



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Activities Building 705 N. Martin Ave., Clay Center, Nebraska

9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met November 17, 2020, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on November 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 November 10, 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 Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 10, 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 culvert and bridge work. A shredder is being rented from CAT beginning tomorrow. Ditches that need cleaning were discussed. Some language in the agreement with the railroad has been changed; it will be presented at the next meeting. Tom requested that the board allow him to start an engineering study for the placement of stop signs.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to have the Highway Superintendent start the engineering study for stop signs to be placed on the east and west sides of Road 304 and Road J Fairfield Township. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney told the Board that there is a jury trial scheduled for December 10th and 11th. He is working on finding a place to hold this. The statute concerning who is designated to commence foreclosures was discussed.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Schmidt to open the public hearing at 9:45 A.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried. The purpose of which is to hear and act upon the recommendation from the Clay County Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a conditional use permit for a proposed One MG Solar Energy System to be located in part of the S ½ SE ¼ of Sec. 12-T7N-R6W Clay County, Nebraska.

Zoning Administrator Barb Barnett explained the Commission's recommendation. The commission cited conditions as outlined in Regulations Article #14 of the Clay County Zoning Regulations regarding Solar Energy Systems over 25kW. There was some



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concern about the original location near an intersection that could pose as a distraction to passing traffic. They recommended that the company attempt to move the system north as far as possible, avoiding the 100 yr. floodplain (per maps of Clay County). A fence will be put up and crops will be planted between the fence and solar panels which should help lessen the distraction. A representative from Interconnection Systems Inc. told the Board that they are able to be flexible and he sees no problem in pushing the project as far back as possible without getting into the flood plain.

Motion by Schmidt and second by Shaw to close the public hearing at 9:57 AM. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Samuelson to accept the recommendation of the Clay County Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the request from Interconnections Systems, Inc. for a conditional use permit for a One Mg Solar Energy System per the conditions outlined on the recommendation. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff reported that the Jailers are being trained. He has been contacted by other nearby counties requesting to hold inmates. They will only be holding male inmates once the dispatch center is moved.

The emergency manager salary was not discussed.

The Building committee presented information for an advertisement for bids for work on the courthouse.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to adjourn this meeting at 10:16 AM; next meeting scheduled for November 24, 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