



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, March 12, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met March 12, 2019 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on March 6, 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 26, 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 Johnson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 26, 2019, as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

Michael Dennis and Valley Jo Robinson McDonald were present for the Public Input time. Michael as a representative for veterans and Valley Jo as a tax paying citizen each spoke in opposition of merging the Veteran Service Office and the Emergency Manager Office. Michael expressed concern that the Veterans of the County would be negatively impacted if the offices were combined. Valley Jo expressed concern that because of the many responsibilities of both offices it would be too much for one person; that there wouldn't be that great of a monetary savings and that the citizens of the County would not get the emergency services needed. The Board told them that they wanted to get a discussion going and they appreciated their input. They assured them that they would not do anything detrimental to the Veterans or the citizens and the discussion was just beginning. Michael and Valley Jo were thanked for their input and the Board will take their comments under advisement.

Because the above conversation took more than the allotted time, Ted Griess, County Attorney spoke briefly about the enrollment period for benefits. This topic will go before the Handbook Committee and a recommendation will be made to the Board.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on road conditions and box culvert progress. The Federal Funds Purchase Program Funds will be deposited around March 15, 2019. The County will receive \$178,628.61 for road and bridge projects. Tom reported on demolition costs of Clay Center Pool and the value of the concrete from the demolition. After discussion, the Board decided to table further talks until after the Clay Center City Council meeting in March.

The Road work report, resolutions for stop signs, letter of agreement, the gravel contracts and a request for a hearing for a water easement were presented.



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Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Pavelka to approve the Highway Superintendent's road work report for the month of February 2019. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

The engineering studies have been completed and two resolutions to place stop signs were presented.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to adopt and authorize the chairman to sign Resolution #19-03 concerning stop sign placement on the east side of the Railroad crossing on Road 318 between Sections 3 and 10 Inland Township. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried. (Resolution of file in the Clerk's office.)

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to adopt and authorize the chairman to sign Resolution #19-04 concerning stop sign placement on the west side of the Railroad crossing on Road 318 between Sections 3 and 10 Inland Township. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in Clerk's office.)

The Notice of Award for the bridges was received from Olsson for the chairman's signature. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to authorize the chairman to sign the Notice of Award with Reece Construction Co. Inc. for Clay County Bridge Project #C-18 (178), and Project #C-18 (294). On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

The gravel contracts with Deweese Sand & Gravel Inc. and Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc. have been returned.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract Agreement between Deweese Sand & Gravel Inc. and Clay County. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract Agreement between Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc. and Clay County. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

An easement request for a water line was discussed. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to advertise for a public hearing for an easement request for a water line crossing Road F between Sections 25 and 26 of Spring Ranch Township; hearing to be held March 19, 2019 at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

The Fee Reports were distributed. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Samuelson to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of February 2019: County Clerk \$6,589.85; County Court \$9,411.17; Clerk of District Court \$1,630.83; Sheriff's fees \$7,917.87 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 19010069 through 19010086 and 19020001 through 19020042 in the amount of \$227,428.37. On roll call,



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yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

Public Input was extended since the first one took so much time and Mike Anderson had waited. Mike gave the Board an update on Midlands Area Agency on Aging (he is the Board alternate). He reported that the agency is serving 900-1000 meals a month throughout the agency's district. There are around 1147 people a month that use the transportation that is provided. Adams County's agency has moved and will be dividing up some exercise equipment among the counties.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 11:07 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for March 19, 2019. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman