



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, August 13, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met August 13, 2019 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 7, 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. Vice Chairman Schmidt presided with roll call showing the following present: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson, Shaw and Schmidt; absent: Fintel. Minutes of the meeting held July 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.

Vice Chairman, Gerald Schmidt stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Citizens from Harvard Township expressed concern about the roads in their area. With all the weather and damage throughout the spring and summer, gravel orders and delivery are behind. Pivots watering the road were discussed. Consensus from the group is that there needs to be fines or landowners need to be billed for damages. The Highway Supt. distributed pictures of roads where pivot damage has occurred. Some are chronic year after year violators. This will be discussed with the County Attorney. Getting another motor grader operator and machine were also discussed.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on road work. They went to help with clean up in Fairfield, Glenvil and Deweese after the storm last week. There will be a meeting with a Railroad representative sometime next week. He will let Supervisors Bitterman and Fintel know when that will be.

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

Ted Griess, County Attorney reported that the closing for the Seiler Parker building should be sometime next week. A price has been agreed upon for the former Food Pantry building. Ted has reviewed the agreement with Sandy Creek and the process will be to pass a resolution and give 30 days' notice of termination of the agreement. Once the Assessor has whatever she wants out of the Service Building, the process for selling it can begin. The Board asked Ted what could be done about the pivots watering the roads. He told the Board that he can remember only getting one report from the Sheriff's office concerning pivots. Having some sort of consequences for chronic violators was discussed.



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Mike Irons, Veteran Service Officer requested funding for a table/exhibit to be set up during Old Trusty Days. A claim will be submitted to be paid out of the General Misc. fund.

Brenda Hansen, County Assessor reported that the server Datacc is using for email accounts is going down and will not be replaced. She contacted MIPS and got details on switching to their email service. That server will be more secure and MIPS would support those accounts. Consensus of the Board is to have all county datacc emails switched to the NACO emails offered through MIPS. This will be discussed again next week.

Robin Gilbert, Deputy County Treasurer presented information on distress warrants returned by the sheriff unsatisfied and answered questions. She will talk to the County Attorney about striking some of the unpaid taxes.

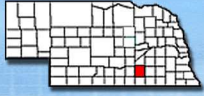
Mike Carroll, Custodian reported on the apparent lightning strike at the Courthouse on August 7th. The motor that was affected was replaced and he will order another to keep on hand. The extra air handler that is in the maintenance shop might be able to be used in the Treasurer's office. Mike will contact Rasmussen's and have someone look at it and the space where it would potentially go. Ziemba's will come and look at the courthouse roof. Sutton Electric will be asked to look at wiring in the courthouse. The walls that need repair on the 3rd floor were discussed. Supervisor Schmidt will make some inquiries to see if there is anyone around that does that type of work. Mike asked about purchasing de-icer and concrete sealer. He will do some checking around to find a vendor that will bill the County.

Andy Forney from D.A. Davidson (Paul Grieger was unable to attend) visited with the Board about options for the Bonds. Re-financing options and savings were discussed. More information will be sent to the Board prior to the next meeting.

The requests from the townships, fire districts and Ag society for preliminary levy requests were presented and discussed. The levy requests were: **Fire Districts:** Clay Center Rural General \$26,926.00, Sinking \$17,405.00; Edgar Rural General \$43,223.01 Sinking \$18,819.76; Fairfield Rural General \$38,360.00 Sinking \$18,190.00; Harvard Rural General \$27,691.75; Sutton Rural General \$60,174.90; Trumbull Rural General \$30,860.00 Sinking \$20,075.00; Bond \$34,057.50. **Townships:** Edgar \$10,425.04; Eldorado \$5,920.00; Fairfield \$6,018.00; Glenvil \$10,050.26; Harvard \$10,095.33; Inland \$7,073.19; Leicester \$8,500.00; Lewis \$8,404.42; Logan \$9,383.73; Lone Tree \$2,932.50; Lynn \$5,009.60; Marshall \$6,680.75; School Creek \$7,790.00; Sheridan \$8,653.00; Spring Ranch \$12,062.00; Sutton \$11,454.35. **Clay County Ag Society** \$179,530.51.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to approve the preliminary requests for levy allocation from the Fire Districts, Townships and the Clay County Agricultural Society. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Schmidt; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

The County Assessor had submitted a list of items that need to be declared as surplus. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Bitterman to declare as surplus the items



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presented by the Assessor. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson and Schmidt; absent: Fintel. Motion carried. (copy of file in the County Clerk's office)

Barb Barnett submitted a request for a re-appointment to the Clay County Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Johnson to re-appoint Andrew Leichleiter to the Clay County Zoning Board of Adjustments for a three-year term that will begin September 1, 2019 and expire on August 31, 2022. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson, Shaw and Schmidt; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

The Fee Reports were distributed. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of July 2019: County Clerk \$9,207.50; County Court \$13,394.60; Clerk of District Court \$36,044.00; Sheriff's fees \$2,196.11 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 19070001 through 19070048 in the amount of \$318,434.55. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Schmidt; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 11:50 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for August 20, 2019. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Schmidt; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Gerald Schmidt, Vice Chairman