



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, January 29, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met January 29, 2019 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on January 23, 2019 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Minutes of the meeting January 22, 2019 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, Ivan Fintel stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 22, 2019 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

Sue Hofstetter and Roz Bush were present during Public Input time. They expressed concern about ongoing problems in Edgar. The Board will discuss their concerns with the County Attorney and County Sheriff.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on snow removal and gravel hauling. An agreement with Sheridan Township and stop signs at a railroad crossing were discussed.

An agreement for Sheridan Township to get caught up on back maintenance costs was reviewed. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the Chairman and the Highway Supt. to sign the agreement between Clay County and Sheridan Township for the payment of overdue maintenance costs. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to have the Highway Superintendent start the engineering study for a stop sign to be placed on the east side of the Railroad crossing on Road 318 between Sections 3 and 10 Inland Township. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to have the Highway Superintendent start the engineering study for a stop signs to be placed on the west side of the Railroad crossing on Road 318 between Sections 3 and 10 Inland Township. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Tom presented a preliminary look at the 1 & 6 year road plan. A list of the projects that were on the plan last year and that have been completed were discussed. 19 Bridge/Culverts and grading projects are scheduled to be completed this year. 28 driveway culverts and 37 culverts across roads were completed last year. Tom asked



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the board if there was anything they wanted changed or added. Tom will have the official 1 & 6 maps made and ready for distribution after the 1 & 6 hearing in February.

Ted Griess, County Attorney told the Board that he had ordered an autopsy; the second of this budget cycle. He had talked to Pam Bourne about combining the Veterans Service and Emergency Manager office. She expressed concern as how those two offices could be joined. Ted said he could think of several people in Clay County who could fit that job description. The Board also told Ted about the conversation during Public Input. Jeff Franklin was also present for that discussion.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff presented a list of firearms he would like to have declared as surplus. The firearms are over 20 years old. He can use the same distributor as Adams County and the City of Hastings are using. They will take the old guns as trade in.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Johnson to declare 7 Glock Model 22's as surplus and remove from the Sheriff's inventory. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Mike Carroll, Custodian said there was trouble heating the judges' chamber on the County Court side. The vents in the attic were adjusted and seems to be helping. Other issues with the heating system were discussed; all have been taken care of. Fencing around the outside unit was also discussed. The sidewalk on the west side of the courthouse from the steps of the building to the steps going to the street was discussed. He has patched it several times but thinks it should be replaced.

Loren Uden, Emergency Management Coordinator gave his monthly report on meetings, trainings and responses. He is wrapping up the EMPG 2nd quarter report; working with Villages and Cities on updating the LEOP that is due in July; working on dispatcher training and reported on the test to 9-1-1 that went live on January 22nd. Installation of antennae and repeaters has been finished on the tower. Loren told the Board that he had released the 2003 Freightliner and it has been sold.

Larry Cerny, Fillmore County Supervisor serving on the NIRMA Board of Directors delivered a plaque in honor of their 30th anniversary. Clay County has been a member since July of 1988. Larry explained the many facets of NIRMA and answered questions from the Board.

The board discussed combining the offices of Veteran Services and Emergency Management. The EM committee consisting of Johnson, Samuelson and Schmidt will research options and report back to the Board.

The Board members did the quarterly visit to the jail and examined the storage building.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 12:10 P.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for February 12, 2019. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman



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