



Nuckolls County Board Minutes



MAY 21, 2018 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, May 21, 2018 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of May 7, 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 May 7th, 2018 minutes. Seconded Zikmund. Zikmund, Christensen and Blackstone 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; motor graders are running, cutting weeds, cleaning off bridge decks, gravel trucks are running, Project #704 & #705 are complete, moving on to Project #706, Elledge and Warren are working together with chemicals and spraying, #80 Peterbilt needed new injectors, and blade guys will be working on turning in reports of problem areas to Warren.

A letter from Brian Herbek concerning Road Z, between Roads 3300 & 3400, requesting the board to vacate the half-mile was discussed by the board and Warren. Warren explained that he had already spoke with Mr. Herbek and would need to start the Vacating Procedures, starting with a road study. **A motion was made by Zikmund for Warren to proceed with the road study on Road Z, between Roads 3300 & 3400. Seconded by Christensen. Zikmund, Christensen and Blackstone voted Aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Blackstone to Approve the Pledged Securities presented by Treasurer Ensign. Seconded by Zikmund. Zikmund, Christensen and Blackstone voted Aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion Carried.

Jerad Reimers with Adrian Smith's office was unable to attend his scheduled session.

A motion was made by Blackstone to Accept the Safety Committee Report as submitted. 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.

A motion was made by Blackstone to table the Request for General Assistance for more information. Seconded by Christensen. Zikmund, Christensen and Blackstone voted Aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion Carried.

Jason Weigle with the Extension Office informed the board that he would now be the Community Vitality Educator and Southern Plains Unit Leader for Nuckolls/Thayer County. He updated the board on the current events such as status of the 4H Educator interviews and the interviewing of the 4H Extension Assistant.



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A motion was made by Blackstone to approve the purchase of 15 portable air conditioning units. Seconded by Christensen. Zikmund, Christensen and Blackstone voted Aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Blackstone to enter Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. with the board, and Nick Elledge for Personnel Reasons of annual evaluation of the Emergency Management and Noxious Weed. Seconded by Zikmund. Zikmund, Blackstone and Christensen voted Aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion Carried.
A motion was made by Zikmund to re-enter regular session at 11:58 a.m. Seconded by Blackstone. Zikmund, Blackstone and Christensen voted Aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Christensen to Approve the Annual Allocation Request of \$9,029.00 from Midland Area on Aging. Seconded by Blackstone. Zikmund, Christensen and Blackstone voted Aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion Carried.

Gerald Buschkoetter and Lyle Schroer visited with the board again about what they felt the positive impacts wind energy coming to Nuckolls County would be. Schroer and Buschkoetter also asked the board to not focus on the opposing resident's scare tactics for not wanting wind farms near their homes. Schroer expressed concern for the opposing side supporting zoning regulations for the sole purpose of stopping the Prairie Spirit Wind Project. Schroer informed the board that the attorney that assisted Saline County residents with their wind farm land leases would be holding a meeting in Lawrence May 24th, 2018. Attorney John Snow of Denver specializes in wind energy contracts. Buschkoetter and Schroer encouraged a board member to attend.

The board held a telephone conference with David Barga of Rembolt/Ludtke Law Firm out of Lincoln. Mr. Barga had reviewed what Nuckolls County has as a Comprehensive plan from 2000. Barga stated that if the board decided to proceed with zoning that the first step would be to contact JEO Associates who created the first phases of a comprehensive plan back in 2000. Barga explained that it is state statute to have a comprehensive plan in place before the implementation of zoning regulations. Barga also explained it appeared that the current document could take a matter of only months to complete, as he believed that the process was stopped at step 2 or 3, and it would be a matter of completing steps 4 & 5. Barga stated that a comprehensive plan contains no laws or regulations, it is merely frame work of zoning and planning. A final comprehensive plan would need a public hearing and approval by a planning commission. The planning commission is usually staffed by volunteers. The board questioned the approximately cost of implementing zoning. Barga estimated from start to finish of the legal work (without expense of comprehensive plan) would be roughly \$30,000.00. Barga also touched on after zoning was established, a part-time employee or current employee could perform the zoning administrative duties.

There being no further business the meeting was recessed at 1:40 p.m. until Monday, June 4, 2018.

Timothy Zikmund, Chairman
By: Carrie Miller, County Clerk