



# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, April 20, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met April 20, 2021 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on April 14, 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 April 13, 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, L. Wayne Johnson stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 13, 2021 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that the project on Road 324 is almost done and they will be moving to Road N. Most of the box culverts are done; there will be a walk though by the end of the month. The bridge is done except for the guard rails. There was discussion about the NAD roads. Supervisor Johnson, Highway Supt. Tom Roemmich and County Attorney Ted Griess have taken a tour of the roads in the area. They will be gathering more information. Tom asked to be given time to figure out how to divide the maintenance areas and see what the costs would be before discussing adding another motor grader and operator.

The tabled bids for the excavator were discussed. Jake Ryba from Murphy Tractor and Equipment Co. and Tyler McNitt from NMC Cat were also present. After discussion, it was decided to delay any more discussion or decisions until June. This will give the budget preparer time to run some figures for the next fiscal year.

Ted Griess, County Attorney presented two resolutions. One pertaining to the Presidents executive order concerning the 30 x 30 program. The other pertaining to the National Heritage Area being proposed for counties in Nebraska and Kansas.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to adopt and authorize the chairman to sign Resolution #21-12 opposing Section 216(a) of Executive Order 14008 (30 x 30 program). On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in County Clerk's office.)

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Schmidt to adopt and authorize the chairman to sign Resolution #21-13 opposing the proposed National Heritage Area in Clay County Nebraska. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in County Clerk's office.)

Laurie Sheridan introduced Donna Jensen, the new Director of the Clay County Health Department. The directors report for the January through March 2021 quarter was presented and explained. The vaccines for children's numbers were a little lower which could be in part to COVID 19. So far 1103 COVID vaccinations have been given by that department. The department/county may be reimbursed approximately \$4,830.00 for some of the costs



# Clay County Board Minutes



associated with the administration of the vaccine. Water damage around a window and on the roof were reported. The new sign for the building is up.

Sharon Hueftle, Executive Director South Central Economic Development District thanked the Board for their continued support. A newsletter highlighting projects in the 13-county district was also handed out. Information was presented about the services available to communities and businesses. HomeNE which is a state-wide learning network focused on assisting communities as they assess and address their housing issues was discussed. South Central Economic Development District is one of eight Nebraska development districts participating in speed test mapping to provide accurate data that will guide future decision making for broadband infrastructure expansion or enhance projects.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff reported that the inspection deemed the jail to be in full compliance. An update on repairs to the storage building and the status of removing a small equipment shed were discussed.

Brenda Hansen, County Assessor had submitted a request for a couple of items to be declared as surplus. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to declare two Monroe Ultimate calculators, serial numbers #UV100502 and #UV100501 from the Assessor's office as surplus. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

The minimum dollar amount for reporting on the county departments inventory was discussed. 2011 was the last time a value had been set for reporting items on the inventories. A resolution concerning the tracking of inventory was discussed.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #21-14 to establish \$100.00 as the minimum dollar amount/value of items to be reported on annual inventories beginning with the 2021 inventories. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in County Clerk's office.)

After the meeting, three of the Board members made the quarterly visit to the jail.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 10:50 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for April 27, 2021. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman