

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on March 12, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on March 6, 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, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held February 27, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 27, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Bitterman; Abstain: Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his road report. Tom discussed the need to advertise for box culverts bids. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to advertise for box culvert bids, bids to be opened on April 16, 2024 at 9:15 am. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tom presented the Board with the 2024 gravel bid contracts with Deweese Sand & Gravel, Mid-Nebraska Aggregate and Island Landhandlers, as approved in the February 27, 2024 meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Ann Giebler, representative with Legal Shield, presented information to the Board regarding legal assistance and identity theft programs for County employees as a payroll deduction. The Board will take these into consideration and contact Ann if they wish to discuss them further.

Robin Gilbert, Clay County Treasurer presented a claim for School Creek Township for payment.

School Creek Township Claim

Clay County Highway Department, 2023 Road Maintenance \$3,000.00

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the School Creek Township claim due to the Clay County Highway 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, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Robin also presented the Board with the sales results of delinquent real estate taxes. There were no bidders present which resulted in \$0 in delinquent tax sales for Clay County. Last year Clay County was able to collect approximately \$50,000.00 in delinquent tax sales. Having no bidders or sales is unusual for Clay County.

Allen Harpham with Flatwater Technologies was present to provide the Board with an update on the fiber upgrade and cable cleanup projects.

The Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of February 2024: County Clerk \$7,842.64; County Court \$8,050.88; Clerk of District Court \$41,985.50; Sheriff's fees \$3,602.51; County Health Department \$10,905.56 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 24020001 through 24020060 in the amount of \$333,797.40. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw,

Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, advised the Board that the two Applications for County Burial Assistance that were denied in February 2024 are being requested to be reconsidered. No further action was taken at this time.

Cassie presented the Board with a proposal from Kidwell for a Verkada Access Control System for the Courthouse. There are three proposals for 3-year, 5-year and 10-year licenses. No action was taken at this time.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 11:25 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for March 19, 2024. 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

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman