



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, March 17, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met March 17, 2020, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on March 11, 2020. 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 February 25, 2020 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 Schmidt and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 25, 2020 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 on bridge and tree work, and snow removal on the asphalt roads.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to advertise for Clay County Box Culvert Project, Phase 4; project #'s C-18(238), C-18(238A), C-18(302), C-18(303), C-18(304), C-18(306), C-18(308), C-18(309), C18-(311), C18-(312), C18-(313) and C-18(314). Bids to be opened March 31, 2020 at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

The gravel contracts with Deweese Sand & Gravel Inc. and Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc. have been returned.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract Agreement between Deweese Sand & Gravel Inc. and Clay County. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Pavelka to authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract Agreement between Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc. and Clay County. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

An easement request from Nebraska Link Holdings LLC to place communications facilities in the county right of way. An easement from Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp. for constructing a buried fiber optic cable occupying county right of way.



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Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the request from Nebraska Link Holdings LLC to construct telecommunications facilities occupying the right of way in Leicester & Inland townships across Roads C, B, 319 and 318. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried. (full description and map filed with request)

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Schmidt to approve the request from Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp. to bury a fiber optics cable occupying county right of way in Spring Ranch township across Roads B, C and 302. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried. (full description and map filed with request)

Ted Griess, County Attorney answered questions about what the county can do when a business or company tears up or destroys a public road. The solution may be through the legislature. Ted will work with the County Treasurer on what is needed for the transfer of money to pay down the bond.

The farm lease for the Leicester farm was presented. Jason Preissler has reviewed, signed and returned the lease. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign the lease for the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 10-8-8 between Clay County and Jason Preissler. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer presented information of sale proceedings from the public auction of delinquent real estate taxes. A resolution to release a custody receipt was presented.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #20-08 for release of security pledges CUSIP #3130A8JU8 for \$750,000.00 through Cornerstone Bank, Clay Center, NE acting as a depositor for Clay County and authorize the chairman to sign. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in Clerk's office.)

Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager presented and discussed his draft Clay County Viral Response Policy. Ways to cut down foot traffic in the courthouse were discussed. Information will be posted on the county website, the Emergency Manager's Facebook page and in the Clay County News. The public will be asked to do as much business as they can online and through the mail. Calling ahead will be encouraged. An election drop box will be installed in the parking lot south of the courthouse as soon as conditions are right. The drop box can be used to drop off payments or documents for any office. Different ideas on how to handle employee absences were also discussed. There will be further discussion next week.

Michael Sindelar, Extension Educator met with the Board because Brandy VanDeWalle was unable to attend. It was reported that Extension programming has been suspended until May 9th but the office will remain open. They will be helping customers by phone and online and with remote programming. He gave an update of his activities and handed out flyers with Virtual Field Trip information.



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The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of February 2020: County Clerk, \$7,291.50, County Court, \$12,186.42, Clerk of District Court, \$30,026.00, Sheriff, \$1,504.02 and County Treasurer receipts 20010053 thru 20010059 and 20020001 thru 20020055 in the amount of \$409,822.41. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

The agreement from Integrated Security Solutions for monitoring of the security system was sent to the County Attorney and Board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Pavelka to authorize the chairman to sign the Agreement for Services with Integrated Security Solutions. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

The renewal information for the Long-Term Disability Ins., Life and A&D Ins. and the Vision Insurance was sent to the Board prior to the meeting. There is no increase in rates for the Long-Term Disability and Life Insurance. The premiums for employees will increase \$.17 a month, employee/spouse \$.36 a month, employee/child(ren) \$.44 a month and the family premium will increase \$.59 a month. Enhancements include frames every 12 months instead of every 24 months; the frame allowance will increase to \$185.00 and \$205.00 for featured brands (previously \$170/\$190) and UV coating on lenses will now be included at no cost. The rates for both renewals are guaranteed for three years.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign the renewal for the Life and Long-Term Disability Insurance through National Insurance for a three-year rate guarantee from July 1, 2020 until July 1, 2023. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Johnson to authorize the chairman to sign the NACO Benefit Services VSP Vision Block Participation Agreement for a three-year rate guarantee from July 1, 2020 until July 1, 2023. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 11:55 AM; next meeting scheduled for March 24, 2020. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman