

Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, March 15, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met March 15, 2016, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on March 9, 2016. A copy of the proof of publication is on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Nuss presided with roll call showing the following present: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss. Minutes of the meeting held February 23, 2016 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, Todd Nuss stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

There was no Public Input.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 23, 2016 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on culvert, bridge and dirt work. The crack sealing should be finished in a couple of weeks. Northern Materials has finished crushing the rock; 4495 tons were crushed. The Highway buy back funds have been received in the amount of \$157,280.39.

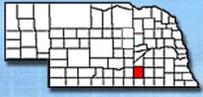
The gravel contract with Mid-Nebraska Aggregate was presented.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract Agreement between Deweese Sand & Gravel, Inc. and Clay County. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Two easements were presented for discussion and approval. One easement that was submitted is an amended version of one that was submitted and approved in November of 2015.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to approve the amended easement requested by Paul Weiler on behalf of Jerry Van Groningen for a pipe line and tracer wire across Road W and Road 321 from SW ¼ Sec. 22-T8N-R5W to NE ¼ Sec. 28-T8N-R5W to deliver natural gas to a farmstead. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to approve the easement requested by Paul Weiler on behalf of Jerry Van Groningen for a pipe line and tracer wire across Road 321 from SW ¼ Sec. 21-T8N-R5W to NW ¼ Sec. 28-T8N-R5W to deliver natural gas to a farmstead. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried.



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Chairman Nuss spoke to the group about the health insurance renewal coming up. He feels that there will be no or a small increase in premiums. The board decided to not look in to any other insurance options at this time.

The Handbook Committee met and discussed items brought before it. The Board of Supervisors had discussed the weather policy at the February 9th meeting. Communication with employees about the policy has been ongoing for the past several years but no language had been added to the handbook. The Handbook Committee acted on that discussion by recommending adding language to help clarify the bad weather policy.

Another topic that was discussed was that of providing proof of attendance at meetings and trainings in order to get paid and/or reimbursed for mileage, meals, etc. Proof must be submitted with the claim(s) – payroll or for reimbursement. Agendas, programs, handouts with date, etc. may be used as documentation.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to amend the employee handbook to reflect the changes recommended by the handbook committee as presented. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss. Motion carried.

The concrete in front of the building was discussed. It was reported that it would be fixed at no charge to the county as soon as the weather warms up.

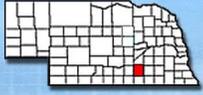
The service building was inspected. This will be discussed at a later date.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Anderson and seconded by Fintel to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of February 2016: County Clerk, \$2,991.80, County Court \$11,302.65, Clerk of District Court, \$6,440.00, County Sheriff, \$3,558.98 and County Treasurer receipts #1602001 through #16020075 in the amount of \$1,346,543.51. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney presented a resolution for board discussion and approval. Historically another attorney in the county has taken care of signing voluntary appearances and waivers of notice in inheritance tax proceedings when there has been a conflict of interest in the Clay County Attorney's office. Dean Hansen has been doing this since the 70's. Ted cannot find a Resolution to this effect but is confident one existed. The resolution proposed today is to get the process back on the record.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution #16-04 appointing Dean Hansen as an acting County Attorney for Inheritance Tax cases where the County Attorney's office has a conflict and authorize the chairman to sign. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in Clerk's office)

Ted also discussed the meeting he attended at MARC.



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Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to adjourn this meeting at 10:57 A.M.; next meeting scheduled for March 22, 2016. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman