



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, July 16, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met July 16, 2019 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 10, 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 25, 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, Supervisor Johnson said he would like to see them start their meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. A flag has been purchased and will be hung in the back of the meeting room.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 25, 2019, as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that the box culverts are done; all that is left is final inspections. The Armor Coating, crack sealing and leveling are done and the painting will be done this week. The work on Road L today should be finished today as soon as they are done back filling. There wasn't much damage from the flooding last week; mostly the river roads crossings. The last of the roads that were closed should be opened today. Tom talked to FEMA last Wednesday and Thursday and will meet with them on the 24th. Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager has been taking care of taking the pictures and the GPS spots.

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 June 2019. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Tom went over budget requests for his department and the Road Buyback Fund for the next fiscal year. His overall budget will be lower than last year because money from the Misc. Sinking Fund and the Road Buyback Fund will be utilized for some projects.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff presented the budget requests for the Jail and Sheriff budgets. The Sheriff's budget request decreased slightly while the request for the Jail increased slightly from last year. The feasibility of Clay County being part of a super jail for Adams, Clay and Webster counties was discussed. The Board would like to keep the discussion going with those counties.



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Nate Klingensmith, Rasmussen Mechanical Services went over some of the reasons for service calls in the last few months. Some are weather/storm related and some are just random things that happen. The Kearney office has taken over the maintenance previously done by the Lincoln office. He suggested that the service calls might be able to be decreased with more training and phone calls that could result in doing things remotely or walking the custodian through the processes. Mike Carroll, Custodian was also present and said he didn't really receive much training and would welcome that. Mike was also given the phone numbers of the technicians and names of who he should call first, second, etc. The service agreement and the possibility of adding a mid-summer coil cleaning were discussed.

Jeanne Leick, Executive Director Hastings Housing Authority explained the federal grant known as the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Hastings Housing Authority would provide Housing Choice Vouchers to eligible families residing in Clay County and also provide all the administrative and oversight processes associated with the program. The County would refer any potential clients to the Hastings Housing Authority for application processing and grant authorization for the use of the vouchers in all areas of the County that are currently not being served. Harvard has approached her about this program. The first step is to get County approval before going to individual cities, towns and villages.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Shaw to authorize the chairman to sign the Memorandum of Agreement to Cooperate between the County of Clay and the Hastings Housing Authority. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

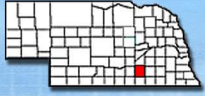
Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer presented the budget request for her office. The request is the same as last year's request.

The Fee Reports were distributed. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Schmidt to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of June 2019: County Clerk \$8,533.85; County Court \$14,013.62; Clerk of District Court \$17,762.60; Sheriff's fees \$1,380.15 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 19050037 through 1950056 and 19060001 through 19060023 in the amount of \$272,638.67. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager was not able to be present for his budget hearing. This has been re-scheduled until next week. Tim had requested that the Board make a disaster declaration for the damage done earlier in the month.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to authorize the chairman to sign the Clay County Local Disaster Declaration. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

The request from District #10 State Probation Office was distributed prior to the meeting. The overall budget shows no increase from last years. Clay County's share of the cost decreased based on the workload calculation. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to accept the budget request of District #10 State Probation



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Office in the amount of \$2,540.00 for fiscal year 2019-2020. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Some of the Board members met with representatives from Olsson Associates and Farris Construction and looked at the steps on the northside of the Courthouse. The cracking has increased even more over the last month. It was suggested to grind out the cracks and put a self-leveling sealant in them. Information will be given to the County Attorney and will be placed on the July 30th agenda for further discussion.

The 2017-2018 audit report has been received.

Some of the board members went to the Jail for the quarterly visit.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 11:25 P.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for July 23, 2019. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman