



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, June 22, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met June 22, 2021 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on June 16, 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, Dick Shaw, Ivan Fintel and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Gerald Schmidt. Minutes of the meeting held June 15, 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 Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 15, 2021 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that the KL bridge work should start mid-July; Road 317 is done and opened up; repairs are being made on equipment in preparation for work on Road S and a guard rail that needs to be replaced was discussed.

Because there was open time on the agenda, miscellaneous items were taken care of.

The Sheriff's fee report was reviewed. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to accept the Sheriff's fee report for the month of May for \$1,883.02. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

A resolution and agreement with First Concord Benefits Group for the cash in lieu program were discussed. After discussion, it was decided not to make any changes.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to adopt Resolution #21-15 offering a cash in lieu of group medical insurance to elected officials and full-time employees in the amount of \$450.00 per month. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to authorize the chairman to sign the Administrative Agreement Conditional Cash Out Option with First Concord Benefits Group to administer the cash in lieu of medical benefits program. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.



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A letter was received from Region 3 Behavioral Health Services presenting the FY 2021/2022 County Match Request. The request is the same as last year.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to accept the budget request of Region 3 Behavioral Health Services in the amount of \$16,362.99 for fiscal year 2021-2022. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

A cover letter and data regarding the cost of probation supervision, versus the costs of incarceration was received from the District 10 probation office. This district continues to offer officer facilitated groups, electronic monitoring, global positioning monitoring, continuous alcohol monitoring, Aggression Replacement Therapy, Moral Reconciliation Groups, Relapse Prevention, Crime Victims Impact and Offender Accountability and Real Colors. They also operate the Hastings Reporting Center, which provides additional services to probationers. The request is \$195.61 less than last year.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to accept the budget request of District #10 State Probation Office in the amount of \$5,391.22 for fiscal year 2021-2022. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Michael Dennis' term on the Veterans Service committee expires June 30, 2021. He is willing to serve another term. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to re-appoint to the Veterans Service Committee to serve a five-year term ending June 30, 2026. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney reported that he has not heard back from Nextlink about the lease agreement for tower access. The tax foreclosure sale was held last week and someone bought them all.

Ted also discussed the Juneteenth holiday. Clay County offices were not closed. The employee handbook has the holidays listed and does not state that we follow federal and/or state holidays. He suggested that this should be discussed at the next handbook committee meeting. The holiday could be added to the employee handbook in the future.

RuAnn Root, Executive Director of CASA presented a budget showing last years budget, actual expenses and projected budget needs for 2021-2021. There are 4 trained volunteers advocating for 9 children. 640 volunteer hours were provided to youth. CASA helped provide financial resources to 7 children in Clay County totaling \$950.00. School supplies, winter clothes and Christmas gifts were purchased. 10 emergency suitcases were supplied to children who needed hygiene and emergency clothing upon DHHS removal. Suitcases include items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, deodorant, diapers, diaper cream, bottles; whatever is age appropriate. Each suitcase costs between \$125-\$150. 4 youth from Clay County entered the Mary Land Living Center and received over \$17,900.00 in services. They provided 5 kids in Clay County with beds totaling \$2,000.00. The request is the same as in the past 17 years.



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Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to accept the budget request of CASA in the amount of \$16,396.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

There was to be a public hearing to amend the budget at 10:00 AM but due to issues with the notice another hearing will need to be scheduled.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to advertise for a hearing to amend the budget on June 29, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Gene Ulmer, CPA, the county's budget preparer was present to explain the reasoning and procedure for the hearing. The hearing will be held next week when a resolution will be presented. The County Board's extra spending that put that budget over by \$4,428.56 was due to the hiring of people to screen those entering the courthouse due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The Agriculture Extension's extra costs that put that budget over by \$2,237.84 was due to a payout of PTO. The Jail's budget overage of \$89,673.99 was due to unforeseen and unexpected prisoner boarding and medical costs. The Communication Center's extra expenditures of \$120,826.05 were due to relocation costs of the 911 center. An additional \$122,133.35 of budget authority will be used from the necessary cash reserve of the General Fund. The rest of the authority will come from all of the other office functions in the General Fund who did not spend all of their budgeted amount. No additional property taxes are being levied.

The County Board and Agriculture Extension office will receive budget authority from the unused authority in the County Clerk's office. \$120,826.05 of the Necessary Cash Reserve will be transferred to the Communications Center. \$1,307.30 of the Necessary Cash Reserve will be transferred to the Jail; the remainder of budget authority will come from the unexpended amounts in the County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Assessor, Election Commissioner, Zoning, Clerk of the District Court, County Court, Buildings and Grounds, County Sheriff, County Attorney, Emergency Management, Veterans Service and General Miscellaneous budgets.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk presented the preliminary budget request for the County Clerk and Election Commissioner budgets.

Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator presented the preliminary budget request for her office.

Brenda Hansen, County Assessor presented the preliminary budget request for her office.

The claims were distributed for review and discussion.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to table General Fund claim #1857 in the amount of \$931.55. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.



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

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$119,797.81
Adams County Sheriff, Service fees	7.50
AFLAC, Insurance	605.47
Cassie Aksamit, Mileage	154.56
Holli Alley, Mileage	98.56
Mike Anderson, Service, Mileage	52.88
Aspegren Repair, Supplies	718.88
Aurora Coop, Tire repair	23.00
Baird & Griess, Wireless, Copies	24.25
Barb Barnett, Mileage	136.98
Dan Baumert, Mileage	16.24
Beyke Signs, Signs	225.00
Scott Bitterman, Mileage	99.68
Joseph Bixby, Service & Mileage	144.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	71,253.62
Bob Barker Company Inc., Supplies	249.55
Bockstadter & Glen Law LLC, Service	399.19
Brown's Thrift Store, Supplies	15.96
Business World, Supplies	114.35
Carey's Pest Control Inc., Service	110.00
Carpenter & Skalka Court Reporting, Deposition	239.75
Central Nebraska Collections cut., Garnishment	202.14
City of Clay Center, Utilities,	375.57
Clay County Ag Society, Building rent	50.00
Clay County News, Advertising Subscription	927.21
Clay County Sheriff, Service fees	79.85
Clay County Treasurer, Postage, Title	1,306.60
Clearly, Phone	427.03
Colonial Life, Ins	497.03
Consolidated Management, Training meals	17.48
Corner Market, Food	902.79
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	58,196.17
CPI, Fuel	3,436.03
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	11.00
DAS State Accounting, Service	1,651.52
Dash Medical Gloves, Supplies	241.71
Department of Treasury, 2nd Qtr.	116.84
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	3,370.00
Eakes, Supplies	1,317.23
Elite Court Reporting, Depositions	1,358.80



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Mary Lynne Ellis, Mileage	24.64
Fillmore County Sheriff, Inmate boarding	2,015.00
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	9,506.88
Flatland Enterprise, Inc., Shipping	500.00
Freightliner Truck Center, Repairs	2,917.33
Robin Gilbert, Mileage	346.00
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	2,291.67
Brenda Hansen, Mileage	126.56
Dean Hansen, Service	150.00
Hastings Tribune, Advertising	94.50
Holiday Inn Kearney, Lodging	459.80
Natalie Holman, Supplies	43.47
Hometown Leasing, Lease	2,242.49
Keith Johnson, Mileage	16.24
L. Wayne Johnson, Mileage	76.72
JP Remodeling Inc., Repairs	382.00
Kustom Signals Inc., Supplies	36.20
Langvardt Valley & James, Service	171.00
Andrew Leichleiter, Mileage	7.89
Locomotive-Gazette, Advertising	96.00
MDM Pest & Termite Control, Service	100.00
Madison National Life, Ins.	75.27
Menards, Supplies	467.65
Midwest Radar & Equipment, Recertification	320.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	2,881.99
Nationwide, 457 Plan	1,025.00
Nebraska Association of County Officials, Dues	1,979.81
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, Training	216.00
NextLink, Internet	205.50
NIRMA, Insurance	109,821.00
Brett Nunnenkamp, Mileage	12.88
Office Depot, Supplies	106.56
Platte Valley Communications, Supplies	5,253.50
Police Officer Association of Nebraska, Dues	135.00
Teri Pollet, Mileage	58.58
PrecisionIT, Backups, Service	2,054.00
Ramada Worldwide, Lodging	178.00
Rasmussen Mechanical Services	2,577.00
RepCo Marketing, Supplies	41.80
Valley Jo Robinson-McDonald, Mileage	142.52
Roger Rodenbeck, Meal	6.99
Secretary of State, Title 177	20.00
Skalka & Baack Law Firm, Attorney fees	3,469.42
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	1,372.73
Spray Electric, Service	173.13



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Sullivan, Shoemaker, Attorney fees	2,638.00
Sunset Law Enforcement, Supplies	645.65
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	276.66
Sutton Pharmacy, Prescriptions	100.72
The Nebraska Signal, Advertising	173.25
TRU by Hilton, Lodging	96.00
Unite Private Network, LLC., Internet	1,606.00
US Bank, Supplies	112.75
US Cellular, Cell Phones	737.93
US Postal Service, Box rent	242.00
Brandy VanDewalle, Mileage	80.64
Dr. Carroll Verhage, Service	110.00
Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	40.07
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	408.33
WJE Consulting LLC., Service	1,095.00
Lynn Waegli, Mileage	8.96
Windstream, Service	651.82
Woodward's, Garbage	377.50

ROAD FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$57,258.38
Action Auto, Supplies	187.18
AFLAC, Insurance	1,013.60
Auca Chicago Lockbox, Supplies	638.03
Aurora Coop, Fuel, Repairs	124.86
Beck's Farm Equipment Inc., Supplies	161.96
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	8.17
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	2,395.30
C & M Supply, Supplies	64.80
Card Services, Supplies	155.88
Carey's Pest Control Inc., Service	65.00
Central Nebraska Equipment, Supplies	193.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	119.75
City of Edgar, Utilities	52.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	60.00
City of Harvard, Utilities	69.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	90.77
Colonial Life, Ins	480.34
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	29,057.38
CPI, Fuel	7,396.32
Sara Dasher, Cleaning	300.00
Deweese Sand & Gravel, Supplies	29,508.92
Dollar General, Supplies	61.60
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	450.00
Eakes, Supplies	45.80



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Extreme Transfer, Repairs	361.03
Fastenal, Supplies	48.08
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	190.00
Friesen Chevrolet, Inc., Parts, Repairs	4,489.59
George Brothers Propane, Fuel	12,702.07
George's 66 Service, Fuel	378.83
Hamilton Telecommunication, Internet	86.26
Island Supply Welding, Supplies	69.44
John Deere Financial, Parts, Supplies	740.39
Ken & Al's, Fuel	589.90
LCL Truck Equipment, Supplies	1,921.00
Madison National Life, Ins.	48.72
Menards, Supplies	413.62
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Gravel	23,720.34
MIPS, Service	128.08
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc., Supplies	4,493.13
Nationwide, 457 Plan	350.00
Nebraska Peterbilt, Supplies	228.86
Newman Traffic Signs, Supplies	3,423.76
Nextlink, Internet	38.50
NMC Exchange, Parts	10,167.76
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Supplies	178.04
PAD LLC, Landfill fees	617.76
Platte Valley Communications, Supplies	667.99
R & K Service, Fuel	2,174.51
Shirt Shack, Clothing	250.00
South Central Public Power, Utilities	295.66
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	57.16
Superior Outdoor Power, Supplies	49.99
Sutton Auto Supply, Supplies	12.57
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	29.95
True Blue Diesel, Parts & Labor	769.50
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	85.60
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	216.42
Windstream, Service, Internet	560.22
Woodward's, Garbage	55.00

ROD P M FUND

MIPS, Service	\$452.15
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HEALTH FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$8,249.63
Leslie Anderson, Mileage	18.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	260.98
Denise Carroll, Supplies	21.18



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Clay County News, Advertising	55.60
Colonial, Ins	41.63
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	3,839.27
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	36.00
Wyoma DeVries, Mileage	11.20
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	150.00
Jolene Hakanson, Mileage	12.32
Donna Jensen, Mileage, Supplies	362.89
Sara Marshall, Mileage, Supplies	309.12
Nationwide, 457 Plan	100.00
DHHS Licensure Unit, Licensure renewal	650.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	28.17

911 FUND

Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, System upgrade	\$691.71
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	79.52
Windstream, Phone	382.41

E911 FUND

Windstream, Phone	\$1,033.93
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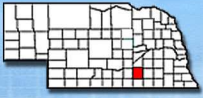
WEED FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$1,575.33
AFLAC, Insurance	52.78
Beck's Farm Equipment Inc., Supplies	27.28
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	250.46
Computer Hardware, Notebook	799.00
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	2,006.06
CPI, Fuel	461.02
Eakes, Supplies	80.32
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	50.00
Jones Automotive, Supplies	623.70
Nationwide, 457 Plan	270.00
Nextlink, Internet	57.00
Greg Shuck, Supplies	122.51
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	33.82
Windstream, Phone	55.54

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 12:07 P.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for June 29, 2021. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman



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