

Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, September 10, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met September 10, 2019, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on September 4, 2019. A copy of the proof of publication is 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 and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Minutes of the meeting held August 27, 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 Johnson and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 27, 2019 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Bitterman and Fintel; abstain: Samuelson; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on road work. They are hauling gravel and removing trees. A truck has been purchased. The FEMA information needs to be submitted in the next two weeks.

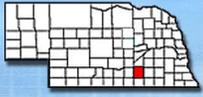
The Road Work Report was presented. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the Highway Superintendent's road work report for the month of August 2019. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Charlie Rudeen from Nebraska Machinery Company had left the documents for the skid steer lease in the Clerk's office prior to this meeting. The County will keep the skid steer that it is currently leasing. The lease is for the same machine with the terms and rates staying the same for another year.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign the Sales Agreement, Repurchase Agreement and Governmental Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement with NMC and Caterpillar Financial Services for lease of a 2019 262D skid steer for \$4,100.00 for another year. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney was unable to meet with the Board.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of August 2019: County Clerk, \$8,380.25, County Court, \$4,992.48, Clerk of District Court, \$7,124.88, County Sheriff, \$2,058.75 and County Treasurer receipts #19080001



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through #19080046 in the amount of \$204,997.89. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

The inventory for Probation District 10 was presented. County Court Clerk Magistrate Julie Bergen had reported that all the items except the Gateway Monitor are actually on her inventory. The probation officer will be notified of this.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the inventory for personal property for Probation Office District #10. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

A revised request for funds has been received from Region 3 Behavioral Health Services. The revised request is a \$93.71 increase. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Schmidt to approve the revised request for funding from Region 3 Behavioral Health Services in the amount of \$16,344.42. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Bitterman and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

The Sheriff requested that a 2012 and a 2013 police car be declared as surplus property. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Pavelka to declare a 2012 and a 2013 Chevrolet Impala Police car as surplus properties. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Supervisor Johnson reported that someone from Tri-City Signs is coming to look at and make recommendations for awnings and signage at the new county office building. It was suggested that the sign on the underpass be moved to the east side of the new building. Supervisor Johnson also updated the Board on the progress of the remodeling.

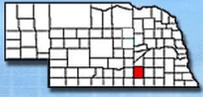
Mike Irons, Veterans Service Officer told the Board he would like to get bids on new office furniture and equipment. The office is currently furnished with mismatched items that other offices no longer needed.

Because there was open time on the agenda, the Board, County Clerk, Rita Brhel (Clay County News) and Mike Irons went to look at the progress in the new office space, the food pantry building that was purchased and to also see the surveyed area behind the buildings.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to open the budget hearing at 10:30 A.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

The public hearing on the proposed County Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 was held with Gene Ulmer, CPA with Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP, the county budget preparer present. The notice was published in the Clay County News. No other persons attended the hearing. No written or oral comments or objections were received from the public.

Gene went over the spreadsheet he had prepared and his budget outline. The proposed budget was reviewed with the board. There will be a 4.3% increase over



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2018-2019. The valuation is down 2.57% resulting in the levy being set at 0.2405 (an increase of 1 cent). Gene also answered questions.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to close the public hearing on the proposed County Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 at 10:50 A.M. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution #19-18 to accept the proposed County Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 as presented. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried. (Copy of Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Pavelka to open the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax request at 10:53 A.M. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Bitterman and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Gene Ulmer explained the purpose of the hearing and answered questions. No other persons appeared. No written or oral comments or objections were received from the public.

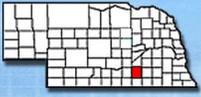
Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to close the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax request at 11:02 A.M. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution #19-19 to set the final 2019-2020 proposed tax request at \$5,043,877.00. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Brandon Schmidt, Unite Private Networks reported that he had been asked to look at providing fiber optic internet service to the Sheriff's offices and the offices in the new county office building. The original quote was \$400.00 per site but Chairman Fintel said he had received a quote of \$380.00 per site. Brandon is going to see if he can get the lower price. There will be no upfront charges, the services would be the same as the courthouse has and they would be able to get the work done before the end of the year. After some discussion, Brandon will try to get the work done at the new offices before the planned move November 1st.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to move forward with Unite Private Networks to install fiber optic at the Sheriffs buildings and the new county buildings and authorize the chairman to sign the contract documents. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 11:48 AM; next meeting scheduled for September 17, 2019. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.



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