



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, May 14, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met May 14, 2019 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on May 8, 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 April 30, 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.

There was no Public Input.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 30, 2019, as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel; abstain: Pavelka. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on culvert work. He will meet with a FEMA representative this week to see what the county may get reimbursed for. Bridge work, crack sealing, armor coating and painting of roads was also discussed.

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

Two easements were presented for consideration.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to approve the easement request from Black Hills Energy to install a natural gas pipeline across Road 304 from the W1/2NW1/4 Sec.24-T5N-R5W to the SW1/4 Sec.13-T5N-R5W. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the request from Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation to bury a fiber optic cable along Road C 1925 feet north of Road 301 in the SW1/4 Sec. 33-T5N-R8W. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Tom discussed a motor grader that will be needing some work. This machine is on the rotation to be replaced next and he recommended doing it now. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Samuelson to advertise for a motor grader; bids to be opened June 11th at 9:15 AM. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.



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The only Emergency Management update was that the ad for the radio system had been placed.

Ted Griess, County Attorney told the board that a Tort claim had been filed and turned over to NIRMA. He may have more information next week. A claim that was filed with the EEOC has been settled.

There was open time on the agenda so some of the miscellaneous items were taken care of at this time.

The subgroup application from BlueCross BlueShield was discussed. There is a \$1.10 premium increase for the health insurance and no premium increase for dental insurance. After discussion it was decided to keep everything the same as last year.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Johnson to authorize the County Clerk to sign the BlueCross BlueShield Subgroup Application keeping the \$1500.00 deductible for the Health Insurance and Option 3 Premier for the Dental Insurance. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

The Emergency Management pickup was discussed. The Sheriff has expressed interest in having this. It was decided to move the pickup from the Emergency Management dept. to the Sheriff's dept. A new title will be issued to reflect this and the inventories will be updated.

The Sheriff had requested that a vehicle be declared as surplus. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to declare the 2008 Ford Explorer used by the Sheriff's office as surplus. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

A change to the employee handbook was presented for board approval. Upon approval the employees will be issued updated handbooks via email. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Schmidt to approve the change for the employee handbook as recommended by the handbook committee. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Randy Tonniges, the auditor for the county left an engagement letter for the Board. The service for the audit for the next three years would increase by \$216.00.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Pavelka to authorize the chairman to sign the engagement letter from Tonniges & Associates P.C., Kearney, NE for the annual audit for a three year period for the years ended June 30, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Services not to exceed \$7403.00 per year. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

Jo Springer, Executive Director SASA Crisis Center presented information about the organization. SASA provides 24 hour crisis hotline; crisis counseling; court accompaniment; emergency financial assistance, including transportation, medical, clothing and child care; emergency shelter; medical and legal advocacy; mental health



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therapy; support and education group for victims; batterer intervention program; community awareness and education. In 2018, SASA provided 176 advocacy sessions totaling 96 hours to 24 separate individuals. They work to ensure Clay County residents do not need to leave the county to receive necessary services. The budget request is the same as the past few years.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to accept the budget request of SASA in the amount of \$5000.00 for fiscal year 2019-2020. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Jay Bleier, from Olsson met with the Board to discuss and look at the front steps of the courthouse and also the parking lot behind the courthouse. He will put some proposals together for the Board.

The Fee Reports were distributed. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of April 2019: County Clerk \$16,751.50; County Court \$11,729.83; Clerk of District Court \$35,406.09 and Sheriff's fees \$11,152.09. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 10:55 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for May 21, 2019. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman