



# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, August 19, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met August 19, 2014 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 13, 2014 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Minutes of the meeting held August 12, 2014 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Ivan Fintel stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 12, 2014 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Nuss and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input at this time.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that the Harvard shop should be done this week; the Glenvil shop should be started this week. He also discussed culvert work, pivot complaints and his status for receiving overtime pay.

Ted Griess, County Attorney was present for some of the above discussion pertaining to overtime pay. Tom is an exempt employee which means the county does not have to pay him overtime. The interlocal agreement with South Central Unified has not been received or reviewed.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Johnson to authorize the chairman to sign the addendum to the interlocal agreement with South Central Nebraska Unified No. 5 and Clay County concerning sharing of natural gas expenses whenever the agreement is received by the County Attorney. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

The Interlocal Agreement with Hamilton County was discussed; the County Attorney will discuss this with Hamilton County.

Gene Ulmer, CPA, distributed and discussed budget notes updating the board on the tax requests, estimated receipts, valuation and restricted funds. The budget was figured with a 2.5% raise for everyone but elected officials whose salaries were set last year. The bond principal payments will begin this year so a significant increase in that fund is needed. Instead of a decrease in asking, money will be budgeted to be transferred from the Inheritance Tax fund. Gene will put more concrete figures together and get them to the board next week.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Nuss to approve an additional 1% increase in the Budget Restricted Funds Authority for the 2014-2015 County budget year. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.



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Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Nuss to advertise the Notice of Budget and Budget Summary hearing for 2014-2015, the hearing to be held September 16, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Samuelson to advertise the Notice of Special Hearing to set Final Tax request at a different amount than the prior years tax request. Hearing to be held September 16, 2014 at 10:45 A.M. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Bruce Rumsey, Weed Superintendent presented a letter of support for a grant and a consent agreement for spraying. He also reported on spraying and the tire re-cycling.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign the letter of support for the 2015-2016 grant request for the Twin Valley Weed Management Area. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Nuss and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Nuss and seconded by Samuelson to authorize the chairman to sign the consent agreement allowing chemical spraying on the Little Blue River on county right-of-way. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Members of the Road Department met with the board to discuss wages. They requested a \$200.00 a month raise. Percentages and longevity were discussed. Pat Gewecke, Office Manager told the board that they have a good crew that works hard and are very conscientious and many of them can't make ends meet with the wages they receive. The board said they would discuss this further later in the day. The Highway Supt. will return for the discussion.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Johnson to recess as the Board of Supervisors at 11:54 A.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Nuss to resume session as the Board of Supervisors at 12:06 P.M. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Nuss left the meeting at 12:07 P.M.

The board discussed wages. It was decided that the clerk would figure and give to the budget preparer 3.5% increases for employees with and additional \$50.00 for deputies/office managers. Tom Roemmich II was also present for the discussion. The board asked what he wanted for a raise; he said he had figured a 5% increase. The clerk was directed to figure 5% for the Highway Supt., Weed Supt. and Emergency Manager and get those figures to the budget preparer.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Johnson to adjourn this meeting at 1:12 P.M.; next meeting scheduled for August 26, 2014. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman



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