



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, June 18, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met June 18, 2019 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on June 12, 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 June 11, 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.

During Public Input time, Deb Karnatz asked the Board what prompted the expansion of the courthouse parking lot instead of just replacing the existing one. It was noted that on most days there are 4-5 cars parked there with 2 of them belonging to the county. Even on heavy court and drivers license days, there is adequate parking around the courthouse square.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 11, 2019, as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on culvert work; an ad for help has been placed and he was able to get the internet bill lowered. Tom reported that he is having trouble finding used trucks for under \$70,000.00. Information on leasing trucks was discussed. After discussion, it was decided to do more research on leasing vs. buying and discuss this again next week.

Tom did not have any EM update for the Board.

Ted Griess, County Attorney discussed Fire District boundaries with the Board. As it is now, the cities lie within the rural fire districts. Each have their own budgets. Before making any changes, the Board asked Ted to visit with the different departments to see how they feel and study some of the impacts a change would bring.

Mike Carroll, Custodian told the Board that he did not want a side by side; just a 4-wheeler with a hitch. This will be discussed again next week.

Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator presented her budget request. The original request is the same as the last 3 years. Barb proposed cancelling the county cell phone and just using hers. The county would reimburse her for the personal use the same as other departments are receiving. This would lower her budget request.

Joni Skalka, Clerk of the District Court presented her budget request. The salary portion will be less due to having a part time deputy.



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Julie Bergen, Clerk Magistrate presented her budget request which is lower than last year. For the new board members, Julie gave an overview of her office. She reported that they had between 1100 and 1200 cases last year. Cases include criminal, civil, traffic, juvenile, guardianship/conservatorship, adoptions and probate. They also issue search warrants.

L. Wayne Johnson's term on the Veterans Service Committee will expire on June 30, 2019. He indicated that he would be willing to serve another term.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to appoint L. Wayne Johnson to the Veterans Service Committee for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2019. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel; abstain: Johnson. Motion carried.

A letter was received from Region 3 Behavioral Health Services presenting the FY 2019/2020 County Match Request. That governing board approved a change in the amount allocated to each county based on the most recent U.S. Census Bureau's population estimates. This resulted in an increase of \$64.68 for Clay County.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Shaw to accept the budget request of Region 3 Behavioral Health Services in the amount of \$15,899.47 for fiscal year 2019-2020. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

An Administrative Agreement for the cash out option (for health ins.) was received from First Concord. The county's cash in lieu agreement has to be updated annually. The Board discussed keeping it the same or changing the amount offered.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Pavelka to adopt Resolution #19-09 adopting the Cash-In-Lieu for the fiscal year 2019-2020. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 19-09

We, the Supervisors of Clay County, Nebraska consent and agree that the following resolution was made on June 18, 2019

WHEREAS, the Supervisors of Clay County consent to adoption of Cash-In-Lieu as an option to our group medical insurance available to the elected officials and full-time employees of Clay County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, those elected officials and full-time employees of Clay County, Nebraska electing to participate in the Cash-In-Lieu option, after presenting notice of Proof of Coverage and submitting a signed Affidavit of Other Coverage to the Supervisors of Clay County, Nebraska be eligible for said cash-in-lieu benefits in the amount of \$450 (single coverage) monthly.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Cash-In-Lieu Option offered by the First Concord Benefits Group be offered to those elected officials and full time Clay County employees wishing to participate according to the above requirements. Said Cash-In-Lieu payment shall be addressed as monthly income and all withholding requirements will be administered accordingly.



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This policy will go into effect on July 1, 2019

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF JUNE, 2019

/s/Clay County Board of Supervisors

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the chairman to sign the First Concord Administrative Agreement Conditional Cash Out Option for Clay County. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

With the upgrade and replacement of computers, there is equipment that needs to be declared as surplus. Most of this will be kept until the next electronic recycling event is held. The County Clerk has a dell printer (not working), barcode reader (not working), Lenovo laptop, Lenovo thinkpad and 2 towers. The Custodian has a Lenovo ThinkCentre. The Assessor has 4 Lenovo ThinkCentres; a Lenovo ThinkStation and ThinkCentre M Series (server). Zoning has a Lenovo ThinkCentre.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Samuelson to declare the items (listed) from the County Clerk, County Assessor, Zoning Administrator and Custodian as surplus. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Jay Bleier, Olsson, Inc. presented an Engineers Estimate for the courthouse parking lot project. Jay encouraged the board to see what other accessibility projects could be added in the county to potentially qualify for more grant money. The expanded parking lot, sidewalk, grant writing fees, etc. would be around \$215,941.25. If the county received grant money, the cost would be lower. The Board asked for a quick estimate of what replacing the existing parking lot would be. It would be around \$50,000.00. The Board said they would like more time to discuss the options.

Brad Slaughter, V.P. Ameritas Financial discussed refinancing the bonded debt of the county. The debt is less than originally thought so the savings would be less. Gene Ulmer, CPA was also present at the Board's request as the county's budget preparer. Gene and Brad explained the bonding and repayment process. By not refinancing the Board has the option of paying all or a portion of the indebtedness off early. They decided to not do anything at this time.

Darline Knight interviewed for the Emergency Manager position.

Shannon Kreci, director of the Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center was not able to attend the meeting, but Josie Lindell met with the Board in her place. CNCAC provided forensic interviews to 244 children within the 10 counties in 2018. Funds will help continue to provide quality forensic interviews, advocacy, referral services, court preparation, forensic medical exams, wellness exams and case management to children in the 10 counties. The request for financial assistance is based on the 2013 US Census, which places Clay County in a Tier 4 out of five tiers, at a rate of \$5,500. The financial assistance continues to be essential in providing valuable services to child victims of abuse, sexual assault, those removed from a drug endangered environment, those recovered from a kidnapping and/or witness of a violent crime.



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Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to accept the budget request of Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center in the amount of \$5,500.00 for fiscal year 2019-2020. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer presented information on Tax Sales Certificates and parcels of real estate that were not sold at the public tax sale in March 2019. Robin requested that the board approve a list of parcels of real estate in Clay County on which taxes are delinquent and were not sold for want of bidders at the last annual public tax sale.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to approve the tax sale certificates numbered 19-01 through 19-43. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

Robin also presented information of Tax Sale Certificates which were issued on delinquent taxes. These taxes were unpaid as of June 18, 2019. The Treasurer's office is requesting that the Board of Supervisors instruct the county attorney to start foreclosure proceedings on the properties.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Johnson to direct the County Attorney to start foreclosure proceedings on 2016 County tax sales numbered #16-18, #16-24, #16-26, #16-29, and #16-38. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to recess as the Board of Supervisors at 12:15 P.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Samuelson to resume session at 1:00 P.M. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

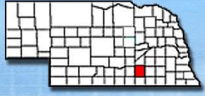
The Board discussed hiring Rod McDonald to pick up branches and limbs from the Courthouse yard. Rod had been contacted and agreed to do it for an hourly rate with a minimum of one hour. It was decided to talk to Mike Carroll and have him contact Rod if he wanted/needed help with this.

Quotes for an EM vehicle were distributed. This will be discussed next week.

The updated renewal billing has been received from NIRMA with the deductible changes. A claim will be prepared for payment and this will be added to the budget.

The Board discussed the EM candidates that were interviewed. After discussion, a decision was made to extend an offer of employment.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Bitterman to offer Tim Lewis the Clay County Emergency Manager position. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.



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Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 1:42 P.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for June 25, 2019. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman