



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 24, 2020, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on November 18, 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, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, and Fintel; absent: Samuelson. Minutes of the meeting held November 17, 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 November 17, 2020 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that road work on Road 304 and Road 313 is done and the roads are open. Other culvert work was discussed. They will continue shredding trees until December 1st and will decide at that time if they want to continue shredding with the rental. Three hydraulic studies are being conducted. If the study comes back and the weather is good, work will begin on those culverts.

Rodney Knutzen who is on the Logan Township Board visited with the Board and Tom about a bridge in the township. There are five landowners that use the road and would like to see it remain open. The road is currently closed. The deck on the bridge has been removed and permanent barricades have been installed. This is one that a hydraulic study is being conducted on. Tom will let the township know what the results of that study are.

The agreement with the railroad was discussed. The County Attorney had prepared a resolution and sent that along with the agreement. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution #20-42 authorizing the chairman to sign the Crossing Corridor Improvements and Funding Agreement between BNSF Railway Company and Clay County. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Pavelka and Fintel; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in Clerk's office.)

Ted Griess, County Attorney reported that there have been some changes and the jury trial scheduled for December 10th might not happen at that time. Logistics are still being worked out for holding jury trials during the pandemic.



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Bruce Rumsey, Weed Superintendent presented the information for roadside spraying for 2020. He is training Greg Shuck and showing him problem spots throughout the county. Greg has one more training and test next week. They will both attend the Twin Valley meeting next week.

Deputies Jacobs and Fujan and Sheriff Franklin presented and discussed proposal for mobile data terminals and cell phones for the cruisers and officers. They explained the different options and will apply for a USDA grant.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Pavelka to move forward with the proposal submitted for the Brite/US Cellular mobile data terminals and authorize the Sheriff's department to apply for the USDA grant. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Brandy VanDeWalle, Extension Educator presented August, September and October narrative reports of programs and activities. Information on the Farmers & Ranchers College Cow/Calf College was presented and discussed. Brandy has been an educator for 15 years and works mostly in the area of positive youth development.

Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager was present for salary discussion. Moving him to an exempt status was discussed. He told the board he is taking on quite a bit more with the communications center; spending a lot of time with team building and developing policies and procedures. It was decided to form a committee of three board members to meet with Tim on a monthly basis.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to set the EM annual salary at \$58,500.00 beginning with the November/December pay period to be paid January 1, 2021. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Mike Carroll, Custodian reported on boiler problems. A water softener is needed to help keep the coils from corroding. The front step heating system has been recharged and is working well.

Snow removal around the courthouse and the annex building was discussed. The County has an agreement through December 2020 with Rod's Total Property Maintenance. Rod McDonald has agreed to continue this service at the courthouse and also the annex building. A rate sheet for 2021 has been submitted.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to have Rod McDonald (Rod's Total Property Maintenance) do snow removal around the courthouse and annex building January 1 through December 31, 2021. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

A subcommittee of the Board of Supervisors reviewed the claims prior to this meeting. Because there has not been enough revenue collected to pay all the bills for the General Fund, Road Fund, Health Fund and Weed Fund, it was decided to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund.



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Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to adopt and authorize the chairman to sign Resolution #20-43 to transfer \$269,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund, \$111,350.00 to the Road Fund, \$8,775.00 to the Health Fund and \$2300.00 to the Weed fund as loans to be paid back if/when funds are available. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in Clerk's office.)

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to approve the claims that were presented and authorize the County Clerk to pay from the appropriate funds. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Pavelka and Fintel; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$119,932.08
Adams County Sheriff, Service	56.00
AFLAC, Insurance	605.47
Holli Alley, Mileage	135.70
Aspegren Repair, Supplies	74.81
BTS Communications, Phone system	2,015.68
Baird & Griess, Wireless	24.25
Barb Barnett, Mileage	41.52
Dan Baumert, Mileage	16.68
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	804.49
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	75,718.28
Don Bottorf, Service	142.50
Business World, Supplies	77.46
Kayla Carter, Supplies	5.95
Cash-Wa Distributing, Supplies	381.69
CenTec Cast Metal Products, Grave markers	468.42
City of Clay Center, Utilities	411.99
Clay County Clerk, Filing Fees, Supplies	182.91
Clay County News, Advertising, Subscriptions	958.87
Clay County Sheriff, Service fees	25.57
Clay County Treasurer, Postage	706.00
Clearly, Phone	388.49
Clerk of the District Court, Filing fees	596.00
Colonial Life, Ins	497.03
Corner Market, Supplies	1,402.36
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	58,428.50
CPI, Fuel	2,348.62
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	11.00
DAS State Accounting, Service	512.00
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	375.00
Dept. of Correctional SVC, Safekeeper, Medical	8,766.86
Deputies, Phone allowance	100.00
Dollar General, Supplies	93.05



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Eakes, Supplies	13,605.86
Election Workers, Wages, Mileage	318.40
Mary Lynn Ellis, Mileage	75.90
ES&S, Shipping	16.26
Fillmore County Sheriff, Service fees	42.20
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	3,789.26
Friesen Chevrolet, Inc., Labor & Parts	1,586.88
Gail's Carpentry & Cabinet, Repairs	159.87
General Collections, Garnishment	414.95
Hall County Department of Corrections, Housing	205.00
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	2,291.67
Brenda Hansen, Mileage	89.13
Hastings Police Dept, Testing	120.00
Natalie Holman, Supplies	19.97
Hometown Leasing, Lease	1,973.99
Keith Johnson, Mileage	50.04
Laacke & Joys Company LLC, Chairs	7,822.15
Langvardt, Valle & James, Service	332.50
Andrew Leichleiter, Mileage	16.22
Madison National Life, Ins.	139.50
Menards, Supplies	1,331.72
Mid Nebraska Individual Services, Inc., 2nd Qtr. Funding	1,635.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	2,980.99
NACO, Registration	125.00
Nationwide, 457 Plan	1,225.00
Nebraska Notary Division, Notary	30.00
Mariah Newmyer, Mileage	63.25
Notary Public Underwriters of Nebraska Inc., Stamp	82.50
Brett Nunnenkamp, Mileage	13.22
Paint & Paper Palace, Carpet	2,084.20
Platte Valley Communications, Radios	5,460.50
PrecisionIT, Backups, Service	1,197.00
Quality Sound & Communications, Rent	147.00
Rasmussen Mechanical Services, Service	5,400.82
Rod's Total Property Maintenance, Snow removal	245.00
Skalka & Baack Law Firm, Attorney fees	4,578.54
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	1,530.72
Sullivan, Shoemaker, Attorney fees	2,600.00
Sutton Electric Inc., Repairs	38.82
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	179.23
Uline, Supplies	584.70
Unite Private Network, LLC., Internet	1,210.00
US Bank, Supplies	596.53
US Cellular, Cell Phones	423.69
Brandy VanDewalle, Mileage	55.20



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Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	84.99
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	438.60
Robyn VonSpreckelsen, Mileage	10.36
Lyn Waegli, Mileage	18.40
Heather Wharton, Mileage	27.60
Windstream, Service	674.55
WJE Consulting, LLC, Service	1,095.00
Woods Aitkens, Service	867.50
Woodward's, Garbage	350.99

ROAD FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$53,729.61
Action Auto, Supplies	875.02
AFLAC, Insurance	1,066.38
Aspegren Repair, Service	688.19
Auca Chicago Lockbox, Supplies	1,022.66
Aurora Coop, Parts	136.95
Auto Glass Experts, Repairs	370.00
Beck's Farm Equipment Inc., Supplies	2,402.29
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	607.38
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	2,134.32
C & M Supply Inc., Supplies	2,520.00
Card Services, Supplies	2,325.12
Caterpillar Financial Services Corp., Supplies	4,400.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	109.18
City of Edgar, Utilities	52.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	60.00
City of Harvard, Utilities	69.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	97.79
Clay County News, Advertising	391.50
Clay County Weed Control, Spraying	15,510.00
Colonial Life, Ins	480.34
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	28,862.26
CPI, Fuel	1,321.59
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Supplies	223.68
DataCC, Internet	38.50
Deweese Sand & Gravel, Gravel	19,036.29
Diamond Lime, Rock	11,065.41
Dollar General, Supplies	63.95
Eakes, Supplies	135.52
Filter Care of Nebraska, Service	288.65
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	240.00
Friesen Chevrolet, Inc., Service	47.31
George Brothers Propane, Fuel	7,973.49
George's 66 Service, Fuel	70.32



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Hamilton Telecommunication, Internet	85.66
Island Supply Welding, Supplies	60.45
Addison C Jarzynka, Supplies	81.20
John Deere Financial, Parts & Labor	2,235.79
Ken & Al's, Fuel	831.90
Lawson Products, Supplies	48.89
Madison National Life, Ins.	47.32
Medical Enterprises Inc., Testing	105.00
Menards, Supplies	386.71
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Gravel	11,600.02
Midwest Service & Sales, Supplies	58,270.85
MIPS, Service	128.08
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co Inc, Parts	1,466.27
Nationwide, 457 Plan	250.00
Nebraska Peterbilt, Parts	63.35
Nebraska Truck Center, Parts	10.20
NMC Exchange, Parts & Labor	4,478.30
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc., Fuel	83.28
Olsson, Surveying	3,309.20
PAD LLC, Landfill fees	689.04
PrecisionIT, Service	16.25
R & K Service, Fuel	1,251.20
South Central Public Power, Utilities	358.17
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	64.12
Superior Outdoor Power, Parts	52.55
Sutton Auto Supply, Supplies	5.01
Truck and Trailer Parts, Parts	75.00
True Blue Diesel, Service	635.43
Van Kirk Sand & Gravel Inc., Supplies	190,148.00
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	88.30
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	227.50
Windstream, Service, Internet	539.08
Woodward's, Garbage	47.50

ROD P M FUND

MIPS, Service	452.15
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HEALTH FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$8,932.25
Aflac, Insurance	37.50
Leslie Anderson, Mileage	18.40
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	400.00
Denise Carroll, Supplies	21.39
Clay County News, Advertising	112.36
Colonial, Ins	41.63



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Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	4,554.62
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	36.00
Wyoma DeVries, Mileage	11.50
Eakes, Supplies	36.44
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	233.33
GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals, Vaccine	1,908.00
Sara Marshall, Mileage, Liability Inc.	726.25
Leslie Robbins, Mileage	14.95
Judy Schwenk, Mileage	16.10
Laurie Sheridan, Mileage	174.23

911 FUND

DataCC, Internet	68.50
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	75.81
Windstream, Phone	522.87

E911 FUND

Windstream, Phone	890.28
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ROAD IMPORVEMENT BOND FUND

BOK Financial Corporate Trust, Interest & Fees	17,402.50
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WEED FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	3,702.55
AFLAC, Insurance	38.48
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	46.04
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	2,342.78
CPI, Fuel	186.57
DataCC, Internet	28.50
Friesen Chevrolet Inc., Repair	35.72
Nationwide, 457 Plan	425.00
Nebraska Weed Control Assoc, Dues	135.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	71.61
Windstream, Phone	55.03

The Chairman asked for discussion on only having two meetings in December. Consensus was to meet December 15th and 22nd at the fairgrounds.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 11:38 AM; next meeting scheduled for December 15, 2020 and will be held at the Activities Building at the Fairgrounds. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman