

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on February 13, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on February 7, 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: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Fintel.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held January 30, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 30, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his road report. Tom will provide the Board with a list of items for surplus for the next meeting.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to open the One & Six Year Road Plan public hearing at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Maps of the 1 and 6 Year Plan were handed out and discussed.

There was no one else present during the hearing. There were no written or oral comments, suggestions or objections received.

There being no other discussion on the 1 & 6 Plan, other agenda items were dealt with during the hearing time.

Joni Bitterman, Clerk of the District Court, requested permission from the Board to replace the carpet in her office. An estimate was presented in the amount of \$3,897.13. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to approve the replacement of the carpet in the District Court office as presented. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None; Abstain: Bitterman. Motion carried. Joni is going to also get an estimate for a workspace update in her office through Eakes.

The Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of January 2024: County Clerk \$23,693.51; County Court \$9,058.01; Clerk of District Court \$62,005.14; Sheriff's fees \$1,388.51; County Health Department \$2,044.99 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 24010001 through 24010054 in the amount of \$2,251,971.42. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk presented information to the Board regarding options for continuing the Wellness Clinic for County employees. Information gathered between various providers indicates that Wellness Partners is the best option for the County Employee Wellness Clinic. Cassie recommended that the Board move forward with hosting the clinic through Wellness Partners at the cost of \$150.00 per employee and allowing spouses to participate at their own expense of \$150.00. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to host the Wellness Clinic with Wellness Partners for all County employees at the County's expense of \$150.00 per employee and allowing spouses to participate at their own expense of \$150.00. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Clerk Aksamit also presented the Board with two Applications for County Burial Assistance. The County Attorney has reviewed these and made a recommendation that the Board either table or deny said applications due to possible assets being available to the estate of said decedents. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to deny the two Applications for County Burial Assistance as recommended by the County Attorney. On roll call, yea: On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Richard Shaw, member of the Clay County Health Board, presented a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for the hiring of the Health Department Director. The Health Department Board would like to offer the Director position to an applicant today but needed to get wage information from the Board of Supervisors. Wage and benefits were discussed, along with the transition timeframe between the current and new Directors. Motion by Becker and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the Health Department Board to move forward with their offer of employment as discussed. Zelle HR will make the offer to the applicant. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to close the One & Six Year Road Plan hearing at 10:25 A.M. On roll call, yea: On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to approve the 1 & 6 Year Road plan as presented, with no changes, by Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent, and adopt Resolution #24-02. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's Office)

Clerk Aksamit will finalize the Resolution and Notice of Motions for Tom and provide the same to him today.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 10:55 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for February 20, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman