



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, May 16, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met May 16, 2017, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on May 10, 2017. 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, Black, Shaw and Nuss. Minutes of the meeting held April 25, 2017 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.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 25, 2017 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

Dennis Maggert, NACO Benefit Services discussed health insurance rates. A spread sheet showing different plan options and comparisons to other companies. He recommended increasing the deductible and the amount of deductible the county pays which should result in savings from the lower premium. A cash in lieu option was discussed. If the board is interested in this, that change could be made in August. No decisions were made.

Ted Griess, County Attorney presented a resolution for the board's consideration and adoption. He told the board he would only purchase through this organization on the rare occasion that equipment could not be purchased through the state bidding process.

The wiring that is in the lot by the Sheriff's office was discussed. Since no one has come forward to claim it, it can be disposed of. Ted said a lot of the things that are still being held as evidence should either be gotten rid of or go back to the owner (if known). The statute of limitations has passed for most of the items.

Ted said he would speak with the County Assessor about the TERC hearing that is coming up in June.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution #17- 09 to purchase a utility trailer through NJPA. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #17-09

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Statute 13-2505 allows for the joint exercise of powers with other public agencies of other states;

AND WHEREAS, Clay County has previously entered into a no cost, no obligation agreement with NJPA, an out of state public agency;



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AND WHEREAS, the Clay County Highway Department desires to purchase equipment from the National Joint Powers Alliance Group (NJPA), which is not available through the State bidding process;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Clay County Nebraska purchase through NJPA a 2017 Felling FT-40-2 LP 40,000 GV Deck over Tandem Axle Utility Trailer at the bid price.

Passed and approved this 16th day of May, 2017.

Todd Nuss, Board Chairman ATTEST: Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Pam Maynard, Dennis Valentine and Rita Engel, the Clay County Tourism Committee told the board that they had met, reviewed the requests and came up with recommendations. There is \$8,617.02 available for the Improvement Fund and \$6,766.78 for the Promotion Fund. The requests for the Improvement Fund total \$4,600.00 and for the Promotion Fund \$1,900.00.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to approve the Clay County Tourism Committee's recommendations concerning the request for funding for Improvements and Promotions. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Black, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on culvert work. Two part time employees have been hired. An issue with someone pulling stop signs and not putting them back was discussed.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Black to purchase a 2017 Felling tandem axle utility trailer through National Joint Powers Alliance Group for the bid price of \$21,161.20. On roll call, yea: Black, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried.

An easement was presented for discussion. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Anderson to approve the easement requested Bryan Roemmich for a gas and an electric line across Road 320 from NE ¼ Sec. 32-T8N-R5W to SE ¼ Sec. 29-T8N-R5W for an electrical line to provide electrical and gas service to his property. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to approve the Highway Superintendent's road work report for the month of April 2017. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried.

An easement request for a water line was discussed. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Black to advertise for a public hearing for an easement request for a water line crossing Road 305 between Sections 17 and 8 of Logan Township; hearing to be held May 23, 2017 at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.



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Jo Springer, Executive Director SASA Crisis Center presented information about the organization. This is their 40th anniversary year; they have been providing services in Clay County since 1981. SASA provides 24 hour crisis hotline; crisis counseling; emergency financial assistance, including transportation, medical, clothing and child care; safe shelter; medical and legal advocacy; mental health therapy; support and education group for victims, including a new group for teens; batterer intervention program; community awareness and education. Providing services to rural clients is often difficult and more resource intensive than serving clients who reside in cities. SASA spends approximately \$1500.00 on mileage to and from Clay County each year and approximately \$1,000.00 on direct client services, including gas vouchers, emergency shelters, food, safety planning, and court accompaniment. They work to ensure Clay County residents do not need to leave the county to receive necessary services. The remainder of Clay County dollars go to fund agency cell phones and office phones for the crisis line and to help cover costs associated with rent and utilities for their offices. In 2016, SASA served 24 residents of Clay County. The budget request is the same as the past few years.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Black to accept the budget request of SASA in the amount of \$5000.00 for fiscal year 2017-2018. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Black, Shaw, Samuelson and Nuss; nay: Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

The Board had asked Olsson Associates to have an engineer examine the front entry steps on the north side of the courthouse and make a recommendation on repairing or replacing. The engineer had presented two options. One was to remove and replace the entire step structure with concrete and the other was to replace the broken sandstone slabs and center support and replace the mortar on all the steps. Since the courthouse is listed in the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places, they would need to review and approve the plans, specifications and the reconstruction (likely requiring limestone) if the county should seek federal grants or tax credits. Board consensus was to replace the steps with concrete. Olsson Associates will be contacted to get the bidding process started.

Sandi Stevens, Executive Director of Midland Area Agency on Aging did not meet with the Board but Tammy Musgrave, Director of the Clay County Senior Services did meet with the board to present their annual funding requests. Tammy reported that the public transportation is for the public not just those over 60 years of age. Besides providing transportation throughout the county, they go to Lincoln, York, Aurora, Hastings and Grand Island. From July 2016 until present there has been 3420 congregate meals served and 2300 home delivered meals. They also do some fun things like taking a trip to Alda to see the Cranes. New services that have been added include housekeeping and lawn mowing. Midlands request is for \$1,598.00 which remains \$1.00 for each person over the age of 60 based on the 2010 census. The Senior Service budget request is for \$3,000.00. Both requests are the same as last year.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Fintel to accept the budget request of Midland Area Agency on Aging for fiscal year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$1598.00 and to budget \$3000.00 for the commodity and meal distribution programs. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Black, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.



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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 April 2017: County Clerk, \$12,271.95, County Court \$9,942.87, Clerk of District Court, \$20,373.56, County Sheriff, \$10,581.77 and County Treasurer receipts #17030080 and #1704001 through #17030042 in the amount of \$442,339.29. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black and Nuss. Motion carried.

Shannon Maguire, director of the Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center reported that in 2016 there were 60 cases in Clay County resulting in 26 forensic interviews, 2 medical tests, meetings and trainings. The request for assistance is the same as last fiscal year.

Motion by Black and seconded by Shaw to accept the budget request of Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center in the amount of \$4,000.00 for fiscal year 2017-2018. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black and Nuss. Motion carried.

Health Insurance options were discussed. Chairman Nuss reported that he had not found anything comparable to the County's present plan. This will be discussed again at a later date.

There was no Public Input.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 11:32 A.M.; next meeting scheduled for May 23, 2017. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman