

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, January 30, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met January 30, 2024 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on January 24, 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. Chairman L. Wayne Johnson presided with roll call showing the following present: Scott Bitterman, Eric Samuelson, Glen Becker, James Pavelka, Ivan Fintel, Dick Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson. Minutes of the meeting held January 23, 2024 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, L. Wayne Johnson stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 23, 2024 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; abstain: Bitterman. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent provided his road report and presented his Preliminary 1-6 Road Plan. Tom advised that the Board would need to consider an asphalt overlay project in the near future. He will work with Olsson Associates to get an estimate of the project costs. Once received, the Board can review for further discussion.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney was present to discuss the NAD Roads with the Board and Highway Superintendent. A few business owners from the NAD area were also present. Discussion was had that at this time it is not clear as to who has ownership of the roads. Attorney Fleischer advised that the County get a title search and reassess the area upon receipt of the same. The Board expressed their appreciation that these few business owners attended the meeting and provided input; however, it was reaffirmed that it is not an option of the County to focus on road maintenance for just a few, but instead that the County will have to review the area as a whole and come to a conclusion for moving forward with all roads in the area as a whole.

Matheus Ribeiro, Nebraska Extension Lead Educator provided the Board with a summary of accomplishments for his first two months as the Clay County Lead Educator along with a 2024 schedule of Nebraska Extension Ag Programs that he plans to be active in participation. Matheus also provided clarification to the Board of his schedule in his Clay Center office, Matheus will run a normal office schedule of Monday-Friday 8am – 4pm.

Mark Johnson, Courthouse Building & Grounds presented his monthly report to the Board and introduced Gary Palmer who has been shadowing Mark in his duties at the Courthouse to be a backup if Mark needs time off.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report and discussed the tire recycling event for 2024. Greg will schedule the tire recycling for the beginning of August.

Lee Hogan and Michael Stromer, Adams County Commissioners, attended the meeting to discuss options for utilization of the Adams County Jail Facility. Clay County Sheriff Jeff Franklin and Chief Deputy Sean Julich were also present. All parties openly discussed the

Adams County Jail Facility and if it would be a feasible option for Clay County to utilize. The Board would like to continue the discussion with Lee and Michael but also asked that Adams County Sheriff John Rust be able to attend the next meeting on February 13th. It was also asked that Sheriff Franklin and Deputy Julich attend on February 13th and that prior to that meeting, that they come up with some questions / concerns they may have and provide the same to Adams County Sheriff Rust to review prior to the meeting on February 13th. Lee Hogan will keep Clerk Aksamit informed as to whether they can all make the meeting or not.

Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator, presented her 2023 4th Quarter Report & Year End Summary Report. Chairman Johnson asked if there was an update on the revision of the Clay County Comprehensive Plan. Barb advised that she had received a draft that she had some areas of disagreement with and is working with the vendor on adjustments.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk, presented the Board with options from Wellness Partners regarding the Wellness Clinic for employees. Cassie has also spoken with the Clay County Health Department Director to see if this is a clinic that their Department could handle – she will gather information for the Board to review at the first meeting in February.

The Board discussed the request for a Sub-Committee for the Health Department operations. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Becker to appoint Scott Bitterman and Ivan Fintel to act as the Health Department Sub-Committee for 2024. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

All Supervisors and Clerk Aksamit made the quarterly visit to the Jail.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 11:54 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for February 13, 2024. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman