



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, July 14, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met July 14, 2020, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 8, 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. The meeting was held at the Activities Building at the Clay County Fairgrounds located at 705 N. Martin Ave., Clay Center, NE 68933. Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Minutes of the meeting held June 30, 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 act is available on the table by the entrance.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 30, 2020 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

All information being discussed was emailed to the Board prior to the meeting and available to the public upon request.

During Public Input, Robin Gilbert County Treasurer asked the Board their thoughts moving forward with the way the Courthouse is conducting business. The consensus was to keep things the same.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on work on Sunflower Trail. The pavement painting will begin tomorrow. The FEMA paperwork is almost complete. Tom reported on the Federal Funds Purchase Program money and the Highway Allocation funds that the county is expected to receive. He would like to begin focusing on bridges as most of the box culverts have been replaced.

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-LVR for \$259,260.00 and offered trade in value of \$58,760.00 for a 2010 John Deere Model 770G for a total purchase price of \$200,500.00.

2020 John Deere 770G for \$258,350.00 and offered trade in value of \$60,000.00 for a 2010 John Deere Model 770G for a total purchase price of \$198,350.00.

The Caterpillar bid included a choice of an extended warranty of 7 years or 7,000 hours premier warranty or \$13,500.00 parts credit; delivery date would be four months from date of order.



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The Murphy Tractor bid included a 7 year/7000 hour comprehensive warranty and the option to add a premium circle for \$9,000.00. Delivery date would be the end of September.

There was discussion about future trade in value of these machines. Both company representatives were given an opportunity to speak. The NMC representative thought his machine would have a higher trade in value. The Murphy Tractor representative told the Board that the machine and all parts are made in the USA. He also explained the premium circle.

The board made their decision after discussing the options with the Highway Superintendent.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Pavelka to accept the bid for a 2020 John Deere 770G motor grader, with the premium circle option for \$9000.00, from Murphy Tractor with the 2010 John Deere 770G as trade for \$207,350.00. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney presented and discussed the budget request for his office. He reminded the Board that the tax foreclosures would be next week. The DataCC agreement and Rasmussen maintenance agreement were discussed.

Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator reported that the committee working on possible solar regulations was continuing to meet. They are doing a lot of research and talking to a lot of people. They want to meet with the Emergency Manager, Fire Departments, Road and Weed Departments. There have been discussions with the Fish & Wildlife Service; their regulations will need to be met also. The process is that the committee will report to the Planning and Zoning Commission, they will make their recommendation to the Board of Supervisors and then the Board of Supervisors acts on it. Barb was asked to continue to report to the Board.

Mike Irons, Veterans Service Officer presented the budget request for his office and the Veterans Aid Fund.

Ken Spray discussed the Access and Lease Agreement with the Board. There has been an agreement with the county for the past 17 or 18 years. The insurance company and lawyers wanted an updated agreement signed. This is for space on the county's tower. They started the company to provide a service to the county and continue to serve the county.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign the Access and Lease Agreement between Clay County and DataCC, LLC. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk presented budget requests for her office which included the County Clerk, Register of Deeds and Election Commissioner budgets. Also presented at this time were the budget requests for General Misc., Relief Medical, Institutions,



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Employment Security, Handicapped Accessibility, Visitor Promotion, Visitor Improvement, Drug Law Enforcement, Federal Drug Law Enforcement, Inheritance Tax, Misc. Sinking, Road Imp. Bond and the County Equipment Sinking Fund.

The fee reports were emailed to the Board prior to this meeting. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of June 2020: County Clerk, \$10,023.25, County Court, \$6,317.70, Clerk of District Court, \$31,261.25, Sheriff, \$1,700.02 and County Treasurer receipts 20050054 thru 20050059 and 20060001 thru 20060058 in the amount of \$263,835.01. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

The engagement letter from Dana F. Cole & Company was discussed.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Pavelka to authorize the chairman to sign the engagement letter with Dana F. Cole & Company for preparation of the County's budget documents. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

The HVAC committee had no report at this time.

Dick Shaw reported for the Building committee saying that he had a call in to someone but hadn't heard back yet. He hopes to have some information by the next meeting. Dick did say that when he attended the maintenance workshop that they did not recommend sealing the outside walls of old courthouses as it could harm the building.

Next week the replacing of the cement in the parking lot south of the courthouse will be discussed.

After the meeting, two of the Board members made the quarterly visit to the jail.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 10:54 AM; next meeting scheduled for July 21, 2020 and will be held at the Activities Building at the Fairgrounds. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman