



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, December 31, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met December 31, 2019 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 26, 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 December 24, 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 Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 24, 2019 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

Jim Nejezchleb was present for Public Input. He told the Board that he had land in the area of the proposed solar project and was wondering if they were for it or against it because his family was needing to know how to plan for next year. Supervisor Fintel said that there will be a solar workshop on January 21, 2020 at 1:00 PM. Speakers are being lined up to present information. Supervisor Johnson shared information that he has learned about the process with the power companies and the role they play in this.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that the bridge on Road U is done; next in line is south of Deweese.

At 9:15 A.M. the bids for a motor grader were opened. Representatives from Murphy Tractor and Equipment Co., NMC, Inc. and Highway Superintendent Tom Roemmich II were also present. Bids were received for:

2020 Caterpillar 140 for \$259,200.00 and offered trade in value of \$60,000.00 for a 2010 John Deere 770G for a purchase price of \$199,260.00.

2020 John Deere 770G for \$246,000.00 and offered trade in value of \$63,000.00 for a 2010 John Deere 770G for a purchase price of \$180,000.00.

After hearing from both representatives and the Highway Superintendent and discussing the matter, the Board made their decision.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to accept the bid for a 2020 John Deere 770G grader from Murphy Tractor and Equipment for \$180,000.00; with the 2010 John Deere 770G as trade in. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to appoint Thomas Roemmich II, a Clay County employee who holds a Class A License # S-1375 as Clay County Highway



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Superintendent beginning January 1, 2020 for the year 2020. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney did not meet with the Board.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff did not meet with the Board.

Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager discussed an estimate he had received for a generator for the Services Annex building. There was discussion about the size of the generator and the needs of a generator. After discussion, it was decided that Tim will look into this further and try to get three informal bids. There has been an offer to purchase the current light trailer. The Board gave Tim the ok to proceed with that. Tim also discussed upcoming trainings.

Mike Carroll, Custodian discussed electrical and plumbing issues.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk reported that she has been in contact with BCBS and First Concord. BCBS will prepare an amendment to the current policy; the Board will be forwarded a copy when it is received. As more information is available, it will be passed on to employees.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 11:00 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for January 14, 2020. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to enter session as the Weed Control Board at 11:01 A.M. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Bruce Rumsey, Weed Superintendent handed out information on Phragmites. He is spotting more of it in the county and asked the Board to keep an eye out for it and report to him if they see it.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Pavelka to appoint Bruce Rumsey as the Clay County Weed Superintendent for 2020. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn at 11:12 A.M. as the Weed Control Board. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman