



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, October 29, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met October 29, 2019, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on October 23, 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 October 22, 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 October 22, 2019 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

Dylan Ikkala, representing APEX Clean Energy presented information on the proposed Big Allis Solar Project. They are looking at constructing a 305 mega watt facility in the southwest part of Clay County. They would lease around 3000 acres of land with approximately 2100 acres of that being where the panels are placed. What type of payments would go to farmers and to the county was discussed. Dylan said they would work with the county to formulate guidelines for solar ordinances. Members of the Board and citizens that were present asked questions and offered comments. Supervisor Johnson said he would like to see a committee formed to look into this further.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on bridge and culvert work. The trucks and plows are ready to go. The new motor grader will be delivered next week.

Tim Lewis and Jeff Franklin were present waiting their turn on the agenda. Chairman Fintel wanted to talk to them and Tom about the status of the new 9-1-1 equipment and the remodeling of the 9-1-1 center. Jeff is still looking into the furniture needed for the center; the layout of the center must be decided before the equipment order is finalized. Set ups in Fillmore and Nuckolls county will be looked at. They also want to look at the equipment being used in those counties.

Discussion was also held on the status of purchasing a new generator for the annex building, moving the generator from the school to the Sheriffs office and possibly moving and using the generator that is currently being used by the Sheriff to the courthouse.

Bruce Rumsey, Weed Superintendent presented the results of the state's evaluation. This is the first of a two-part process. Bruce scored 1000 points which is the maximum total available. He reported that the pasture spraying is done. More fall spraying may be done weather permitting.



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Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff reported that the Hastings PD gets new weapons every two years and has offered 7 AR's to Clay County for \$500.00 apiece. They also have an instructor that can qualify Clay County deputies to use the weapons. Jeff reported that the jail is full at this time.

Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager reported that he is working on the 2018-2019 audit for 9-1-1 funding. He wants to form a planning committee to put together a county wide exercise in the Spring.

Mike Carroll, Custodian reported that when he attended the custodial workshop, he received contact information for someone to repair walls in the courthouse; he hasn't heard back from them yet. The heating system for the front steps will be recharged. Mike reported that he is working on problems with the fire alarm system. The washer and dryer have been purchased and delivered. He needs to take the 4-wheeler in to be fitted for the blade.

Mike Irons, Veterans Service Officer discussed bids he had received for office furniture. He will provide a list of surplus items for the Board to act on.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk reported on information received at the election training sessions last week. Free cyber security assessments and training can be provided to the county by CISA and the Department of Homeland Security.

Supervisor Johnson left the meeting at 11:05 A.M.

The budget preparer had been asked to use a 3% raise for employees when figuring the budget. The budget has been approved and adopted with those figures.

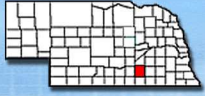
Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to give all departments a 3% increase for wages for employees, to be dispersed at the discretion of the department head. This does not include elected officials' salaries. The raises will be effective for the pay period beginning November 20, 2019 (paid January 1, 2020). On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Because there has not been enough revenue collected to pay all the bills for the General Fund, it was decided to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Pavelka to adopt Resolution #19-25 to transfer \$3000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund as a loan to be paid back if/when funds are available. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 19-25

The Clay County Board of Supervisors find that it is necessary for the proper operation of Clay County government that certain funds be transferred in order that they be available for general use.



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Whereby it is hereby resolved by the Clay County Board of Supervisors that \$3000.00 be transferred from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund as a loan to be paid back when funds are available.

Adopted this 29th day of October 2019

/s/ Ivan Fintel, Chairman Clay County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Deborah Karnatz, Clay County Clerk

There was no other Public Input.

Some of the board members went to the Jail for the quarterly visit.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 11:34 AM; next meeting scheduled for November 12, 2019. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman