



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, February 26, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met February 26, 2019 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on February 20, 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 held February 19, 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 Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 19, 2019, as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Bitterman; abstain: Fintel. Motion carried.

During Public Input, Loren Uden Emergency Management Coordinator told the Board that he didn't think combining offices or having an Interlocal agreement with another county would save any money. He reminded them that part of his salary and expenses are reimbursed through the EMPG. He said the county would be losing most of that money if they made any changes.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on snow removal and equipment repairs. The box culvert on Road B is done and work has begun on the one on Road 311. Big Iron will be coming to take pictures of the equipment that was declared as surplus and start the process for getting rid of those. Tom presented two easements for consideration.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to approve the easement requested by Clay Fisher to install an electrical line across Road L from NE ¼ Sec.27-T6N-R7W to NW ¼ Sec. 26-T6N-R7W to power a pivot. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Johnson to approve the easement requested by Clay Fisher to install an electrical line across Road 309 from SW ¼ Sec.23-T6N-R7W to NW ¼ Sec. 26-T6N-R7W to power a pivot. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

Chairman Fintel told the Board that Lorraine Hofmann had asked if the County would consider putting in an underground water line on the Marshall Farm. The line would go from the re-use pit to the south pivot. The Board discussed this and noted that there hadn't been a lot of expense on the County's part for quite a while. No objections were voiced.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to have Smith Trenching install an 8" underground line from the pit to the south pivot on the Marshall farm (E ½ Sec. 5-6-6). On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

The Irrigated Acre Certification Report from the Little Blue Natural Resources District was presented for signing. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the chairman to sign the certification from the Little Blue NRD. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.



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Ted Griess, County Attorney reported that they were finishing the list of foreclosures for the Board to review. The combining of Veteran Service Officer and the Emergency Manager office was discussed (Loren Uden and Jeff Franklin were also present). Board members have talked to Hamilton County who has expressed interest in an Interlocal agreement for the Emergency Manager. Clay County and Hamilton County already have an Interlocal agreement for Veteran Services. Loren Uden said that if Hamilton County took over the lead for Emergency Management that they would still want a deputy in Clay County. Taking applications for a combined office in Clay County was also discussed. It was decided that Hamilton County will be contacted again to see what their vision of an Interlocal agreement would look like and that the fire departments and EM's in Clay County would be contacted to get their input on current services and what they would like to have in place moving forward. After information is gathered, the Board will discuss this again.

Bruce Rumsey, Weed Superintendent handed out a report on roadside spraying in 2018. Meetings and trainings he has attended were discussed. He earned 10 hours of continuing education credits at the Nebraska Weed Control Association's conference. They discussed scouting for phragmites on the Big and Little Blue Rivers at the Twin Valley meeting. He learned at the RC & D meeting that the grant for household hazardous waste was approved.

Jeff Franklin, Sheriff reported that an issue with the Jail inspection last month has been resolved. The code had been changed so that the Exit signs were no longer in compliance. They have been replaced, inspected and the paperwork sent off. The Board asked Jeff how long he thought the Jail could remain open. Jeff told the Board that the day is coming when because of age and regulations, it will not be possible to continue to operate a Jail in the county. He told them that Adams County was doing a feasibility study for a multi county jail. He has spoken to Adams County about this and will keep the Board informed. The dispatch center, 9-1-1 equipment and the older 9-1-1 equipment building were discussed with input from Loren Uden. Because there are more things needing to be notarized, Supervisor Johnson requested that the Sheriff have his staff become notaries to alleviate them searching for a notary after hours.

Loren Uden, Emergency Management Coordinator told the board that the 5 year agreement for the South Central Planning, Exercise and Training Regional group has expired. Paperwork for the new agreement was presented. Loren also informed the Board that they would be discussing Phase 2 of replacing the radio console in the 9-1-1 center and bids for replacement of law enforcement radios at the 9-1-1 meeting tonight. Committee members whose terms expired last December will be re-appointed as well.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution #19-02. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in the County Clerk's office)

RESOLUTION #19-02

WHEREAS the Counties of Adams, Buffalo, Clay, Dawson, Franklin, Frontier, Gosper, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Kearney, Lincoln, Nuckolls, Phelps, and Webster and the cities and villages within such counties desire to form a Planning, Exercise, and Training Region among the public safety agencies within such counties, and

WHEREAS, an Interlocal Government Agreement has been drafted that addresses issues as to creation, operation, and governance of entity described within the interlocal agreement as "South Central Planning, Exercise, and Training Regional" Group, a/k/a "SCPETR", and



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NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Clay County accepts the Interlocal Agreement between itself, the named counties and cities and/or villages therein, and this Board authorizes its Chairperson to sign such agreement on behalf of Clay County, to sign South Central Region Memorandum of Understanding presented with the Interlocal Agreement and to do all necessary to carry out the provisions of such Interlocal agreement.

ATTEST: /s/ Deborah Karnatz /s/Ivan Fintel
Clay County Clerk Chairperson, Clay County Board of Supervisors

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to authorize the chairman to sign the South Central (PET) Region Memorandum of Understanding. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to authorize the chairman to sign the County Board Record of Appointment appointing Loren Uden, Emergency Management Coordinator and Jeff Franklin, Clay County Sheriff (alternate) to the Emergency Management Regional group known as the South Central Region to fulfill all duties as required by the regional group. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to authorize the chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Public Safety Services. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

The information from Eakes concerning their fax service was sent to the Board prior to the meeting. The service from Eakes would result in a small savings. Going through Eakes for fax service, would allow the offices to keep their current fax numbers.

Word was received that the invoicing/billing cycle was discussed with the provider for the new phone/fiber optic system. The claim deadline, board approval and mailing of payment can take longer than the 15 day window listed in the agreement. Kirk Hopkins, BTS reported that "there would not be late fees as long as they know this procedure. I will put your procedure, in the notes with the account so everyone is aware of your payment procedure."

The Master Services Agreement and the Letter of Agency were presented for the phone equipment/service. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to authorize the chairman to sign the Master Services Agreement between Clay County & Greenfly Networks, Inc. dba Clearly Communications. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to authorize the chairman to sign the Letter of Agency authorizing Business Telecommunications Systems to act as agent in dealings with Clearly. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Claims were distributed for review and discussion.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to approve the claims and authorize the County Clerk to pay from the appropriate funds. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	102,858.59
AFLAC, Insurance	375.96



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Holli Alley, Mileage, Supplies	79.90
Ameritas Life Ins., Retirement	15,429.95
Aspegren Repair, Repairs	207.90
Baird & Griess, Wireless	24.25
Barb Barnett, Mileage,	43.67
Scott Bitterman, Mileage	84.68
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	1,329.39
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	43,428.22
Bob Barker Company, Inc., Supplies	161.68
Business World, Supplies	228.48
Cash-Wa Distributing, Supplies	471.37
Central Community College, Training	60.00
Central District Co Officials Assoc., Reg.	120.00
City of Sutton, Body Armor	925.00
Clay County News, Notices, Printing, Subscriptions	2,079.57
Clay County Sheriff, Fees	179.58
Clay County Treasurer, Postage, Supplies, Title	1,256.80
Colonial, Ins	919.08
Connecting Point, Labor, Internet, Parts	636.45
CPI, Fuel	1,787.22
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings	33,768.28
Credit Management Services, Garnishment	484.28
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	11.00
DAS State Accounting, Service	512.00
Deputies, Phone allowance	140.00
DeWitt Funeral Home, Burial	1,750.00
Dollar General, Supplies	93.14
Eakes, Supplies	3,435.39
Ivan Fintel, Mileage	62.06
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	4,877.83
Friesen Ford, F-150	25,263.68
Galls, Supplies	165.05
George's 66, Fuel	154.85
Goding Law LLC., Service	266.00
Grace's Locksmith Service, Keys	17.50
Ted Griess, Fees	18.00
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Agreement	2,291.67
Brenda Hansen, Lodging, Mileage	272.14
Harvard Foodmart, Supplies	1,377.30
Christopher Hays, Surveyor	50.00
Natalie Holman, Supplies	20.46
Hometown Leasing, Lease	1,883.99
Joni Hoy, Mileage	120.64
Taylor Jacobs, Supplies	34.53
L. Wayne Johnson, Mileage	164.14



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Sarah Krause, Cleaning	500.00
Langvardt, Valley & James, PC LLO, Service	2,610.50
Lynn Peavey Co., Supplies	73.20
Madison National Life, Ins.	111.52
Menards, Supplies	127.24
Midland Area Agency on Aging, 2nd 1/2 Membership & Support	2,299.00
Mid-Nebraska Individual Services Inc., 3rd Qtr. Funding	1,635.50
MIPS, Service	3,063.85
Mariah Morgan, Mileage	33.64
Nationwide, 457 Plan	975.00
NE Assoc. of County Clerks, ROD & Election Comm., Dues	150.00
NE Assoc. of Emergency Management, Reg., Dues	235.00
NE Clerk of the District Court Assoc., Dues	50.00
NE Health & Human Services, Service	72.00
NE Planning Zoning Association, Registration	220.00
Jim Pavelka, Mileage	135.72
Platte Valley Transfer, Service	382.60
Quality Sound & Communications, Inc., Service	147.00
Quartermaster LLC, Supplies	92.00
Reed Supply Co., Supplies	2,800.00
Rod's Total Property Maintenance, Snow removal	560.00
Gerald Schmidt, Mileage	49.30
Secretary of State, Supplies	20.00
Michael Sindelar, Mileage	140.97
Skalka & Baack Law Firm, Service	1,380.14
Joni Skalka, Mileage	92.22
South Central Unified #5, Utilities	5,096.96
South Central Public Power, Utilities	2,054.92
Stanard Appraisal, Service	2,940.00
Sullivan, Shoemaker, Service	2,790.00
Sunset Law Enforcement, Supplies	309.96
Terwey Law Office, Service	760.02
Trailblazer RC&D, Sponsorship	350.00
US Bank, Supplies	217.55
US Cellular, Cell Phones	459.11
USDA-APHIS	1,755.15
Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	156.19
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	342.14
Windstream, Service	1,609.28
Woodward's, Garbage	205.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	51,454.84
Action Auto, Supplies	198.63
AFLAC, Insurance	896.74



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Ameritas Life Ins., Retirement	7,673.86
Aura Chicago Lockbox, Supplies	402.80
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	70.62
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	2,020.07
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	172.42
Central District Co Officials Assoc., Reg.	40.00
City of Edgar, Utilities	52.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	60.00
City of Harvard, Utilities	54.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	138.43
Clay County News, Notices	95.31
Clay County Treasurer, Reg	15.00
Colonial Life, Ins	480.89
Connecting Point, Internet	38.50
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings	17,479.54
CPI, Fuel	2,182.95
Dutton-Lainson Co., Supplies	317.83
Eakes, Supplies	71.38
Bobby Eggers, Supplies	2,200.00
Equipment Blades Inc., Supplies	1,812.50
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Supplies	19.95
Friesen Ford, Pick-up	52,465.10
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	300.00
George Brothers, Fuel	7,348.69
George's 66 Service, Fuel	239.24
Hamilton Telecommunication, Internet	84.97
Harvard Foodmart, Fuel, Supplies	168.05
Independent Salt Co., Salt	4,670.33
Interstate Battery Center, Supplies	525.00
Island Supply Welding Co., Supplies	127.48
John Deere Financial, Parts & Labor	135.94
Ken & Al's, Fuel, Supplies	661.10
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Co., Supplies	365.12
Lawson Products, Supplies	189.63
LCL Truck Equipment, Parts	170.50
Madison National Life, Ins.	45.91
Menards, Supplies	1,027.83
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc., Gravel	20,548.92
Midwest Service & Sales, Signs	526.00
MIPS, Service	128.08
Heather Moore, Postage	1.42
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Parts	449.10
Napa Auto Parts, Supplies	31.96
Nationwide, 457 Plan	200.00
Nebraska Peterbilt, Supplies	78.88



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NMC Exchange, Parts & Labor	4,546.89
Olsson, Engineering Services	18,982.15
R & K Service, Fuel	158.48
South Central Public Power, Utilities	447.96
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	154.65
Sutton Auto Supply, Supplies	22.74
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	53.14
Theis Inspection Service LLC, Inspection	2,589.18
Van Kirk Sand & Gravel Inc., Supplies	155,000.88
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	86.80
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	213.11
Windstream, Service, Internet	531.88
Woodward's, Garbage	47.50

ROD P M FUND

MIPS, Service	411.53
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HEALTH FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	7,950.44
Aflac, Insurance	37.50
Ameritas Life Ins Co., Retirement	1,151.95
Eleanor Clark, Mileage	579.42
Clay County News, Notices	62.66
Colonial, Ins	111.86
Connecting Point, Repairs	32.50
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings	2,919.72
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	35.00
Eakes, Supplies	36.74
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	233.34
Laurie Sheridan, Mileage	58.00
Solix, Inc., Service	185.48
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	8.34
Windstream, Phone	82.77

911 FUND

Black Hills Energy, Utilities	17.84
Connecting Point, Internet	68.50
ERC Communications, Rent	420.00
Nemaha County, Insurance	51.56
Platte Valley Communications, Supplies	1,690.40
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	74.76
Windstream, Phone, Maintenance	1,062.18

E911 FUND

Windstream, Phone	756.55
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MISC. SINKING FUND

Rasmussen Mechanical Services, Repairs	7,629.50
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WEED FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	3,030.04
AFLAC, Insurance	38.48
Ameritas Life Ins Co., Retirement	525.28
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	54.76
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	106.73
Central District Co Officials Assoc., Reg.	40.00
Connecting Point, Internet	28.50
CPI, Fuel	116.09
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings	1,379.84
Lied Lodge & Conference Center, Lodging	192.40
Nationwide, 457 Plan	365.00
Ridgway Repair, Repairs	289.66
Bruce Rumsey, Postage	3.68
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	423.21
Windstream, Phone	53.22

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 11:45 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for March 12, 2019. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman