



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 February 23, 2021 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on February 17, 2021 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman L. Wayne Johnson presided with roll call showing the following present: Scott Bitterman, Eric Samuelson, James Pavelka, Gerald Schmidt, Dick Shaw, Ivan Fintel and L. Wayne Johnson. Minutes of the meeting held February 16, 2021 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 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 Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 16, 2021 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Fintel, Bitterman and Johnson; abstain: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that the FEMA papers for the flood damage in 2019 have been signed and sent in. The last two box culverts were poured yesterday; there has been no progress on the bridge the last two weeks. Placing load limits on roads was discussed. The limits can remain on the roads for up to 90 days but may be removed sooner depending on the weather.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to adopt and authorize the chairman to sign Resolution #21-05 concerning Asphalt Road Weight Limits for limitations and restrictions for operation of vehicles on county roads for up to 90 days beginning March 1, 2021. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in Clerk's office)

Two easement requests were presented and discussed.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to approve the easement request from Black Hills Gas Distribution LLC to install a natural gas line crossing Roads 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, R and S in Eldorado and Inland Townships. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Shaw, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas LLC dba Black Hills Energy to install a natural gas line crossing Roads 309, 310, 311, 312 and Q in Marshall Township. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

A letter from South Heartland District Health was received stating that a re-appointment of a board member is necessary. Supervisor Shaw had been appointed last year to fill the remainder of Supervisor Samuelson's term. The new term is a three-year term beginning April of 2021.



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Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to re-appoint Richard Shaw to the South Heartland District Health board for a three-year term beginning April 2021. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson; abstain: Shaw. Motion carried.

A resolution was presented honoring the executive director of the Nebraska Association of County Officials who retired February 1, 2021.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to adopt and authorize the chairman to sign Resolution #21-06 declaring September 13, 2021 as Larry Dix Day. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried. (Resolution of file in Clerk's office)

Ted Griess, County Attorney answered questions the board had about whether a bond was needed for decommissioning of the solar project. Ted feels that the bond would offer more protection than an agreement or policy. He will contact the company and discuss this.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff reported that Jail Standards would be coming this week. The inspection may look different because of COVID 19. The last female has been transferred. Clay County will no longer house female prisoners.

Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager was also present at this time. There was discussion on the transition of the 911 Center to the new facility and the work that is being done to make it a smooth process. The goal is to move forward in a positive manner with the number one priority being the safety of the citizens.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent presented a report for January and February. The report included meetings that he attended, getting equipment ready for the spraying seasons and updates on grants. There will be an electronic recycling event sometime in April and household hazardous waste collection sometime in May.

Mike Carroll, Custodian reported that the first floor needs to be stripped and sealed. Mike will do some research and reach out to companies that may be able to do this. A quote for water softener equipment from Holdrege Soft Water Service for the courthouse was discussed. This system runs on its own water and uses less salt.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to accept the proposal submitted by Holdrege Soft Water Service to purchase equipment for a soft water system for the courthouse. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Fintel, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Armando Leal, Al's Old House Repairs and Richard Fiese Done Right Masonry LLC wanted to make the Board aware of what they had found during their inspection of the property. Richard told the Board that he had inspected and researched the exterior and found that the glazed terra cotta on the courthouse is rare in our geographical area. Out of the courthouses built by the same architect in Nebraska, Clay County is the only one that has the glazed terra cotta.



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Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager presented a proposal from BTS Communications to change Clay County licenses to yearly. The proposal is for the current phone licenses as well as nine new phones. This does not include a one-time labor and trip charge to upgrade the complete system software to current levels.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to accept the proposal from BTS communications to change Clay County licenses for phones to a yearly fee and authorize the chairman to sign. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shaw representing the Clay County Health Board reported that they had one applicant for the position of Health Director for the Clay County Health Board.

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

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$121,802.73
A & L Electric, Repairs	120.98
AFLAC, Insurance	605.47
Mike Anderson, Service	195.75
Aspegren Repair, Supplies	468.41
Baird & Griess, Wireless, Copies	24.25
Joseph Bixby, Service	190.00
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	1,339.22
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	65,575.18
Bob Barker Co., Supplies	423.93
Bockstadter & Glen Law LLC, Service	578.34
Cash-Wa Distributing, Supplies	497.78
Central NE Assessors Assoc., Dues	20.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	378.53
Clay County News, Advertising	2,335.32
Clay County Sheriff, Service Fees	18.25
Clay County Treasurer, Postage	1,103.60
Clearly, Phone	422.01
Clerk of the Dist. Court, Fees	141.00
Colonial Life, Ins	497.03
Corner Market, Food	1,215.39
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	59,294.79
CPI, Fuel	2,455.47
Creative Products Source Inc., Supplies	383.91



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Credit Management, Garnishment	333.79
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	69.40
DAS State Accounting, Service	512.00
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	300.00
Dept. of Correctional Services, Safekeeping, Medical	7,675.42
Dollar General, Supplies	159.55
Eakes, Supplies	5,501.53
Elite Court Reporting, Service	171.25
Fairfield by Marriott, Lodging	480.00
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	1,719.36
Grace's Locksmith, Keys	20.00
Hall County Dept. of Corrections, Boarding	1,350.00
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	2,291.67
Brenda Hansen, Supplies	65.55
Natalie Holman, Supplies	14.69
Hometown Leasing, Lease	2,122.49
Tim Lewis, Postage	55.00
Madison National Life, Ins.	67.70
Menards, Supplies	262.79
Mid Nebraska Individual Services Inc., 3rd Qtr. Funding	1,635.50
MIPS, Service, Supplies	2,863.99
Mustang Inc., Supplies	133.00
Nationwide, 457 Plan	1,225.00
NE Assoc of County Clerks, ROD, Election Comm., Dues	75.00
NE Clerk of Dist. Court Assoc., Dues	50.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, Fees	75.00
Mariah Newmyer, Mileage	25.76
Platte Valley Communications, Supplies	1,466.53
PrecisionIT, Backups, Service	554.81
Rasmussen Mechanical Services, repairs	14,859.00
Rod's Total Property Maintenance, Snow removal	1,775.00
Ryan Law Office, Service	6,143.08
City of Hastings (SCALES), Dues	1,000.00
Greg Shuck, Reimbursement	72.02
Michael Sindelar, Mileage	211.23
Skalka & Baack Law Firm, Attorney fees	2,579.90
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	1,506.67
Stanard Appraisal, Service	1,184.50
Sullivan, Shoemaker, Attorney fees	2,638.00
Surgery Group of GI, Service	520.00
Sutton Pharmacy, Supplies	15.20
Uline, Supplies	262.64
Unite Private Network, LLC., Internet	1,606.00
US Bank, Supplies	607.50
US Cellular, Cell Phones	1,297.41



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Brandy VanDewalle, Mileage	26.88
Carroll Verhage, MD, Service	224.50
Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	78.55
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	493.78
Windstream, Service	627.83
Woodward's, Garbage	367.50
Terrance Wurdeman, Supplies	5.00
911 Custom, Lightbar	1,047.99

ROAD FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$60,636.58
Action Auto, Supplies	290.60
AFLAC, Insurance	1,013.60
Aspegren Repair, Supplies	209.95
Auca Chicago Lockbox, Supplies	569.21
Beck's Farm Equipment Inc., Supplies	1,696.03
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	2,028.20
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	2,134.32
City of Clay Center, Utilities	119.40
City of Edgar, Utilities	52.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	64.80
City of Harvard, Utilities	69.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	121.54
Clay County News, Advertising	62.80
Colonial Life, Ins	480.34
Cooney Refrigeration, Repairs	236.00
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	33,288.55
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Supplies	83.04
CPI, Fuel	4,910.58
Andy Critel, Supplies	49.99
DataCC, Internet	38.50
Deweese Sand & Gravel, Gravel	4,648.89
Dollar General, Supplies	11.95
Equipment Blades Inc., Supplies	807.25
Extreme Transfer LLC., Service	1,125.97
Filter Care of Nebraska, Service	24.00
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	190.00
Friesen Chevrolet, Inc., Parts & Labor	897.24
Friesen Ford, Parts	325.03
George Brothers Propane, Fuel	8,023.50
George's 66 Service, Fuel	228.90
Hamilton Telecommunication, Internet	86.11
Hays Land Surveying LLC., Survey	2,384.99
Independent Salt Co., Supplies	5,409.90
Island Supply Welding, Supplies	39.68



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John Deere Financial, Parts & Labor	3,181.41
K & G Plumbing & Heating, Service	480.00
Ken & Al's, Fuel	492.90
Madison National Life, Ins.	48.72
Medical Enterprises Inc., Testing	105.00
Matt Friend Truck Equip., Supplies	1,164.99
Menards, Supplies	122.00
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Gravel	34,677.00
MIPS, Service	128.08
Murphy Tractor Equipment Co., Supplies	246.70
NAPA Auto Parts, Supplies	31.98
Nationwide, 457 Plan	250.00
Nebraska Truck Center, Supplies	230.83
Newman Traffic Signs, Supplies	844.78
NMC Exchange, Parts	12,615.59
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Supplies	53.80
Olsson, Surveying	23,313.01
Protex Central Inc., Supplies	388.85
R & K Service, Fuel	1,911.56
South Central Public Power, Utilities	542.51
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	141.70
Superior Outdoor Power, Parts	69.06
Surplus Property, Supplies	1,450.00
Theis Inspection Service LLC., Bridge Inspection	2,734.20
True Blue Diesel, Parts & Labor	802.50
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	83.50
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	199.33
Windstream, Service, Internet	554.56
Woodward's, Garbage	55.00

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MIPS, Service	452.15
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HEALTH FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$8,912.16
Aflac, Insurance	37.50
Leslie Anderson, Mileage	8.96
Aurora New-Register, Advertising	28.80
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	400.00
Denise Carroll, Supplies, Mileage	49.94
Clay County News, Advertising	85.72
Colonial, Ins	41.63
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	4,517.61
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	36.00
Dash Medical Gloves, Supplies	276.90



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Wyoma DeVries, Mileage	20.40
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	233.33
Jolene Hakanson, Mileage	11.20
HALO Branded Solutions, Inc., Supplies	52.65
Sara Marshall, Mileage	530.32
Memorial Health Clinic, Consultant Fee	100.00
Judy Schwenk, Mileage	33.60
Shared Service Systems, Supplies	95.92
Laurie Sheridan, Mileage	33.04

911 FUND

DataCC, Internet	68.50
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	69.11
Windstream, Phone	381.69
Windstream Communications, LLC., Upgrades	146.66

E911 FUND

Windstream, Phone	1,031.97
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WEED FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	1,963.50
AFLAC, Insurance	52.78
Beck's Farm Equipment Inc., Supplies	125.73
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	92.29
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	250.46
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	1,982.48
CPI, Fuel	97.18
DataCC, Internet, Supplies	28.50
Farm & Home Publishers, Supplies	135.00
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	50.00
NWCA Region 4, Dues	15.00
Platte Valley Communications, Supplies	88.75
Greg Shuck, Supplies	80.83
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	160.04
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	21.00
Windstream, Phone	55.25

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 11:11 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for March 16, 2021 and will be held in the Supervisors room at the Courthouse. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman



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