



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, June 13, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met June 13, 2017, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on June 7, 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 May 30, 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 Black to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 30, 2017 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent was not able to meet with the board but left copies of the work report and notes on what projects were currently underway.

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

An easement from Black Hills Energy was reviewed.

Motion by Black and seconded by Shaw to approve the easement request from Black Hills Energy to install a natural gas pipeline across Road J from SE ¼ Sec.20-T5N-R7W to SW ¼ Sec. 21-T5N-R7W. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Black, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, and Nuss; nay: Anderson. Motion carried.

At 9:30 A.M. the bids for Project #C-18 (180), Project #C-18 (286), Project #C-18 (287), Project #C-18 (288), Project #C-18 (289), Project #C-18 (290), Project #C-18 (291) and Project #C-18 (292) were opened. Representative from Simon Contractors and Van Kirk Bros. Contracting and a representative from Olsson Associates the engineering firm overseeing the projects were also present.

Bids were as follows (total for all projects): Simon Contractors \$979,263.30; and Van Kirk Bros. Contracting \$700,673.90.

The board took care of other agenda items while the bids were being reviewed by Jeff Polak (Olsson Associates).



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Information from FEMA regarding proposed flood hazard determination was discussed. The Chairman will touch base with Barb Barnett, Zoning administrator to see if she has any concerns or recommendations.

NIRMA sent the renewal billing statement for the next fiscal year. Clay County's contribution will be \$5,356.00 or 4.46% less than last year. There is an opportunity to change deductibles but the board decided there was no need to do so at this time. The premium amount will be added to the County's budget.

Information from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality concerning an application for a Construction and Operating Permit for Griess Family Farms LLC was distributed. This information will be on file in the Zoning Administrator's office.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of May 2017: County Clerk, \$16,899.50, County Court \$11,298.89, Clerk of District Court, \$65,176.00, County Sheriff, \$7585.76 and County Treasurer receipts #17050001 through #17050055 in the amount of \$220,204.49. On roll call, yea: Black, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried.

Information on pledge securities was given to the board. The pledge security being released is Cusip # 803770MX1 and the new pledge is Cusip # 3130A6YW1.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Black to accept the pledge securities (released and new) as presented by the County Treasurer. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black and Nuss. Motion carried.

Jeff Polak reported that the bid numbers checked out and he would recommend accepting the bid from Van Kirk Bros. Contracting. He had contacted the Highway Supt. who agreed with that recommendation.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to accept the bid from Van Kirk Bros. Contracting for Project #C-18 (180) and Projects #C-18 (286) through C-18 (292) in the amount of \$700,673.90. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried.

While Jeff was here, the chairman asked him to report on the process for replacing the courthouse steps on the north. After discussion, the board decided to have Olsson Associates proceed with the design and bid process.

Dan Rutt, Director of Horizon Recovery and Carol Harrenstein, office manager presented information on the number of clients and a budget form showing expenses (2016 and 2017). The 2015 unduplicated clients for Clay County was 25; 2016 unduplicated clients for Clay County was 15. The decrease in numbers was in part due to the fact that there was only one counselor on staff during the first part of 2016. The money that was not covered for these services in Clay County amounted to in \$665.00 in 2015 and \$990.00 in 2016. If not for sponsorship money, there would have been an additional \$3530 lost. The mileage alone for the Life Skills program for youth ages 12-15 in Harvard was \$642. Because of increased costs and a 45% decrease in grants,



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Dan asked \$2000.00 which is an additional \$500.00 over the budget requested last year. After discussion, the board decided to increase Clay County's contribution.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Anderson to accept the budget request of Horizon Recovery and increase it to \$2500.00 for fiscal year 2017-2018. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

Jared Fullerton, USDA-APHIS presented the work/financial plan that included objectives/goals, plan of action, stipulations and restrictions. Jared reported that he spends more time in Clay County than the other counties he serves. Most of the work in Clay County involves prairie dogs coming from the Game & Parks/Fish & Wildlife properties. The cost estimate for services for the next fiscal year is about 3% more than the previous year.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to accept the Work/Financial Plan between Clay County and the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (USDA APHIS-WS) for 2017-2018 in the amount of \$6,419.18 and authorize the chairman to sign. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Jerad Reimers from Congressman Adrian Smith's office explained the committees and subcommittees the Congressman is on. Legislation was discussed and Jerad answered questions from the board.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff reported on a couple of cleanup projects and told the board the jail would be running at full capacity soon. The board asked how the cleanup of the storage building was coming. Two vehicles have been removed. The board would like the items that have no value to be disposed of. Anything with a value is to be listed on an inventory sheet. The road readiness of the two new cars was discussed.

Carissa Uhrmacher, Project Director South Central Partnership presented the 2017-2018 budget and information on the grant awards for the 2017-2018 Juvenile Services Community Grant. The budget for the grant fund will be \$258,311.80. This is an increase over the grant received last year. Carissa went over line items and the programs they covered.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign the grant award letter and sub conditions for the 2017-2018 Juvenile Services Community Grant. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Black, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Black to accept the budget request for the Juvenile Services Grant Fund for FY 2017-2018. On roll call, yea: Black, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk presented the budget requests for her office: County Clerk, Election Commissioner, Register of Deeds P & M and Election Equip. Sinking. Other budgets that are prepared by the Clerk and discussed with the board were: Relief Medical, Institutions, Employment Security, Gen. Misc., Handicapped Accessibility,



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Visitor Promotion, Visitor Improvements, Federal Drug Law Enforcement, Inheritance Tax, Misc. Sinking and Road Improvement Bond Funds.

Julie Bergen, Clerk Magistrate presented the County Court budget request.

The Chairman presented information he had compiled of different health insurance expenses according to deductible differences; different costs/options of deductible buy down expenses and the costs associated with offering spousal coverage. The results of the survey that had been given to the employees was also discussed. After discussion, it was decided that no changes would be made to coverage or coverage options. The cash in-lieu option will possibly be implemented in the future.

Since there are now sufficient funds to pay back the Inheritance Fund for money that was borrowed from it last November, the Board decided to transfer those funds.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution #17-10 to pay back the money (\$20,000) to the Inheritance Tax Fund that was loaned to the Health Fund in November of 2016. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black and Nuss. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 17-10

The Clay County Board of Supervisors found that it was necessary for the proper operation of Clay County government that certain funds be transferred in order that they be available for general use.

Whereas Clay County Board of Supervisors resolved that \$20,000.00 be transferred from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Health Fund as a loan to be paid back when funds are available.

Whereas there is now sufficient funds in the Health Fund to pay this loan back.

Therefore be it resolved by the Clay County Board of Supervisors that \$20,000.00 be transferred from the Health Fund to the Inheritance Tax Fund to pay back the loan received per Resolution #16-17 dated November 29, 2016.

Adopted this 13th day of June 2017

Todd Nuss, Chairman Clay County Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Deborah Karnatz, Clay County Clerk

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to adopt Resolution #17-11 to pay back the money (\$6,000) to the Inheritance Tax Fund that was loaned to the Weed Fund in November of 2016. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 17-11



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Whereas there is now sufficient funds in the Weed Fund to pay this loan back.

Therefore be it resolved by the Clay County Board of Supervisors that \$6,000.00 be transferred from the Weed Fund to the Inheritance Tax Fund to pay back the loan received per Resolution #16-18 dated November 29, 2016.

Adopted this 13th day of June 2017

Todd Nuss, Chairman Clay County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Deborah Karnatz, Clay County Clerk

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 12:25 P.M.; next meeting scheduled for June 20, 2017. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman