



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, June 26, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met June 26, 2018, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on June 20, 2018. 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 June 19, 2018 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 Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 19, 2018 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Fintel and Nuss; abstain: Shaw. Motion carried.

There were two concerned citizens present for the Public Input time. Concern was expressed regarding the drug problems in Edgar and the lack of response by the Sheriff's office.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on road work. Tom presented the budget request for the Road Department. He still needs to talk to Gene Ulmer, the budget preparer, but thinks his budget will be about the same as last year or a little less. He will wait another year to replace a motor grader but wants to purchase a new sign truck.

An agreement from the State of Nebraska Department of Roads was presented. The cost to the county for the inspection of fracture critical bridges is estimated to be \$221.07 which is the county's share (20%).

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Anderson to adopt Resolution #18-15 authorizing the chairman to sign the Agreement between Clay County and the State of Nebraska Department of Roads for 2018 Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections and Load Re-Ratings-- Project # STP-NBIS (112). On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried. (Resolution of file in the Clerk's office)

An easement request was presented. Motion by Black and seconded by Shaw to approve the easement requested by Randy Harms to install an electrical line across Road 308 from NW ¼ Sec.34-T6N-R8W to SW ¼ Sec. 27-T6N-R8W to power an irrigation well. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Black, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney presented his budget. It is slightly less than last year. Ted also talked to the board about advertising for the sale of the house (to be removed) the county recently purchased.



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Bruce Rumsey, Weed Superintendent introduced Paul Moyer Ag Inspection Specialist Noxious Weed Program Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Paul told the board that his job is to oversee the Noxious Weed Program and evaluate those programs at the county level. He presented an evaluation report for 2017. Out of a possible score of 3400 points, Bruce received 3350. Paul encouraged the board to keep supporting Bruce saying he does a great job and is a good leader.

Bruce reported on the 10 day notice that was sent. Since the crops are up, no company would spray the area from the air so Bruce took care of it. He spent around 40 hours spraying and will send a bill to the property owner. If it does not get paid, an assessment will be added to their taxes. RC&D received grants for re-cycling. A tire re-cycling event will be held October 26th from 8 am until noon at the fairgrounds. An electronic re-cycling event will be held September 24th from 8 am until noon at the fairgrounds. The budget request for the Weed Department was presented; the request is \$350.00 more than last year. Heating fuel, lodging, shop supplies have all gone up. A new phone system is needed also.

RuAnn Root, Executive Director of CASA presented a report of the budgeted and actual expenses for the past year and the projected expenses for the next fiscal year. There are 4 trained volunteers advocating for 15 children; all Clay County children are assigned a CASA. 601 volunteer hours were provided to youth last year. CASA helped provide financial resources to 11 children in Clay County totaling \$1326.00. 5 youth from Clay County sought assistance from the Mary Land Living Center. They received housing, food, clothing, hygiene products and case management support totaling \$4,960.00 in services. RuAnn reported that they had been notified by DHHS that drugs and alcohol in the home were no longer going to be reasons for removal of children from the home. The request is the same as the last 13 years.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to accept the budget request of CASA in the amount of \$16396.00 for fiscal year 2018-2019. On roll call, yea: Black, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried.

Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator met with the board (at their request) to discuss Ag District & Wind Energy zoning regulations. Barb answered questions about Ag District development and livestock friendly designation. The county's regulations address these things specifically, are clear and well thought out. Barb explained the regulations that are in place concerning wind energy development. The regulations don't prohibit it. A conditional use permit would be needed and the County Board would have the final say for approval or not. Barb told the board that solar energy is getting to be a big deal. The board asked if the county needs regulations for that and Barb said it should be explored.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Samuelson to direct the planning and zoning to explore solar energy regulations. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black and Nuss. Motion carried.

Mike Carroll, Custodian reported that he had replaced some of the sprinkler heads and asked if there was a maintenance program with the company that installed them; there



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is not. The chairman will contact the company and see if they offer a spring and fall inspection/maintenance program. Radon tests were done in the courthouse and the levels are low. There is concern about the water line to the 3rd floor and the location of the shut off for the water line for the whole courthouse. A couple of companies will be contacted to see if they can do this work. Mike asked about purchasing de-icer and was told to go ahead. The budget request for Buildings and Grounds is the same as last year.

Loren Uden, Emergency Management Coordinator presented a monthly report of meetings, trainings and responses. Loren presented budget requests for emergency management, 9-1-1, E 9-1-1 and 9-1-1 holding funds. Loren reported that the Emergency Management budget reflects a 17% decrease. The 9-1-1 budgets all have been increased; these are not tax supported funds. Loren showed the board the notebook tablet that he wants to buy for training and damage assessment. He will purchase 10 of them.

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 2016 unduplicated clients for Clay County was 15; 2017 unduplicated clients for Clay County was 25. If not for sponsorship money, there would have been an additional \$995.20 lost. By helping the 25 adults, 17 children's lives were affected. Information showing how the services at Horizon Recovery have helped/affected youth, adults and their families with drug and alcohol problems. Dan said he wasn't asking for an increase although they could use it since they were losing some of the funding for the Juvenile Intensive Out Patient program. He thanked the board for their support. After discussion, the board decided to increase Clay County's contribution.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Black to accept the budget request of Horizon Recovery in the amount of \$3500.00 for fiscal year 2018-2019. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried.

The Courthouse phones have not been working since last Wednesday evening; they were also out for two days the prior week. It took until Friday afternoon to get a service technician to come. The system is shot and there are no parts available to fix it. Lindsey Swanson our Windstream rep. explained (via phone conference) the options for a new phone system. The only option is to rent the phone system for 60 months (applied to the bills monthly) with 4 options available at the end of that period. The county could then purchase the equipment for fair market value, purchase a maintenance contract, upgrade the whole system or turn it back and get equipment from someone else. The quote was not available at the time of this call.

The chairman had talked to another company about purchasing equipment from them but did not have a quote. After discussion, it was decided to see what other options are out there.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Samuelson to authorize the chairman and vice chairman to pursue options for a phone system for the courthouse and decide on the



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best choice. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

Linda Whiting, County Assessor presented her budget request. At this time, there is a \$17,297.00 increase; she is waiting for final numbers for GIS. Part of the increase is for training and related expenses for the incoming Assessor. Linda distributed her 3-year plan of assessment and the six year rotation schedule.

Christopher Sterns (Sutton) and Eugene Keasling's (Harvard) terms on the Veterans Service Committee have expired in June of 2016 and 2017 respectively. Lee Sherman's (Glenvil) term will expire June 30, 2018. Committee Chairman L. Wayne Johnson reported that Mr. Keasling will accept an appointment; they have been unable to find anyone willing to serve from the Sutton area.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to re-appoint Eugene Keasling to the Veterans Service Committee for a 5 year term that will expire June 30, 2022. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Black and seconded by Fintel to re-appoint Lee Sherman to the Veterans Service Committee for a 5 year term that will expire June 30, 2023. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Black, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, and Nuss. Motion carried.

Sharon Lavene, County Treasurer had presented information and a resolution concerning 24 pledge releases. The total amount of the releases is \$12,750,000.00 to be replaced with a \$10,000,000.00 letter of credit. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to adopt Resolution #18-16 for release of security pledges and authorize the chairman to sign. On roll call, yea: Black, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in Clerk's office.)

Laurie Sheridan, Clay County Health Department Director had emailed that Wyoma DeVries had agreed to serve a second term of that board.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to re-appoint Wyoma DeVries to the Clay County Health Board for an additional three year term beginning July 2018. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black and Nuss. Motion carried.

The audit report has been received and is available for review.

Claims were distributed for review and discussion. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to approve the claims that were presented and authorize the County Clerk to pay from the appropriate funds. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$92,765.24
Adams County Sheriff, Service	20.00
AFLAC, Insurance	499.46
Phillip M. Alberts, Jury Duty, Mileage	51.35



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Holli Alley, Mileage	64.31
Ameritas Life Ins., Retirement	13,818.81
Melanie Aschenbrener, Jury Duty, Mileage	48.08
Aspegren Repair, Service	885.10
Baird & Griess, Wireless	24.25
Laura R. Baker, Jury Duty, Mileage	52.44
Barb Barnett, Mileage,	83.27
Jerri L. Beale, Jury Duty	35.00
Julie Bergen, Supplies	76.02
Cody L. Berney, Jury Duty, Mileage	44.81
Robee L. Bigelow, Jury Duty, Mileage	44.81
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	170.82
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	43,931.02
Bob Barker Co. Inc.,	166.61
Bockstadter Law, Service	428.63
Christine L. Buckhalter, Jury Duty	35.00
CEI Security & Sound, Repairs	155.00
Halden James Clark, Jury Duty, Mileage	104.88
Clay County Clerk, Filing Fees	10.00
Clay County Court, Claims	549.00
Clay County News, Notices	1,568.82
Clay County Sheriff, Service fees	237.76
Clay County Treasurer, Postage	20.44
Clerk of the District Court, Filing fees	177.00
Colonial, Ins	810.86
Connecting Point, Labor, Internet, Parts	613.71
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings, Fees	31,149.50
CPI, Fuel	1,799.53
Credit Management Services, Garnishment	168.60
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	11.00
Jill Cunningham, Special Prosecutor	717.00
Melanie Curry, Mileage	126.44
DAS State Accounting, Service	512.00
Deputies, Phone allowance	80.00
Terry A. Devries, Jury Duty, Mileage	48.08
Dollar General, Supplies	80.00
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	570.00
Thomas J. Dunker, Jury Duty, Mileage	52.44
Eakes, Supplies	3,100.80
Aarin M. Fellows, Jury Duty, Mileage	102.70
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	1,363.12
Futurity, Renewal	1,000.00
Galls, Supplies	345.88
George's 66 Service, Fuel	243.16
Ronald K. Gerber, Jury Duty, Mileage	100.52



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Germer, Murray & Johnson, Service	3,992.00
Robin Gilbert, Meals	17.11
Robin Griess, Mileage	50.14
Jason C. Hajny, Jury Duty, Mileage	86.35
Thomas A. Hamburger, Jury Duty, Mileage	44.81
Hamilton County Sheriff, Service	156.00
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Agreement	2,291.67
Brenda Hansen, Mileage, Registration	103.79
Michael R. Harmon, Jury Duty, Mileage	58.98
Shelia K. Harpham, Jury Duty, Mileage	45.90
Harvard Foodmart, Supplies	736.21
Hastings Tribune, Ad	76.60
Wendy L. Heath, Jury Duty, Mileage	89.62
Scott A. Herndon, Jury Duty, Mileage	91.80
Timothy C. Hiatt, Jury Duty, Mileage	44.81
Nancy Hoblyn, Service	95.00
John V. Hodges, Service	975.06
Edward D. Holeman, Jury Duty	35.00
Natalie Holman, Supplies	19.46
Holiday Inn, Lodging	477.90
Hometown Leasing, Lease	1,883.99
Stephanie P. Hoyt, Jury Duty, Mileage	113.60
James D. Jackson, Jury Duty, Mileage	91.80
Paul A. Kessler, Jury Duty, Mileage	104.88
Thomas S. Kluver, Jury Duty, Mileage	45.90
Sarah Krause, Cleaning, Jury Duty	570.00
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, Service	19.15
Langvardt, Valle & James, Service	4,226.06
Larry's Pest Control.	90.00
Sharon Lavene, Mileage, Meals	103.20
Salvador Ledesma Jr. Jury Duty, Mileage	48.08
Madison National Life, Ins.	110.51
Thomas J. McKillip, Jury Duty, Mileage	58.98
Menards, Supplies	526.49
MIPS, Service	3,075.95
Gregory N. Murphy, Jury Duty, Mileage	45.90
James P. Moore, Jury Duty, Mileage	98.34
NACO, First Half Dues	2,103.27
Patrick J. Nagle, Jury Duty, Mileage	52.44
Nationwide, 457 Plan	1,175.00
NE Health & Human Services, Service	93.00
Nebraska.Gov, Abstracts	7.00
Niobrara Lodge, Lodging	270.00
NIRMA, Insurance 2018-2019	112,017.00
Danny M. Northrop, Jury Duty, Mileage	52.44



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Lyndon K. Ochsner, Jury Duty, Mileage	52.44
Office Depot, Supplies	132.30
O'Keefe Elevator Co., Repair	2,430.10
Trista L. Olena, Jury Duty, Mileage	122.32
Zachary J. Parrish, Jury Duty, Mileage	52.44
Deanna Peshek, Supplies	19.12
Platte Valley Communications, Supplies	181.25
Printing MD, Supplies	118.66
Shannon M. Schelkopf, Jury Duty, Mileage	52.44
Kevin Schlender, Service	95.00
Nathan L. Schumm, Jury Duty, Mileage	45.90
Stephanie L. Shafer, Jury Duty, Mileage	117.96
Debra E. Shaw, Jury Duty, Mileage	55.71
Skalka & Baack Law Firm, Service	737.57
Joni Skalka, Mileage, Meal, Supplies	75.76
South Central Public Power, Utilities	1,055.05
South Central Unified Dist. #5, Utilities	88.37
Delvin L. Stahl, Jury Duty, Mileage	51.35
State of NE Dept. of Corrections, Board & Medical	1,905.92
Russell E Sterns, Jury Duty, Mileage	52.44
Sharilyn Steube, Service	95.00
Sullivan, Shoemaker, Service	1,422.00
Sutton Memorial Chapel/McLaughlin Funeral Chapel, Burial	1,750.00
Svehla Law Office, Service	218.50
Eileen M. Sykora, Jury Duty, Mileage	56.80
Dorothy A. Thiel, Jury Duty, Mileage	58.98
US Bank, Supplies	229.31
US Postal Service, Box Rent (2)	234.00
Brandy VanDewalle, Mileage	78.48
Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	355.84
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	304.90
Walmart, Supplies	279.58
Logan James Wenske, Jury Duty, Mileage	51.35
Linda Whiting, Mileage, Supplies	44.01
Barbara J. Wilson, Jury Duty, Mileage	58.98
Windstream, Service	1,689.00
Woods & Aitken LLP, Service	1,288.00
Woodward's, Garbage	205.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$53,801.26
Action Auto, Supplies	141.62
AFLAC, Insurance	896.74
Ameritas Life Ins., Retirement	7,029.99
Aura Chicago Lockbox, Supplies	423.31



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ARTeCK Enterprises LLC, Supplies	982.36
Aurora Coop, Propane	11.70
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Windshield	395.00
Beck's Farm Equipment, Inc., Supplies	139.99
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	371.95
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	121.96
C & M Supply Inc., Supplies	70.20
Card Services, Supplies	99.74
City of Edgar, Utilities	48.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	64.80
City of Harvard, Utilities	52.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	95.35
Colonial Life, Ins	336.79
Connecting Point, Internet, Service, Supplies	261.25
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings	17,538.21
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Supplies	524.96
CPI, Fuel	9,558.04
CPS, Fuel	178.87
CW Rainforth Sales, Supplies	84.00
Dollar General, Supplies	33.75
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	250.00
Eakes, Supplies	92.73
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	381.66
Fastenal Company, Supplies	53.92
Filter Care of Nebraska, Supplies	328.40
Friesen Chevrolet, Inc., Labor	140.90
George Brothers, Fuel	10,733.66
George's 66 Service, Fuel	114.00
Grace's Locksmith Service, Keys	37.80
Green Line Equipment Inc., Equipment	12,000.00
Hamilton Telecommunication, Internet	84.82
Harvard Foodmart, Fuel	103.65
Island Supply Welding Co., Supplies	40.26
John Deere Financial, Parts	1,700.58
Ken & Al's, Fuel, Repair, Parts	998.98
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc., Supplies	29.61
Madison National Life, Ins.	44.40
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., Supplies	27.12
Menards, Supplies	684.15
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc., Gravel	29,160.66
Midwest Service & Sales, Supplies	3,629.70
MIPS, Service	128.08
Municipal Service Inc. of NE, Supplies	705.14
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Parts & Labor	1,378.05
Napa Auto Parts, Supplies	425.40



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Nationwide, 457 Plan	200.00
Newman Traffic Signs, Supplies	298.59
NMC Exchange, Parts & Labor	3,231.43
Pavelka, Supplies	94.14
Platte Valley Communications, Repairs	113.10
R & K Service, Fuel	3,928.18
South Central Public Power, Utilities	260.29
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	60.48
Sutton Auto Supply, Supplies	170.22
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	176.42
Trash Dynamics, Parts	352.97
True Blue Diesel, Service	1,145.53
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	82.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	202.26
Windstream, Service, Internet	541.97
Woodward's, Garbage	47.50

ROD P M FUND

MIPS, Service	\$113.34
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SOUTH CENTRAL PARTNER GRANT FUND

Big Brothers Big Sister, Grant	\$474.87
CASA, Diversion, Transportation, Treatment	8,292.00
Michelle Kohmetscher, Grant	2,278.94
Carissa Uhrmacher, Mileage	217.32

HEALTH FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$8,124.31
Aflac, Insurance	37.50
Ameritas Life Ins Co., Retirement	1,195.88
Denise Carroll, Postage	27.00
Eleanor Clark, Mileage	259.97
Clay County News, Notices	140.30
Colonial, Ins	111.86
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings	3,299.66
Eakes, Supplies	26.49
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	183.33
GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals, Vaccines	347.70
Sanofi Pasteur Inc., Vaccines	53.59
Laurie Sheridan, Mileage, Education, Medicare Fee	705.40
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	8.34
US Postal Service, Postage	89.20
Windstream, Phone	146.55

911 FUND



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Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$36.22
Connecting Point, Internet	68.50
Delken Press, Supplies	90.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	70.52

ROAD IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND

BOK Financial, bond payment	\$772,033.51
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MISCELLANEOUS SINKING FUND

Rasmussen Mechanical Services, Chiller, fan coils, ERV units	\$150,958.50
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WEED FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$2,990.16
AFLAC, Insurance	38.48
Ameritas Life Ins Co., Retirement	519.47
Beck's Farm Equipment, Inc., Supplies	66.14
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	34.01
Connecting Point, Internet	28.50
CPI, Fuel	406.39
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings	1,366.39
Eakes, Supplies	31.99
Nationwide, 457 Plan	365.00
Bruce Rumsey, Postage	10.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	41.63
Windstream, Phone	56.43

The board was reminded that meeting dates were changed for July. They will meet July 10, 17 and 24.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Black to adjourn this meeting at 12:40 PM; next meeting scheduled for July 10, 2018. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman