



# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, May 18, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met May 18, 2021 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on May 12, 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 May 11, 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 Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 11, 2021 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that around \$500,000 in claims for the final payment on the box culverts and bridge as well as for signs, grader blades, a truck box and a pickup box will all be submitted this month. Project 318 on Road N is done and they will begin on project 319 on Road 317 next. The mowing on the asphalt roads is almost done. Gravel is being hauled and work on driveway culverts is continuing.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff did not meet with the Board.

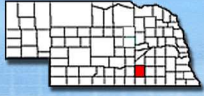
A letter to the Nebraska Dept. of Environment and Energy in support of the Trailblazer RC&D for the Scrap Tire Collection Grant for 2022 was reviewed. Clay county has worked with the Trailblazer RC&D and Little Blue NRD on many recycling projects. The scrap tire collection being the biggest and most asked for by the public.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the chairman to sign a letter of support for the Trailblazer RC&D's scrap tire collection grant application. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

The fee report for the Sheriff's office was received and sent to the board prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to accept the fee report for the Sheriff's office for the month of April for \$11,992.50. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

The backup for the AS400 is not needed anymore. Fillmore County is willing to purchase it. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to declare the AS400 back up (GXT5 1000VA 120V UPS) as surplus. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

Dan Rutt, Director of Revive Ministries Inc., Horizon Recovery and Counseling Center, and The Unity Houses thanked the Board for their past support and introduced Brice Peterson who is in charge of the Life Skills Program and Community Educator. Carol Harrenstein, office manager handed out a brochure of services, programs, etc., a comparison of 2019 and 2020 number of clients that were served, the programs utilized and a letter from Sandy Creek Public Schools. The 2020 unduplicated clients for Clay County were 51 (up from 30 in 2019). By helping 13



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adults, 11 children's lives were also affected. Brice explained his path bringing him to Revive Ministries. He taught the Life Skills program at Sandy Creek this year and plans are being made to return to Harvard Public Schools as well as other schools next year. New videos have been purchased to be used in the programming next school year. Dan reminded the Board that \$5,500.00 was budgeted for them last year and did not make a formal request but left it up to the Board hoping that the previous amount or more could be budgeted for this year as they have lost some funding from the state.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to budget \$6000.00 for Revive Ministries for fiscal year 2021-2022. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 10:10 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for May 25, 2021. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman