

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on January 23, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on January 17, 2024 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. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman L. Wayne Johnson stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room and presided with roll call showing the following present: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Bitterman.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

Laurie Kohmetscher, President of the Clay County Health Department Board ("Health Board") approached the Board of Supervisors asking that if in the present or in the future, if there are questions or concerns regarding the Clay County Health Department, that the Board of Supervisors keep open communication with the Health Board. Laurie noted that the Health Board has quarterly meetings, and they are open to discussion with the Board of Supervisors at any time. Chairman Johnson stated that the Board of Supervisors would ask the same of the Health Board.

Minutes of the meeting held January 16, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 16, 2024. Upon roll call: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Michele Bever, South Heartland District Health Department Director, presented the annual report. Michele gave a detailed report on the services provided by South Heartland and areas where they are expanding their services (*a copy of the full report can be found in the Clay County Clerk's office*). Chairman Johnson asked Michele how much Clay County contributes to the South Heartland District Health Department in which Michele advised the Chairman that no funding comes from Clay County for their services.

Megan Burda was unable to attend the meeting. Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk, did provide the Board with information regarding the Lead Educator Role for Clay County that was provided by Megan Burda and that the Lead Educator will be on the agenda next week. The Clerk will find out if Megan can also attend next week's meeting.

Robin Gilbert, Clay County Treasurer presented the semi-annual statement and a claim for School Creek Township for payment.

School Creek Township Claim

Clay County Road Department for 2022 Road Maintenance in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to approve the School Creek Township claim due to the Clay County Road Department in the amount of \$3,000.00 as presented and authorize the Treasurer to pay the claim from the appropriate funds. Upon roll call: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk notified the Board that the Wellness Clinic for the employees is tentatively scheduled for March 5th; however, she is gathering information on the coverage of the clinic. Last year, due to the Health Insurance provider for Clay County not being a preferred provider for the clinic, Clay County covered all costs for employees to participate. The rate at this time is approximately \$150.00 per participant if Clay County holds the clinic; however, it is known that if an employee were to have the same service done at a normal physician appointment, it could cost them around \$450.00 (or more or less). At this time, it does not appear that Health Insurance Providers are willing to cover such a clinic anymore; however, the Clerk will get more details to discuss next week.

Chairman Johnson let the Board know that next week two of the Adams County Commissioners will attend the meeting to discuss the Adams County Jail facility. Johnson invited Sheriff Franklin to also attend the meeting next week at that time.

Donna Jensen, Clay County Health Department Director presented the Director's Report for the quarter. Donna advised the Board that there are 3 applicants for the Director's position and interviews are to begin this week. Supervisor Shaw, who is also on the Health Board, requested that today the Board of Supervisors address the future of the Health Department as he is not comfortable going through with interviews if the Department is coming to an end. Open discussion was had amongst Donna and the Supervisors. Chairman Johnson reassured Donna and the public attendees that if at some time the Board were to discuss closing the Health Department, that first a Public Hearing would be held with the Board of Supervisors. At that time, everyone that attended would be able to speak regarding their support or non-support of the continuation of the Health Department. This, however, is nothing that the Board looks to do anytime soon. Chairman Johnson also reminded the public attendees that the Board of Supervisor meetings are always open to the public to attend and encourages the public to do so to stay informed on all County operations. Due to this discussion not being an agenda item for today's meeting, the Board advised that the Health Department move forward with their interviews, and that over the next year the Health Department, Health Board and the Board of Supervisors set expectations, goals and reviews for the Department. Donna asked if the Board of Supervisors would consider creating a sub-committee within the Supervisors for the purpose of direct communication with the Health Department and Health Board. This will be added to the agenda for next week's meeting.

The Board took a quick recess from 10:27am to 10:31am.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent, presented his road report which entailed the amount of work that has gone into snow removal. Clerk Aksamit advised Tom that the additional \$375,000.00 from the Railroad for the Road W Railroad Bridge was received and that the Treasurer would deposit the same. Tom will discuss a personnel complaint with Jordan Suarez of Zelle HR.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, presented her monthly report. The radio project is done, and the radios are working better than expected so far! Haley will put together an estimate / proposal for getting this type of radio coverage to all emergency services.

The Board took a quick recess from 11:00am to 11:04am.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to enter executive session at 11:04 A.M. for personnel discussion. Upon roll call: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to go out of executive session at 11:15 A.M. Upon roll call: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jordan Suarez, Zelle HR Representative presented an Amendment to the Clay County Employees Handbook Holiday Policy. The proposed Amendment is to be effective retroactive to January 1, 2024 and will be incorporated into the Clay County Employees Handbook Version 2. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the Amendment to the Clay County Employees Handbook Holiday Policy as presented and approve the Clay County Employees Handbook Version 2. Upon roll call: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$145,967.70
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Arnold, Gene, Prior Service	\$72.00
Aspegren Repair, Repairs	\$139.75

AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$51.87
Barnett, Barb, Mileage	\$49.74
Bellis Julie L., Court Reporting	\$75.00
Beyke Signs, Inc., Lettering	\$720.00
Big G Ace, Supplies	\$718.95
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$2,217.04
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,663.58
Blue 360 Media LLC., Supplies	\$93.75
Bockstadter & Glen Law LLC., Attorney Fees	\$327.50
Boeka, Donna, Prior Service	\$144.00
BTS Communications, Phones	\$1,249.92
Business World, Supplies	\$12.50
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$87.23
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$379.88
City of Hastings, SCALES Dues	\$1,000.00
Clay County News, Advertising	\$516.50
Clay County Trasurer, Postage	\$17.10
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road Fund	\$155,508.38
Clearly, Phone System	\$422.79
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$461.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$643.65
Corner Market, Supplies	\$976.08
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions, Safety Deposit Box Rent	\$73,813.48
Cox, Jack, Prior Service	\$72.00
CPI, Fuel	\$3,791.87
Crowne Plaza, Lodging	\$269.90
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$81.15
DAS, Services,	\$1,193.55
DNF Associates LLC., Garnishment	\$252.01
Dollar General, Supplies	\$80.55
Eakes, Supplies	\$3,644.12
First Concord, Insurance	\$602.50
Flatwater Technologies, Service	\$5,965.09
Flesner, Christine, Prior Service	\$144.00
Friesen Ford, Repairs	\$249.48
Griess, Lawrence, Prior Service	\$120.00
Griess, Ted, Prior Service	\$60.00
Hajny, Janet, Prior Service	\$300.00
Hamilton County Treasurer, Vet Services	\$2,291.67
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Integrated Security Solutions, Inspections, Fees	\$3,533.52
Intoximeters, Inc., Supplies	\$330.00
Justice Data Solutions Inc., Crimes Cad System	\$2,070.00
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$107.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$319.22
Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc., Service	\$795.00
MDM Pest & Termite Control, Service	\$100.00
Medica, Health Ins.	\$68,591.42
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$762.50
Menards, Supplies	\$210.09
Mid-America Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$1,306.58
Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center, Membership	\$100.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$4,055.67
MMC Contractors, Maintenance Agreement	\$5,296.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,525.00
NACO, Sheriff Associates Membership	\$200.00
NE Assoc of Emergency Managers, Membership	\$50.00
NE Assoc of County Assessors, Dues	\$75.00
Nebraska.gov, Abstracts	\$51.00
Newmyer, Mariah, Mileage	\$20.77

NextLink, Internet	\$28.50
Nuckolls County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$18.68
NWCA Region 4, Membership	\$15.00
Police Officers Association of NE, Membership	\$20.00
Region 3 Behavioral Health, 3rd Qtr Funding	\$3,991.89
Samuelson, Samantha R., Court Reporter	\$420.00
Schmidt, Tanya, Prior Service	\$48.00
Secretary of State-Election Division, Supplies	\$10.00
Sirchie Command Every Scene, Supplies	\$555.10
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$2,184.98
Smith Lawn Care, Services	\$900.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$1,694.84
Stanard Appraisal Services, Services	\$1,040.00
Stratman, Janice, Prior Service	\$60.00
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$16.98
TK Elevator Corp., Inspections	\$377.52
Trailblazer, Sponsorship	\$400.00
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,606.00
US Bank, Supplies	\$466.00
US Cellular, Phones	\$852.53
USDA, APHIS, Service	\$642.70
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$499.28
Windstream, Service	\$658.56
Woodward's, Garbage	\$370.00
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,877.28
ROAD FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$80,727.00
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,696.74
Auca, Supplies	\$779.05
Aurora Cooperative, Fuel	\$138.85
Auto Glass Experts LLC., Repairs	\$175.00
Bauer Built Inc., Parts & Labor	\$2,050.35
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies, Parts	\$254.17
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$2,729.06
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$283.86
Card Services, Supplies	\$130.15
Certified Truck & Trailer Repairs, Inc., Repairs	\$3,107.93
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$105.85
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$82.42
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$119.30
Clay County Treasurer, Title	\$15.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.40
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$42,267.13
CPI, Fuel, Tires	\$4,322.22
Diamond Mowers, Inc., Grader Blades	\$3,985.26
Dubois, Dayle, Prior Service	\$48.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$242.90
Extreme Transfer LLC., Parts & Labor	\$382.79
Filter Care of Nebraska, Supplies	\$446.75
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Flatwater Technologies, Service	\$405.70
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$55,464.55
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$19,426.38
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$96.96
Gewecke, Pat, Prior Service	\$96.00
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Island Landhandlers, Inc., Gravel	\$7,492.62

Island Supply Welding Co., Supplies	\$89.28
John Deere Financial (Landmark), Parts & Labor	\$5,903.53
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc., Supplies	\$1,518.99
LCL Truck Equipment, Parts	\$3,696.84
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$23.76
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Drug Testing	\$100.00
Medica, Insurance	\$1,800.00
Menards, Supplies	\$443.37
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc., Gravel	\$14,087.48
Midwest Service & Sales, Culverts	\$32,765.55
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc., Parts	\$507.78
Nationwide, Retirement	\$350.00
Nebraska Truck Center, Parts	\$379.09
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$3,882.71
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Fuel	\$80.20
Platte Valley Equipment, Rental	\$9,000.00
Protex Central Inc., Parts	\$147.96
R& K Service, Fuel	\$3,208.70
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$577.98
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$123.93
Sutton Auto, Parts, Supplies	\$3,312.07
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$247.50
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$821.70
Winzer, Supplies	\$126.94
Woodward's, Garbage	\$75.00
ROD PM FUND	
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$499.66
US Postal Service, Supplies	\$25.87
ARPA/COVID FUND	
First Wireless Inc., Radios	\$40,621.24
Flatwater Technologies, Fiber Upgrade	\$2,834.56
HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$9,714.03
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$50.46
Clay County News, Publications	\$62.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$190.59
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$4,527.19
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
DHHS, Licensure Unit, Licensure Renewal	\$650.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$47.32
First Concord, Insurance	\$250.00
Esmeralda Flores, Mileage	\$16.75
Jensen, Donna, Mileage	\$48.91
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$14.20
Sara Marshall, Mileage	\$327.76
Medica, Insurance	\$400.00
Nationwide, Insurance	\$100.00
NRG Media - Grand Island, Advertising	\$5,580.00
Judy Schwenk, Mileage	\$18.76
Alyce Sherman, Mileage	\$16.75
911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$202.06
Glenwood, Internet	\$127.11
Justice Data Solutions, Inc., Crimes Cad	\$1,800.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$78.82
Superior iNet, Internet	\$89.99
E911 FUND	

Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$1,154.23
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$1,217.64
MISCELLANEOUS SINKING FUND	
Andrew Malone , Painting	\$7,620.00

Motion by Shaw 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: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors will evaluate the operations and finances of all Clay County Departments at upcoming meetings.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 11:44 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for February 13, 2024. Upon roll call: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman