



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 22, 2020, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 16, 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. Vice Chairman Johnson presided with roll call showing the following present Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Minutes of the meeting held December 15, 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.

Vice Chairman, L. Wayne Johnson 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 Pavelka and seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 15, 2020 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that he is working on updating the Interlocal Agreements with the townships and neighboring counties. He will have the County Attorney look them over and then meet with the other counties to explain the updates. Work is progressing on the bridge on Road F; work on the box culverts on Road 311 is underway; equipment is being serviced and they are continuing to shred trees.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to appoint Thomas Roemmich II, a Clay County employee who holds a Class A License # S-1375 as Clay County Highway Superintendent beginning January 1, 2021 for the year 2021. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

A letter was received from the Nebraska Department of Transportation that included a resolution for signing the year end certification of county highway superintendent. The resolution gives the chairman the authority to sign the certification for determining incentive payment.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Schmidt to adopt Resolution #20-44 Signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2020. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried. (resolution on file in the County Clerk's office.

A letter regarding the stop sign engineering study was given to the Board. Tom explained that the intersection in question currently has no stop signs. From the intersection west the road slopes into a drainage area. There are sight distance problems arising from high banks along the field edges and the sloping of Road 304 to the west. These problems become worse when there are crops in the field and during the school year when the busses are running. The study included Tom's recommendation to install stop signs. A resolution to place stop signs was presented.



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Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to adopt and authorize the chairman to sign Resolution #20-48 concerning stop sign placement at the northeast corner of Section 20, T5N-R7W, and at the southwest corner of Section 16, T5N-R7W; this being the intersection of Road 304 and Road J to stop traffic traveling East and West on Road 304. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in Clerk's office.)

Ted Griess, County Attorney discussed the agreement with the railroad while Tom was still present. The revised agreement that Ted had sent was returned with a change to the dollar amount. The railroad is decreasing the amount due to only one crossing being closed instead of two. The consensus of the board was that they would accept the revised agreement. Once it is approved by the railroad's legal department, it will be presented to the Board for approval.

The Extension office had submitted a name for a re-appointment to that board. He is eligible to serve a second term and has agreed to do so.

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

Recommendations for re-appointments to the 911 committee were forwarded from Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager to the Board prior to this meeting.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to re-appoint Sandra Nejezchleb, Mike Overturf, Brad Brennförder, Tom Roemmich II and Tracy Landenberger to the Clay County 911 committee for two-year terms; beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

It was discovered that the appointments made on January 28, 2020 had an incorrect expiration date. The two-year terms of Haley Roemmich, Kelly Lovgren, Barb Barnett, Jim Fitzgerald and Mark Bailey will expire on December 31, 2021. Those appointees will be notified of the correct expiration date.

The agreement from AlarmLink was discussed. This is for monitoring the fire alarm system. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign the agreement between AlarmLink and Clay County for fire alarm inspections. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

The Auto Fleet, Inland Marine, and Building & Contents Schedules were received from NIRMA. These were reviewed by the Highway Supt., Weed Supt., Emergency Manager, County Sheriff and the County Clerk. The report was also emailed to the County Board. It is believed that the schedules are correct and the Clerk will complete the process on the NIRMA website.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer had presented information and resolutions prior to the meeting concerning new security pledges and the release of a security pledge.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution #20-45 for security pledge CUSIP #3130AJR76 for \$1,000,000.00 through Cornerstone Bank, Clay Center, NE acting as a depositor for Clay County and authorize the chairman to sign. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman,



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Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in Clerk's office.)

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to adopt Resolution #20-46 for security pledge CUSIP #054623BP7 for \$120,000.00; CUSIP #3134GW6V3 for \$505,000.00; CUSIP #54347YAT1 for \$100,000.00 through Waypoint Bank, Clay Center, NE acting as a depositor for Clay County and authorize the chairman to sign. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in Clerk's office.)

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #20-47 for release of security pledge CUSIP #313ELK86 for \$500,000.00 through Waypoint Bank, Clay Center, NE acting as a depositor for Clay County and authorize the chairman to sign. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in Clerk's office.)

Mike Carroll, Custodian reported that the new boiler should be installed in a couple of weeks.

Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager answered questions from the Board. He reported that Covid 19 cases and flu numbers are down.

A subcommittee of the Board of Supervisors reviewed the claims prior to this meeting. There were a few claims that were discussed with the entire Board.

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

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$112,786.80
Action Auto, Supplies	171.66
Adams County Sheriff, Service	93.00
AFLAC, Insurance	605.47
Gene Arnold, Prior Service	72.00
Aspegren Repair, Supplies	557.04
Baird & Griess, Wireless	24.25
Barb Barnett, Mileage	83.55
Big G Ace, Supplies	311.86
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	1,011.93
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	70,147.20
Donna Boeka, Prior Service	144.00
Capehart Sales, Topper	6,198.00
Carey's Pest Control, Service	100.00
Cash-Wa Distributing, Supplies	684.32
City of Clay Center, Utilities	347.61
Clay County News, Advertising, Subscriptions	593.89
Clay County Sheriff, Service Fees	10.52
Clay County Treasurer, Postage, Titles, RE Taxes	22,426.29
Clearly, Phone	388.49



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Colonial Life, Ins	497.03
CPI, Fuel	2,041.73
Corner Market, Food	1,153.42
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement, Deposit Box, Stamp	53,702.17
Jack Cox, Prior Service	72.00
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	11.00
DAS State Accounting, Service	512.00
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	300.00
Dept. of Correctional SVC, Safekeeper, Medical	11,672.40
Dollar General, Supplies	33.65
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	650.00
Eakes, Supplies	1,000.61
Elite Court Reporting, Service	346.65
Christine Flesner, Prior Service	144.00
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	2,416.30
Friesen Ford, Inc., 2 Police Vehicles	72,313.92
Galls, Supplies	242.59
General Collections, Garnishment	331.98
Gerhold Concrete Company, Inc., Concrete	1,482.20
Robin Gilbert, Supplies	110.97
Goding Law, Service	1,339.50
Lonny Godtel, Cemetery Mowing	600.00
Lawrence Griess, Prior Service	120.00
Janet Hajny, Prior Service	300.00
Hall County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	115.26
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	2,291.67
Natalie Holman, Supplies	18.88
Hometown Leasing, Lease	2,278.41
Taylor Jacobs, Shirts	48.98
Justice Data Systems, CAD System, GIS Software	5,400.00
Langvardt, Valle & James, Service	171.00
Tim Lewis, Supplies	212.33
Madison National Life, Ins.	142.82
Menards, Supplies	671.91
Midland Area Agency on Aging, Funding	2,299.00
Midwest Engines, Annual Maintenance	181.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	3,170.74
NACO, Dues	1,995.72
National Association of County Officials, Dues	450.00
Nationwide, 457 Plan	1,225.00
Nebraska.Gov, Records	3.00
NENA, Membership	142.00
NESCA, Membership	15.00
Mariah Newmyer, Mileage	36.80
Office Depot, Supplies	107.34



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Platte Valley Communications, Supplies	364.70
PrecisionIT, Backups, Service	1,418.00
RR Donnelley, Supplies	106.07
Rod's Total Property Maintenance, Snow removal	105.00
Secretary of State, Supplies	40.00
Tonya Schmidt, Prior Service	48.00
Mike Sindelar, Mileage	82.36
Skalka & Baack Law Firm, Attorney fees	2,057.41
Smith Trenching Inc., Service	247.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	1,405.19
Janice Stratman, Prior Service	60.00
Sullivan, Shoemaker, Attorney fees	2,600.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Supplies	181.28
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	1,773.10
UNL AEM Business Center, Renewal	225.00
Unite Private Network, LLC., Internet	1,210.00
US Bank, Supplies	482.54
US Cellular, Cell Phones	591.25
Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	80.43
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	480.60
Watch Guard, Supplies	87.00
Windstream, Service	621.84
Woodward's, Garbage	680.46

ROAD FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$48,023.64
Ace Irrigation & Mfg., Co., Supplies	427.50
Action Auto, Supplies	784.22
AFLAC, Insurance	1,013.60
ARTeCk Enterprises LLC, Supplies	100.44
Tim Aspegren, Safety Supplies	12.99
Auca Chicago Lockbox, Supplies	733.64
Aurora Body Shop, Repairs	453.80
Aurora Coop, Parts	44.10
Beck's Farm Equipment Inc., Supplies	837.48
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	818.62
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	1,883.86
Brown's Thrift Store., Supplies	454.78
C & M Supply Inc., Supplies	41.63
Card Services, Supplies	874.31
Cardinal Tool & Die Inc., Repairs	300.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	107.21
City of Edgar, Utilities	52.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	60.00
City of Harvard, Utilities	69.50



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City of Sutton, Utilities	110.56
Clay County News, Advertising	177.03
Colonial Life, Ins	480.34
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	24,570.06
CPI, Fuel	4,554.17
CW Rainforth Sales, Supplies	146.75
DataCC, Internet	38.50
Deweese Sand & Gravel, Gravel	27,625.42
Dollar General, Supplies	11.65
Dayle Dubois, Prior Service	48.00
Eakes, Supplies	128.71
Fairfield N/S Co-op Fertilizer, Propane	13.08
Fastenal Co., Supplies	197.36
Filter Care of Nebraska, Service	164.85
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	190.00
George Brothers Propane, Fuel	4,995.14
George's 66 Service, Fuel	175.58
Patsy Gewecke, Prior Service	96.00
Hamilton Telecommunication, Internet	85.66
Jerry Hinrichs, Prior Service	24.00
Interstate Battery Center, Batteries	331.68
Island Supply Welding, Supplies	168.40
John Deere Financial, Parts & Labor	1,553.36
Ken & Al's, Fuel	3,004.06
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc., Parts	2.05
Madison National Life, Ins.	48.72
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Testing	150.00
Matt Friend Truck Equipment, Supplies	33,865.21
Medical Enterprises Inc., Testing	70.00
Menards, Supplies	37.58
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Gravel	8,579.10
MIPS, Service	771.76
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co Inc, Parts	863.62
Nationwide, 457 Plan	250.00
NAPA Auto Parts, Supplies	38.78
Newman Traffic Signs, Sign Supplies	736.27
NMC Exchange, Parts & Labor, Rental	13,965.96
Olsson, Surveying	27,953.60
Petro Plus Inc., Tires	13,183.20
Platte Valley Communications, Radios	1,134.90
Protex Central, Inc., Parts	280.00
R & K Service, Fuel	1,471.88
Shirt Shack, Safety Supplies	1,078.70
South Central Public Power, Utilities	383.28
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	99.26



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Superior Outdoor Power, Parts	779.09
Sutton Auto Supply, Supplies	34.26
Todd's Feed Supply & Trailer Sales, Supplies	56.70
True Blue Diesel, Parts & Labor	688.28
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	83.50
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	206.50
Windstream, Service, Internet	540.12
Woodward's, Garbage	55.00

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MIPS, Service	452.15
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HEALTH FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$7,657.51
Aflac, Insurance	37.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	400.00
Denise Carroll, Supplies	63.25
Clay County News, Advertising	54.80
Colonial, Ins	41.63
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	3,831.29
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	36.00
Eakes, Supplies	13.93
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	233.33
Keith's Drive-In Drug, Supplies	12.00
Sara Marshall, Mileage	404.23
Shared Service Systems, Supplies	114.59
Laurie Sheridan, Mileage	108.10

911 FUND

DataCC, Internet	68.50
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	71.56
Windstream, Phone	1,045.70

E911 FUND

Windstream, Phone	1,780.51
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E911 HOLDING FUND

Justice Data Systems, CAD System, GIS Software	14,600.00
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WEED FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	4,485.87
AFLAC, Insurance	91.26
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	68.12
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	250.46
Clay County Treasurer, Title	10.00



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Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	3,510.68
CPI, Fuel	137.03
DataCC, Internet	28.50
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	50.00
Nationwide, 457 Plan	425.00
Greg Shuck, License	200.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	81.60
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	21.00
Windstream, Phone	54.52

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 10:21 AM; next meeting scheduled for January 12, 2021 and will be held at the Activities Building at the Fairgrounds. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

The Board entered session as the Weed Control Board at 10:22 A.M. with roll call showing the following: Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, and Johnson; absent: Fintel.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to appoint Greg Shuck as the Clay County Weed Superintendent for 2021. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Copies of the Noxious Weed Control Plan for 2021, Noxious Weed Infestation Report, Nebraska Invasive Plant Watch List Infestation Report, Activity Report and the Budget Report were passed out to the board for their review.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Schmidt to adjourn at 10:24 A.M. as the Weed Control Board. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

L.Wayne Johnson, Vice Chairman