



# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, September 28, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met September 28, 2021 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on September 22, 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 September 21, 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 September 21, 2021 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported the bridge deck they had been working on had been poured and would be cured on Wednesday. Railings and dirt work for it should be done by October 31. Priority has been given to Road X with the grading being done on the South half first which will be finished before starting on the North half. Completion should not take very long. Guys are working on culverts as well as rock crushing will be done when a machine is available to do it.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent gave his monthly report and thanked the board for the upgrade on a pickup. Greg reported on meetings attended, 825 miles of ROW sprayed and the drone demonstration. He is looking into different options to get a skid sprayer mounted.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to declare the Weed departments 2001 Dodge pickup, John Bean sprayer pump, IBM Typewriter and HP Deskjet printer as surplus. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

The budget preparer had been asked to use a 4% raise for employees when figuring the budget. The 2021-2022 budget has been approved and adopted with those figures.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to give all departments a 4% increase for wages for employees, to be dispersed at the discretion of the department head. This does not include elected officials' salaries. The raises will be effective for the pay period beginning November 19, 2021 (paid January 1, 2022). On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.



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Sharon Hueftle, South Central Economic Development, Stan Rouse, Glenwood Telecommunications Inc, Jennifer Reiman, Glenwood Representative, discussed partnering with Glenwood and South-Central Public Power District to have Clay County consider partnering with them for the ARPA funds to build Broadband Infrastructure in the rural areas of Clay County. They presented information, along with maps and charts on the benefits individuals including businesses would receive from the fiber connections it could provide. Grants are available, which they are applying for to help with these costs. It costs about \$25,000.00 a mile to build a fiber line. The board thanked them for their information and said they would review the information along with having the County Attorney look over the Memorandum of Understanding.

Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager, reported they have been working on mapping and information discussed at a safety meeting. Concerns being the front steps of the courthouse during the winter, fire drills, tornado drills and trainings for employees.

Inventories for the Communications Center and Emergency Manager will be reviewed at a later meeting.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 11:15 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for October 12, 2021. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

Danalee Nelson, Deputy Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman