



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, September 14, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met September 14, 2021 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on September 8, 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 August 31, 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.

The Budget Summary hearing was held prior to the regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to open the public hearing for the proposed 2021-2022 county budget at 9:00 A.M. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

The public hearing on the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 was held with Gene Ulmer, CPA with Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP, the county budget preparer present. The notice was published in the Clay County News. Tom Roemmich, Highway Supt., John Lyons, County Attorney and Rita Brehl, Clay County News were present. No written or oral comments or objections were received from the public. Copies of the proposed budget were given to the board members as well as three copies were available for viewing by the public.

Gene went over the spreadsheet he had prepared and his budget outline. The proposed budget was discussed and reviewed with the board. The valuation increased .47% which is the first increase in the last five years. Some of the increase in the budget is due to the need to budget to spend the COVID money that the county has and will receive and also because of road projects not completed but carried over to this fiscal year. There will not be as much money transferred from the Inheritance Tax Fund this fiscal year. The levy will increase to .2918 from .2621 last year. This would make approximately an extra \$30.00 in taxes for every \$100,000.00 of valuation.

There was no further discussion, questions or comments from anyone present.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to close the public hearing on the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 at 9:23 A.M. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to open the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax request at 9:23 A.M. (immediately following the proposed budget hearing). On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Gene Ulmer explained the purpose of the hearing and answered questions. No written or oral comments or objections were received from the public.



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Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to close the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax request at 9:39 A.M. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors meeting began at 9:40 A.M. with all members present.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Samuelson to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 31, 2021 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to adopt Resolution #21-22 to accept the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 as presented. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried. (Copy of Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Schmidt to adopt Resolution #21-23 to set the final 2021-2022 proposed tax request at \$6,067,504.00. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that the deck on the bridge north of Harvard will be poured next week, the work on Road S is done and work will be starting on Road X.

An agreement from BSNF was discussed. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the chairman to sign the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between BNSF Railway Company and Clay County. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

An easement request to bury a fiber optic cable/line was discussed. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the request from Glenwood Telecommunications Inc. to bury a fiber optics cable/line across Road 302 from the NW ¼ of Section 36 T5N-R8W to the SW ¼ of Section 25 T5N-R8W. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

The Fee Reports had been emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of August 2021: County Clerk \$8,495.00; County Court \$7,289.48; Clerk of District Court \$56,444.70; County Sheriff \$5,642.88 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 21080001 through 21080052 in the amount of \$225,653.38. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 10:21 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for September 21, 2021. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman