



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, May 11, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met May 11, 2021 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on May 5, 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: Eric Samuelson, James Pavelka, Dick Shaw, Ivan Fintel and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Bitterman and Schmidt. Minutes of the meeting held April 27, 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 Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 27, 2021 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Bitterman and Schmidt. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that they have begun mowing the black tops, the part time summer help has started, the walk throughs for the box culverts and bridge have been completed, they are working on Road N and will then move to Sutton. The weight limit signs of the asphalt roads will be taken down today. Changing from the Orschlen Visa card to the county's US Bank card was discussed.

An easement for Black Hills energy was presented and discussed.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas LLC to replace a natural gas pipeline crossing Road 316 from NE corner NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 23-7-7 to SW corner SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 14-7-7 AND crossing Road 316 and & Road M from SE corner SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 14-7-7 to NW corner NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24-7-7 AND the right of way along the west side of Road L from NE corner pt. E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27-7-7 to SE corner pt. E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 27-7-7. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson; absent: Bitterman and Schmidt. Motion carried. (Legal description with maps on file in Clerk's office.)

Ted Griess, County Attorney discussed the roads at the NAD. Ted will prepare a resolution for maintenance. This will be discussed at the May 25, 2021 meeting.

Mike Carroll, Custodian reported that the quote for the sod from Earl May was for \$3,284.00. He will need to kill that area prior to the work being done and wanted to make sure the board still wanted to proceed. Consensus was to proceed with the sodding. Mike also reported that the air condition would be turned on today with other maintenance work being finished tomorrow.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to recess as the Board of Supervisors at 10:05 A.M. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; absent: Bitterman and Schmidt. Motion carried.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors entered session as the Weed Control Board at 10:06 A.M. with the following present: Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Bitterman and Schmidt were absent. Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent was also present.



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Information was received from Mitch Coffin, Program Manager Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Noxious Weed Program. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture monitors and evaluates each County Weed Control authority throughout the calendar year. The report received was for 2020. The report is worth 3400 points which means a county has met the minimum standards. Clay County's score for the year is 3400. The report was reviewed by the Board and the Weed Superintendent.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to authorize the chairman to sign the Reports and Requirements Summary page. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Bitterman and Schmidt. Motion carried.

Greg also reported that he has been spraying road right of way; he has sent out a few reports and that the household hazardous waste event on April 30th went well. He asked for volunteers for the electronic recycling event that will be held on May 20th from 8 A.M. until noon. Greg said he would like to purchase a tablet to take with him on the road. There is a weed mapper app that would allow him to document information directly into the program as opposed to writing it down and then entering in the computer when he gets back to the office. Consensus was to get what he needs.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to adjourn at 10:17 A.M. as the Weed Control Board. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson; absent: Bitterman and Schmidt. Motion carried.

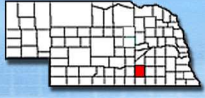
Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to resume session as the Board of Supervisors at 10:18 A.M. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Bitterman and Schmidt. Motion carried.

The Fee Reports had been emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of April 2021: County Clerk \$19,835.25; County Court \$11,062.70; Clerk of District Court \$37,226.35 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 21040001 through 21040070 in the amount of \$413,063.38. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Bitterman and Schmidt. Motion carried.

The subgroup application from BlueCross BlueShield was discussed. There is a 3.28% premium increase for the health and no increase for the dental insurance premium. (last year there was no increase in health or dental premiums) There are also no benefit changes. After discussion, it was decided to keep everything the same as last year.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to authorize the County Clerk to sign the BlueCross BlueShield Subgroup Application keeping the \$1500.00 deductible for the Health Insurance and Option 3 Premier for the Dental Insurance. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson; absent: Bitterman and Schmidt. Motion carried.

Shannon Krejci, director of the Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center sent information and budget request prior to this meeting. CNCAC provided forensic interviews to 281 children within the 10 counties. Funds will help continue to provide quality forensic interviews, advocacy, referral services, court preparation, forensic medical exams, wellness exams and case management to children in the 10 counties. The request for financial assistance is based on the 2013 US Census, which places Clay County in a Tier 4 out of five tiers, at a rate of \$5,500. The financial assistance continues to be essential in providing valuable services to child victims of abuse, sexual assault, those removed from a drug endangered environment, those recovered from a kidnapping and/or witness of a violent crime.



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Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to accept the budget request of First Light Child Advocacy Center (fka Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center) in the amount of \$5,500.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; absent: Bitterman and Schmidt. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 10:30 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for May 18, 2021. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Bitterman and Schmidt. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman