



# Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, September 17, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met September 17, 2019, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on September 11, 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, Shaw and Fintel. Minutes of the meeting held September 10, 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 Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 10, 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 reported that they were trying to get culverts and driveways done before harvest begins. The blacktop will be shredded one more time. He is working with the engineers on the next box culvert projects. Gravel is being hauled and they will be going over the dirt roads in the next couple of weeks. The board talked to Tom about hiring and retaining employees. He said he can't compete with contractor wages to attract new hires. Tom did say if we compare wages with other counties we are close or above but we can't use that measurement anymore to attract new employees.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to open the public hearing at 9:38 A.M. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

The meeting then continued with the Chairman opening up the meeting for a public hearing allowing any interested party to appear and speak for or against the sale of Lot Twenty-one (21) and the North 17 feet of Lot Twenty-two (22), in Block Eighteen (18), First Addition to the City of Clay Center, Clay County, Nebraska, commonly referred to as the County Services Building and to raise any issue they may have regarding the fair market value of the property as determined by the County Board. A public notice of this hearing has run for two (2) consecutive weeks prior to this hearing date in the Clay County News, a newspaper distributed generally throughout the county. No one appeared to speak either for or against for the sale of the County Services Building nor to raise any issue regarding the fair market value established by the Board of Supervisors.

Ted Griess, County Attorney reported to the Board of Supervisors that the business that had conducted an asbestos inspection on the Services Building gave an estimate of the



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cost of cleanup. The business indicated that the cost to remove asbestos from the building could possibly exceed the value of the building. The County Attorney further instructed the Board that the process for selling the building begins with setting an estimated fair market value for the Services Building.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #19-20 setting the fair market value on the County Services Building and authorize the chairman to sign. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTION NO. 19-20

BE IT RESOLVED by the Clay County, Nebraska, Board of Supervisors that due to the presence of asbestos and the cost of cleanup, the Clay County Board of Supervisors estimates the value of the County Services Building at \$500.00.

Dated: September 17, 2019

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By: /s/ Ivan Fintel, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Deb Karnatz, Clay County Clerk

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Pavelka to close the public hearing at 9:47 A.M. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to advertise for bids to sell the County Services Building with the bids to be opened on October 15, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock A.M. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Mike Spilinek and Jeff Palik discussed the courthouse steps at the north entrance to the courthouse. They had done some research and believe the cracks in the steps are due to settling. Structurally the steps aren't going to move but they recommend the cracks be routed and sealed. There may be some sort of coating that could be applied over them to make the appearance more uniform. Olsson's will talk to Farris' and oversee the work.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to enter into executive session at 10:35 A.M. to discuss a possible Tort claim. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Chairman Fintel went into the main hall and announced the board was going into executive session.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to go out of executive session and resume regular session at 11:03 A.M. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff told the Board that he had received quotes to replace/update the computers in that department. He will advertise for bids to sell the



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vehicles that were declared as surplus. Fillmore County has 7 AR rifles from the department of defense that can be transferred to Clay County at no cost. Jeff will get the paperwork filled out to complete the transaction.

Tim Sladek, Waypoint Bank presented information on interest rates on checking account, money markets and CD's.

Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager told the Board that the Forestry Service had contacted him about a communications vehicle. It is larger than the current one, has four workstations, a conference room and a restroom. Concerns were brought up as to where this would be housed. Several of the Board members said they would consider it if the current one found a new home and there was a place to store it. They asked Tim to check with surrounding counties to see if they had a mobile command center that could be borrowed through some sort of a mutual aid agreement, see about transferring the current one to another department and find a place to house it. Tim will report back to the Board next week.

The preliminary official statement for the Series 2019 refunding bonds was received from D.A. Davidson requesting it be reviewed.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the chairman to sign the "Deemed Final" certificate. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Wesley Ehlers, Sequoia Consulting Group sent the cost allocation plan for the fiscal year ending in June 2018. This is the process of figuring costs to be reimbursed to the county for overhead associated with child support activities that the district court has.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to authorize the chairman to sign the certification of cost allocation plan and the Nebraska Health & Human Services Systems Computation of Indirect Costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

It was decided to gather more information and have a workshop after harvest is over to discuss attracting and retaining employees.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 12:21 PM; next meeting scheduled for September 24, 2019. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman