



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, November 12, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met November 12, 2019, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on November 6, 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, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Minutes of the meeting held October 29, 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 29, 2019 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Three people were present for Public Input. Terry Madson spoke to the Board about the proposed solar farm. Mr. Madson presented information, expressed some concerns and urged the Board to proceed with caution. The Board thanked him for his input and told him they are going to gather and study more information on this subject.

Tim Horst asked if the Board was interested in an endowment for 17 acres that have recently been purchased by Fish & Wildlife. The Board is interested. Tim will put together the figures and get on the agenda for a future meeting.

Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager reported on his thoughts for the generators. Tom Roemmich, Highway Supt. was also present for this discussion. The generator at the Sheriff's office is fairly new and adequate for their needs so they don't recommend moving it. The generator at the school is too large for the annex building but would work at the courthouse. By moving the generator from the school to the courthouse, leaving the one at the Sheriff's office and purchasing a new generator for the annex building, it will save moving a generator and also save money.

Ted Griess, County Attorney told the Board that he had been contacted about the old services building. Since the sale has been advertised and there were no bids received, the Board can now negotiate with any potential buyers. Ted will contact the interested parties and proceed from there.

Donnie Batterman met with the board to discuss lawn service for the courthouse. He has been doing this for the past 12 years. He isn't asking for any increase in pay for his service. Liability insurance was discussed.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to extend the agreement with Donnie Batterman for lawn mowing services through 2020 and 2021. Donnie will provide



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

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent presented the work report and reported on culvert and bridge work. The new motor grader has been delivered. Mowing will be done this week. It is time to advertise for on-call engineering.

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

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Johnson to authorize the Highway Superintendent to advertise for proposals for On Call Engineering Services for 2020 to be opened on December 17, 2019 at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Bitterman to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of October 2019: County Clerk, \$6,367.05, County Court, \$15,124.88, Clerk of District Court, \$10,951.40 and County Treasurer receipts #190100001 through #190100042 in the amount of \$187,778.37. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

A request to have items declared as surplus has been received from the Health Department and the Veterans Service Office.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to declare 2 Lenovo M Series computers from the Health Department as surplus. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Bitterman to declare a Hon Desk, Serta Executive Chair and 3 Desk Chairs from the Veterans Service Office as surplus. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

An acceptance form was received from Black Hills Energy wanting the County to sign up for Gas Line Coverage from HomeServe. The Board decided to not go with the coverage at this time.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer presented a certification of the list of distress warrants that had been printed and were delivered to the Clay County Sheriff's Office on October 31, 2019 for the collection of delinquent 2018 and prior years personal property taxes. The total taxes due are \$29,949.75. Distress warrants are usually on personal property but can be on IOLL's or mobile homes that are not affixed to the ground. Her office sends out notices prior to them being given to the Sheriff's office. 33 were paid prior to being given to the Sheriff and 9 have been paid since they were delivered to the Sheriff.



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The alternate for voting purposes for the NACO convention was discussed. The chairman is the designated person to cast the ballot but an alternate person needs to be designated in case the chairman can't make it.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to appoint L. Wayne Johnson as the alternate person to cast the ballot for Clay County at the NACO convention in December. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel; abstain: Johnson; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

The Board conducted a workshop to brainstorm ideas to attract new hires for the Road Dept. The Clerk was asked to get wage information from other counties. A benefit package program was used to determine the value of the benefits county employees have.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 12:40 PM; next meeting scheduled for November 19, 2019. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman