



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, August 20, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met August 20, 2019 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 14, 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 August 13, 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. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 13, 2019, as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent told the Board that he had asked everyone in his department to work 12-hour days this week hoping to get caught up. He has hired a part time person to haul gravel. They are working on Road P. Engineering for the box culverts was discussed. They will do a field design on each one this time. Tom and supervisors Bitterman and Fintel have been invited to a meeting with a Railroad representative to discuss a bridge.

Ted Griess, County Attorney discussed the agreement with Sandy Creek for office space. A Resolution will be prepared for board approval in September.

It was reported that the price for the old Food Pantry building had been approved by the Food Pantry Board so Ted will prepare a resolution and contract for that purchase.

The Assessor will check into disposing of the items from that office that are in the old Services Building. The remaining items in the building have been declared as surplus and will be sold, disposed of or sold with the building.

Pivot water causing damage to the roads was discussed. Fines for repeat violators, assessing the cost of repairing the roads to landowners, notices in the paper, logging, tracking and ticketing repeat offenders and putting up warning signs were all discussed. The Board recognizes there is a problem and is trying to find a solution.

Gene Ulmer, CPA, distributed and discussed budget notes updating the board on the tax requests, estimated receipts, valuations, interlocal agreements, Inheritance Tax fund and restricted funds. Partly as a result of valuations decreasing, the projected levy will show an increase from last year. Last year's levy was .2305 the projected levy is .2442. Gene answered questions and will stay for the bond discussion.



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Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve an additional 1% increase in the Budget Restricted Funds Authority for the 2019-2020 County budget year. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Samuelson to advertise the Notice of Budget and Budget Summary hearing for 2019-2020, the hearing to be held September 10, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to advertise the Notice of Special Hearing to set Final Tax request at a different amount than the prior year's tax request. Hearing to be held September 10, 2019 at 10:45 A.M. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Andy Forney from D.A. Davidson presented different options for re-financing the outstanding bonds. Two different scenarios were presented. The consensus of the board was to choose the one that included paying off a million dollars with the re-financing. Other conditions to be included in the parameters resolution were also discussed.

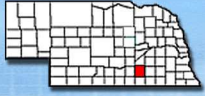
Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to authorize the chairman to sign the Underwriting Engagement and Disclosure Letter from D.A. Davidson & Co. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to adopt the Parameters Resolution (#19-16) with intent to pay down a million dollars from cash on hand. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Judd Allen, NACO Benefit Services said he wanted to meet with the board to see if there were any questions, problems or concerns with the health insurance. All the benefits remain the same and there was minimal increase in premiums this year. No problems or concerns were brought up.

Brenda Hansen, County Assessor reported on what she had learned about switching the Datacc email addresses to the NACO email addresses. Because the Datacc server is reaching it's end of life and won't be replaced, it is time to make a change before information is lost. The new server will be more secure. The board would like all county employees to use a NACO email for that security as well as uniformity. Brenda will be available to help with the change over.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Johnson to direct all county offices (employees) that have county datacc email addresses to switch their email addresses/service to the emails (and support) offered by NACO through MIPS. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.



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Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 12:05 P.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for August 27, 2019. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman