



# Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, August 28, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met August 28, 2018, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 22, 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 and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Minutes of the meeting held August 21, 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 Schmidt to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 21, 2018 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Fintel and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Barb Otto visited with the Board to present the idea of displaying the national motto, In God We Trust, in the courthouse. Clay County is the 75<sup>th</sup> county she has visited to discuss this. She also presented information about this movement across America. The Motto was adopted by Congress on July 30, 1956 and reaffirmed on November 1, 2011 by the U.S. House of Representatives. Barb is planning on visiting all 93 counties to present this idea.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that the Lone Tree Township Board had requested stop signs on the intersection of Road 310 and Roads M and L. Tom discussed purchasing a used pickup. He wanted to know if he found something under \$10,000.00 if it was ok to purchase it. As long as he gets three informal bids, the Board is ok with it.

Motion by Black and seconded by Samuelson to start the engineering study for a stop sign to be placed on the southwest corner of Section 13, T6N-R7W, at the intersection of Road 310 & Road M. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Anderson to start the engineering study for a stop sign to be placed on the northeast corner of Section 23, T6N-R7W, at the intersection of Road 310 & Road M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Black, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Black and seconded by Samuelson to start the engineering study for a stop sign to be placed on the southwest corner of Section 14, T6N-R7W, at the intersection of Road 310 & Road L. On roll call, yea: Black, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.



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At 9:10 AM the bids for two pickups were opened. Bids were received from Friesen Ford. The first bid was for a 2019 Ford F250 and the second bid was for a 2019 Ford F550.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Fintel to accept the bid from Friesen Ford for a 2019 Ford F250 in the amount of \$31,301.72. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Black and seconded by Anderson to accept the bid from Friesen Ford for a 2019 Ford F550 in the amount of \$52,465.10. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

At 9:20 AM the bids for Clay County Box Culvert Project Phase 3 were opened. Representatives from Van Kirk Bros. Contracting, Reece Construction Co. Inc. and Starostka Group Unlimited, Inc. and a representative from Olsson Associates the engineering firm overseeing the projects were also present. The bids were reviewed by Jay Bleier and the Highway Supt.

Bids were as follows (total for all projects): Van Kirk Bros. Contracting \$678,614.60; Reece Construction Co. Inc. \$1,366,382.88 and Starostka Group Unlimited, Inc. \$879,929.76.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Fintel to accept the bid from Van Kirk Bros. Contracting for Clay County Box Culvert Project, Phase 3; project #'s C-18(92), C-18(272), C-18(295), C-18(296), C-18(297), C-18(298), C-18(299), C-18(300), C18-(301) and C-18(305) in the amount of \$678,614.60. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney discussed the request from the Fairfield Township Board about the county taking over the gravel roads. The Highway Superintendent was also present. After discussion, it was decided that there was no real benefit in doing this. The County already pays for some of the gravel and already maintains the roads. It was decided to leave things as they are for one more year and see how it goes.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff discussed the recovery of stolen property. Jeff reported that both of the new officers have been accepted into the academy. The board asked if the department has enough vehicles. Two more vehicles will be needed; the board told him to begin the process.

Mike Carroll, Custodian reported on water proofing on the front entrance and the status of the cooling system. The Chairman will call again to get someone here to work on the problems with the air conditioning. There are walls in need of repair in the probation office. The board asked Mike to call Olsson's and see if they have any recommendations for someone to do this work. The quote for materials for a fence to be put around the air handlers was discussed as well as getting someone to install it.

Loren Uden, Emergency Management Coordinator reported on CPR classes he was doing; additional EMPG money received, a grant through Region 3, dispatcher training



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and communication issues. He will be at Old Trusty Days overseeing until Security gets there at night then he goes home and comes back at 8 a.m.

“Pursuant to State Statute Section 23-347. Within two calendar months after the close of each fiscal year, each county officer shall make, acknowledge under oath, and file with the county board of his or her county an inventory statement of all county personal property in the custody and possession of said officer.” The inventories that were received from the various offices were distributed.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Fintel to approve the following inventories: Supervisor districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6; County owned property; Board of Supervisor’s Board Room; Clerk; Assessor; Treasurer; County Court; Clerk of District Court; County Attorney; Veteran Service Officer; Clay County Extension; Zoning; Custodian; Health Department; Weed Department; Sheriff’s Department; Highway Department; 911, Emergency Manager, Probation Office and place on file in the County Clerk’s office. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Black, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried. (Shaw was absent so his district (#7) inventory couldn’t be approved at this time)

Laurie Sheridan, Clay County Health Department Director submitted a letter recommending that Jolene Hakanson be appointed to the Clay County Health Department Board. She would replace Tonya Perrien who has completed her terms on the board.

Motion by Black and seconded by Samuelson to appoint Jolene Hakanson to the Clay County Health Board for a three year term beginning August 2018. On roll call, yea: Black, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Employee/children health insurance was discussed. Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to clarify a previous motion concerning health insurance premium payment for employee/children coverage. It is the board’s intent is to pay \$450.00 of the county sponsored (NACO) Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance premium for employee/children coverage. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 11:50 AM; next meeting scheduled for September 11, 2018. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Black, Fintel and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman