

# Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, July 30, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met July 30, 2019 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 24, 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. Minutes of the meeting held July 23, 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. Roll call was taken showing the following Board members present: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Johnson.

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 Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 23, 2019, as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw and Bitterman; abstain: Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that the trash removal in the ditch has been completed. The culvert on Road K is done and the entire mile has been graded. The new hire has been working on driveways and culverts. The Windstream lines in the ditches were discussed. There is not much that can be done as they are considered temporary utility lines. Windstream will not return calls regarding relocation of lines on our bridge projects.

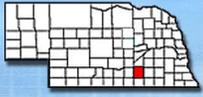
Jon Cannon, deputy director of NACO stopped in. He is trying to visit a board meeting in each county.

Ted Griess, County Attorney presented two resolutions for Board consideration. The first concerns an animal that was taken to the sale barn with some other cattle but did not belong with that group. It could not be determined who the owner was so the animal was sold and the money sent to the Treasurer. The procedure is for the Board to pass a resolution to transfer that money to the school fund.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to adopt and authorize the chairman to sign Resolution #19-14 to transfer funds received from Kimminau Livestock. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTION NO. 19-14

WHEREAS, there has been delivered to the Clay County Treasurer from Kimminau Livestock the sum of \$849.27, which constitutes the proceeds from the sale of an animal considered a stray as its owner cannot be identified, and



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WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. 54-415 provides that in the event the ownership of a stray animal cannot be determined, and the funds have been delivered to the Clay County Treasurer, it is the responsibility of the Board of Supervisors to attempt to determine ownership, and when ownership cannot be determined, that the funds be transferred to the Permanent School Fund.

WHEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Clay County Board of Supervisors that the Clay County Treasurer be directed to transfer the funds she presently holds that were received from Kimminau Livestock in the amount of \$849.27 to the Permanent School Fund.

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ATTEST:

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

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The second resolution has to do with separating the Harvard Rural Fire District and the Harvard City Fire District. It has been determined that the residents of Harvard City have not been paying taxes to the Rural Fire District and the Rural Fire District residents have not been paying taxes to the City Fire District. It seems the only thing that has combined the two districts is the fire district map.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to adopt and authorize the chairman to sign Resolution #19-15 to change the boundaries of the Harvard Rural Fire District. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTION NO. 19-15

WHEREAS the Clay County Board of Supervisors have been contacted by the Harvard Rural Fire District to clarify the boundaires of the Harvard Rural Fire District, and WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Harvard are not assessed taxes for payment to the Harvard Rural Fire District.

WHEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Clay County Board of Supervisors that all maps and any documents of any type or nature be amended to show that the City of Harvard, Clay County, Nebraska, is not included within the Harvard Rural Fire District.

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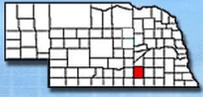
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Ted also discussed the steps and what action could be taken. It was decided to get a second opinion from another engineer. Ted was also asked about the status of the old services building. He will talk to the Assessor to see how to proceed with the materials that are still there. Supervisor Schmidt said he would like something in writing from the Assessor as to how the materials will be disposed of. Chairman Fintel asked Ted to follow up with the documents for the purchase of the former Food Pantry and to also line up a surveyor to survey the two properties being purchased.

Bruce Rumsey, Weed Superintendent said that he has been spraying right of way and that all pasture spraying is done. A letter of support was presented. The Trailblazer RC&D is applying for a NET grant to try to get funding for 3 years.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to authorize the chairman to sign the letter of support committing to participate in the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic



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Recycling events organized by the Trailblazer RC&D for the next three years. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff was unable to meet with the Board.

Mike Carroll, Custodian reported that Mid-Continental had looked at the basement wall. They will not get any worse so anything that could be done would be cosmetic only. The deterioration of walls in the Judges chambers was also discussed. Mike will contact NACO for information on who to contact for restoration. Ziemba Roofing will be contacted to look at the courthouse roof. Mike asked about purchasing de-icer and concrete sealer. The Board said to get what he needed.

Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager was unable to meet with the Board.

Brandy VanDewalle, the 4-H Educator in Fillmore Co. presented the budget request for the Clay County Extension Office. It is essentially the same. Brandy also reported that Holli Alley had applied for and received a promotion from UNL. This would change her job title from a 4-H Assistant to a 4-H Associate. The Board was told this normally comes with an increase in pay. Chairman Fintel asked if the University was paying for the increase. The answer was no; she is a Clay County employee. Brandy answered questions from the Board about the long hours worked at the fair, fair volunteers and how the roles have changed from having a county agent to the specialized educators we now have. No decision on the pay increase was made at this time.

The Misc. General budget request was presented to the Board.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 11:34 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for August 13, 2019. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

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