



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, March 31, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met March 31, 2020, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on March 25, 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 March 24, 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 Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 24, 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 joined the meeting via a phone call. Tom reported on bridge and culvert work; they hope to start on driveways next week. The blade and truck drivers do not work with anyone else and they are trying to distance those working in the shop.

Landowners have requested that a road that was never developed and has not been maintained for a number of years be closed.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the Highway Superintendent to start the engineering study for the closure of the west ½ of Road 310 between Sections 22 and 15 in Glenvil Township. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

An easement from Windstream was presented. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the request from Windstream Nebraska, Inc. to construct telecommunications facilities occupying the Right-of-Way along Road 304 in the SW ¼ of Section 13, T5N-R6W; work order #71500003000045;OSP-18649. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

At 9:15 AM the bids for Clay County Box Culvert Project Phase 4 were opened. The Highway Superintendent was present via the phone. Representatives from Van Kirk Bros. Contracting and Olsson Associates the engineering firm overseeing the projects were also present. The bids were opened by the Chairman. After discussion and at the request of the Highway Superintendent, Jay Bleier from Olsson Associates excused himself to look over the documents.



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Bids were as follows (total for all projects): Van Kirk Bros. Contracting \$1,118,193.77 and Reece Construction Co. Inc. \$1,270,222.12. While waiting for Mr. Bleier to return, the Board conducted other business.

The Local Emergency Operations Plan has been updated and is being prepared for distribution. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #20-13 to approve the Clay County Local Emergency Operations plan. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

The bid documents were all in order. Tom Roemmich, Highway Superintendent recommended that the Board go with the low bidder. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to accept the bid from Van Kirk Bros. Contracting 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) in the amount of \$1,118,193.77. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney was not able to meet with the Board.

Monte Dishman has requested board approval for a Special Designated Liquor License for The Mustang Restaurant and Lounge, LLC to cater an event in the county. The board reviewed the application. After discussion, a vote was held to recommend approval of the application.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to recommend approval of the application for a special designated liquor license to The Mustang Restaurant and Lounge, LLC whose address is 113 South Saunders Avenue, Sutton, NE 68979 for an event to be held in Clay County on May 15, 2020 located at 31951 Road Y, Sutton, Nebraska according to the contingency listed on the application. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw and Fintel; nay: Johnson. Motion carried.

Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager asked to speak with the Board to explore alternative ways to hold the Board meetings. Tim explained about using WebEx for meetings until in person meetings can be held again. Tim will get the information to the Board members on how to use this. The County Clerk will receive information to publish so that the public is aware of how they can access and/or participate in the meetings. Meetings will be held this way in April and May when the Board will only meet the last two Tuesdays of the month.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 10:48 AM; next meeting scheduled for April 21, 2020. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman