repair bid submitted.

Eric Kennedy and Trey Parsons of Integrated Security Solutions returned to present further explanation of the door security quote that Integrated Security Solutions submitted in the February 20, 2018 Buildings and Grounds discussion, for keyless entry into the courthouse.

**A motion was made by Zikmund to Accept the Nuckolls County 2017 Financial Audit Report. Seconded by Blackstone. Zikmund, Christensen and Blackstone voted Aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion Carried.**

Approximately 25-30 individuals joined the meeting concerning wind turbine discussion. Included in the group was Lyle Schroer, Don Mazour, Dave Savage of Apex, Dylan Ikkala of Apex, and a few opposed individuals. The pro wind project individuals asked the board to consider looking at some of the reasons why they chose to sign lease agreements. Some of the reasons stated were; the extra income to their families, extra income to help the schools, jobs in our dying communities and future incomes to smaller family owned farming operations. They explained that they viewed the wind farm project as a positive start to future adaptations of energy and a bonus that an industry would be moving into the county. There were several personal stories shared, and personal opinions express about the possibility of property regulations being set for county residents. Dave Savage, Senior Director of Project development for Apex, explained that 50 leases had already been signed. The project of discussion already had about 22,000 acres leased, which was already two thirds of their goal of what they need. Savage also stated during the year-long construction phase this project would bring roughly 200 individuals living and shopping in the area. After the construction phase is complete, 10-12 full time jobs



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would be created with a salary ranging \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 each. The project was estimated to bring approximately \$1.3 million tax revenue to Nuckolls County, as well as the revenue promised to the landowners hosting and/or neighboring the turbines. The board asked questions concerning whether the additional tax monies was a benefit, or if there is a possibility the state could penalize the county in other areas making it a wash. The board also asked if there were any results from studies concerning success rate of wind turbine energy and possible health affects to neighboring residents. Savage stated he did not have these results with him at this time.

There being no further business the meeting was recessed at 4:35 p.m. until Monday, March 26, 2018.

Timothy Zikmund, Chairman  
By: Carrie Miller, County Clerk