



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met December 14, 2021 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 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, James Pavelka, Gerald Schmidt, Ivan Fintel, Dick Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Eric Samuelson. Minutes of the meeting held November 30, 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 Schmidt and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 30, 2021 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; abstain: Fintel; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that the new motor grader will be delivered today. They have been cutting trees, cleaning ditches and crushing rock. Some of the board members who attended the NACO meeting brought back brochures from different vendors. These were discussed and given to Tom.

Two easements were presented for review and discussion.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the easement requested by Robert Crumbliss to install an electrical line across Road Q from NE ¼ Sec. 4-T5N-R6W to NW ¼ Sec. 3-T5N-R6W to power a pivot. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Pavelka and Johnson; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the easement requested by Robert Crumbliss to install an electrical line across Road Y from NE ¼ Sec. 26-T6N-R5W to NW ¼ Sec. 25-T6N-R5W to power a pivot. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Samuelson entered the meeting at 9:08 A.M.

At 9:15 A.M. the on-call engineering proposals that were received were opened. The proposals were read and discussed.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to accept the proposals from Olsson, Inc. and Oak Creek Engineering for on call engineering services for 2022 as proposed and authorize the chairman to sign the letters of agreement. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.

The Fee Reports had been emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month



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of November 2021: County Clerk \$5,955.05; County Court \$13,407.43; Clerk of District Court \$11,781.00; County Sheriff \$2,094.30 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 21110001 through 21110045 in the amount of \$318,994.03. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

The Weed Superintendent had asked to have a pickup declared as surplus. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to declare the 1989 Ford F250 from the Weed department as surplus. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

The County Attorney will be consulted to help with changes to the advertisement for bids and the terms of the lease for the Marshall farm. This will be discussed again next week.

A recommendation for appointments for the Joint Planning and Zoning Commission was submitted by the Zoning Administrator. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Pavelka to re-appoint Andrew Leichleiter, Keith Johnson and Lyn Waegli to the Clay County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term that will expire on December 31, 2024. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried. Snow removal around the courthouse and the annex building will be discussed next week.

No action was taken on the EM and Communications Center inventories.

The salary committee met with the appointed officials and employees they supervise and made recommendations to the rest of the board. The recommendations were discussed and amended.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to accept the wage recommendations of the salary committee as discussed and amended. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Deb Sherlock, Colonial discussed group critical illness insurance. If 10 employees sign up, it is guaranteed issue. This would be employee elected and paid, no contribution from the county. She will contact department heads first and then meet with employees with a January 1, 2022 effective date in mind.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 11:05 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for December 21, 2021. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman