



# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, October 13, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met September 13, 2020, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on September 7, 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, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Minutes of the meeting held September 22, 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 September 22, 2020 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel; abstain: Samuelson; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that work on Road P has been completed. They will be putting in culverts. The new motor grader was delivered last week. A crossing corridor improvements and funding agreement was received from BNSF. County Attorney, Ted Griess was present at this time and had reviewed the document prior to the meeting. Ted will work with the Railroad attorneys as there is some language than needs clarified.

An easement was discussed that had been received from Edgar Rental Corporation dba Superior iNET. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement request from Edgar Rental Corporation dba Superior iNET to install a fiber optic cable/line in part of the SW1/4SW1/4 Section 36-T8N-R5W (complete legal on file with easement). On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried. (complete legal descriptions and maps filed with request)

Ted Griess, County Attorney presented resolution #20-34 for the re-establishment and relocation of the 911 center. A copy was given to Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Pavelka to adopt Resolution #20-34 and authorize the chairman to sign. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried. (resolution on file in the County Clerk's office)

The Board was sent the employee handbook with the changes recommended by the handbook committee prior to the meeting. Ted explained the changes that were



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needed to comply with federal laws. Other changes were mainly clarifications and eliminating personal use of county computers. Reminders of permitted use of cell phones during working hours, permitted use of cell phones for time keeping and the no smoking policy will be highlighted. Employees will be emailed the updated handbook and asked to sign off that they received it and are aware of the changes.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to adopt the changes to the employee handbook as recommended by the handbook committee. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Michael Sindelar, Extension Educator handed out a narrative report of his activities for August and September of 2020. Between August and September five more Cropwatch podcasts were released. The podcasts dealt with insects, weeds and disease issues for crops during that time frame. Michael explained virtual events that were about corn residue management, soil physical properties and soil texture, aggregation and erosion. In the area of programing development, he will be part of the LBNRD operator training in the fall giving a talk on using more manure and less commercial fertilizer.

The fee reports were emailed to the Board prior to this meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of September 2020: County Clerk \$4,945.75, County Court \$8,235.61, Clerk of District Court \$8,673.75, County Sheriff \$2,237.20 and County Treasurer receipts 200900010 thru 200900042 in the amount of \$202,540.50. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

The Cost Allocation Plan that was prepared by WJE Consulting LLC was emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign the Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

The HVAC committee reported a proposal has been received from Rutt's Heating and AC but the committee is waiting to hear back from the county attorney.

The Building committee had no report.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 10:05 AM; next meeting scheduled for October 20, 2020 and will be held at the Activities Building at the Fairgrounds. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman