

# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, December 18, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met December 18, 2018, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 12, 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, Shaw and Nuss. Minutes of the meeting held December 11, 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 December 11, 2018 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that they were hauling concrete, cutting trees and the last load of salt is being hauled today. He went to Adams County to look at some railroad crossings. Olsson's sent three different drawings for the board to consider. Supervisor Samuelson will take the drawings and talk to the landowners who would have land that may be affected by the plans. If there is positive feedback, Tom will talk to Todd Palmer again.

There was one on call engineering service proposal to open. The proposal from Olsson & Associates was read and discussed.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw to appoint Olsson & Associates for on call engineering services for 2019 as proposed and authorize the chairman to sign the letter of agreement. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney reported that there are a few details to work out but think we can stay with Fillmore County for the mental health hearings. A request has been made to the Secretary of State's office for someone to come to look at and discuss records for disposal. Ted will talk to the Attorney about the Tort claim and discuss it next week.

Bruce Rumsey, Weed Superintendent reported that 201.77 tons of tires were collected during the recycling event. They are working on a grant for household hazardous waste for next year. Trailblazer RC&D would like to increase the yearly fee from \$200.00 to \$350.00. The Board thought this was still a very reasonable fee.

Loren Uden, Emergency Management Coordinator presented his report of meetings, trainings and responses. He presented information concerning the purchase of a 2003



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Freightliner Communications truck. It is 30' long and equipped with cameras, phone system, meeting room, bathroom, sink and microwave. It was used by the EPA and the Forestry Service has it now and will retain ownership. The rural fire department will have to obtain it but the county will pay for it.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Anderson for approval of the Emergency Manager to work with Clay Center Rural Fire to acquire the 2003 Freightliner Mobile Communication Center. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Shaw, Fintel, Anderson; nay: Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Options for phone and internet service were discussed. Chairman Nuss had contacted Connecting Point. They will continue to provide support and service for the county's computers even if someone else provides the internet service.

Motion to Anderson and seconded by Fintel to accept the proposals from BTS concerning the courthouse phone service and fiber optics through Unite Private Networks. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried.

Josh Andersen discussed land acquisition and grant applications through the Environmental Trust. The Board asked Josh to keep them posted.

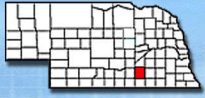
There were no bids for snow removal. The Board discussed trying to find someone to do the snow removal around the courthouse. Anderson said he would do it with his skid steer for \$65.00 per hour through this winter/snow season. He will find someone to do the steps and will be responsible for paying that person.

Pam Maynard and Rita Engel, from the Clay County Tourism Committee told the board that they had met, reviewed the requests and came up with recommendations. As of November 30, 2018 there is \$7,298.01 available for the Improvement Fund and \$6,561.50 for the Promotion Fund. The requests for the Improvement Fund total \$4,950.00 and for the Promotion Fund \$14,400.00. The committee's recommendation for the Improvement Fund is \$2,950.00 and for the Promotion fund is \$3,900.00.

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: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried.

The Marshall Township lease expires February 28, 2019. Advertising for the county owned farm in Marshall Township was discussed. It was decided to advertise for three weeks in the Clay County News and the Hastings Tribune.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Schmidt to advertise in the Clay County News and Hastings Tribune for bids to rent the E ½ Section 5, Township 6, Range 6; bids to be opened January 22, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.



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Holding an appreciation dinner for employees was discussed. Statute allows for one recognition dinner each year for elected and appointed officials and employees of local government. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to hold an appreciation dinner for all employees at a cost of no more than \$25.00 per person. The date and time to be determined upon location availability. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss; abstain: Anderson. Motion carried.

Word was received from the insurance company correcting information received earlier. Clay County already has provisions for the elimination period for the waiver of premiums for long term disability and life insurance. No action is needed.

The Board was reminded of the date change for the next meeting. Due to the Christmas holiday, the next meeting will be on December 27, 2018.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 11:29 A.M.; next meeting scheduled for December 27, 2018. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman