



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 December 15, 2020, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 9, 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 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 act is available on the table by the entrance.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 24, 2020 as mailed. On roll call yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel; abstain: Samuelson. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent, reported on Bridge work done to various Roads and Box Culverts. They have been doing Tree Shredding in ditches full of snow. Tom is checking into renting a machine for mulching on a 5-year lease. Due to the last snow the roads were worked on Friday and Saturday. Tom has talked to Ted Griess and Brandy Johnson about the inter local agreements with the Townships. Some have not been updated since 2006. Tom would like to draw up new ones that would be reviewed every 5 years, have Ted look them over and then go to each Township to explain the changes.

At 9:20 AM the bids for Bridge projects C-18(276) were opened.

Representatives from Simon Contractors, Reece Construction Co Inc., JJK Construction LLC, KEA Constructors LLC, Midwest Infrastructure, Inc., K2 Construction, The Diamond Engineering Co. and a representative from Olsson's the engineering firm overseeing the projects were also present.

Bids were as follows (total for all projects): Simon Contractors \$529,000.00; Reece Construction Co., Inc. \$468,267.80; JJK Construction LLC \$527,207.94; KEA Constructors LLC \$717,727.09; Midwest Infrastructure, Inc. \$518,495.22; K2 Construction \$618,000.00 and The Diamond Engineering Co \$499,741.14.

While Jeff Palik, Olsson Associates Engineer was going over all the bids to verify that everything was ok, other agenda items were taken care of.

The fee reports were emailed to the Board prior to this meeting. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of November 2020: County Clerk \$13,789.50, County Court \$6,770.13, Clerk of District Court \$8,659.54, County Sheriff \$2,118.85 and County Treasurer receipts 20110001 thru 20110034 in the amount of \$211,513.61. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.



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At 9:30 AM the only on-call engineering proposal that was received was opened. The proposal from Olsson, Inc. was read and discussed.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to appoint Olsson, Inc. for on call engineering services for 2021 as proposed and authorize the chairman to sign the letter of agreement. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel. Motion carried.

After the bids were checked and verified to be in order, the Board decided to go with the lowest bid from Reece Construction. They have done two previous bridges for the county.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to accept the bid from Reece Construction for Clay County Bridge Project C-18(276) in the amount of \$468,267.80. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff explained some changes in the Use of Force Policy that have been made and that would be implemented with his officers. Two patrol cars have been delivered. Purchasing a new transport vehicle was discussed.

The Extension office had submitted names for re-appointments to that board. The two members are eligible to serve a second term and have agreed to do so.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Schmid to re-appoint Nate Anderson and Paul Althouse to the Clay County Extension Board for a three-year term to run from January 2021 to January 2024. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator had presented a request for re-appointments prior to the meeting. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Pavelka to re-appoint Heather Wharton, Steve Furman and Robyn VonSpreckelsen to the Clay County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission; terms will run from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Pam Maynard from the Clay County Tourism Committee told the board that they had met, reviewed the requests and came up with recommendations. Their intent is to help with funding but not to be a total funding source and they like to keep a reserve in the funds. As of November 30, 2020, there is \$3,381.60 available for the Improvement Fund and \$6,783.50 for the Promotion Fund. The requests for the Improvement Fund total \$8,500.00 and for the Promotion Fund \$4,100.00. The committee's recommendation for the Improvement Fund is \$1,400.00 and for the Promotion fund is \$1,950.00

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to approve the Clay County Tourism Committee's recommendations concerning the request for funding for Improvements and Promotions. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney said the agreement for the Bridge had been sent to Burlington Northern on November 30th, but he hasn't heard back from them. Ted had been contacted by the Sutton Policy Department in regard to having an Interlocal Agreement with Clay County and explained some of the details and answered questions. Ted will talk to them again and report back to the board.

Supervisor Johnson said he would be meeting with Sheriff Jeff Franklin to fill out the application for the catastrophic inmate medical insurance and report to the Board at the next meeting.



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Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Johnson to adjourn this meeting at 11:40 AM; next meeting scheduled for December 22, 2020 and will be held at the Activities Building at the Fairgrounds. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Danalee Nelson, Deputy County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman