



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, January 11, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met January 11, 2022 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on January 5, 2022 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: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Minutes of the meeting held December 28, 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 Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 28, 2021 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

The chairman asked if there was any other old business; there was none.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Fintel there being no further old business, to adjourn the business meeting for the year 2021, Sine Die. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to appoint Deb Karnatz to act as Temporary Chairman. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to nominate L. Wayne Johnson for Chairman for 2022 and cast a unanimous ballot. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Schmidt; abstain: Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to nominate Jim Pavelka for Vice Chairman for 2022 and cast a unanimous ballot. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson; abstain: Pavelka. Motion carried.

Roll call was taken by the newly elected Chairman to commence business for the 2022 year showing the following present: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the various governing boards that they are currently serving on.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to have the governing board appointments be: Eric Samuelson to serve on the Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Inc. board with Gerald Schmidt as alternate; Scott Bitterman to serve on the Midland Area Agency on



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Aging board with L. Wayne Johnson as alternate; Ivan Fintel to serve on the Region 3 Behavioral Services board with James Pavelka as alternate; L. Wayne Johnson to serve as alternate on the Clay County Health Board (Dick Shaw is currently the representative serving a 3 year term); Dick Shaw to serve on the South Heartland District Health board with Scott Bitterman as alternate; Gerald Schmidt and L. Wayne Johnson to serve on the LEPC committee; and Jim Pavelka and L. Wayne Johnson to serve on the Clay County 9-1-1 committee. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Greg Shuck said he would be the representative on the RC&D board. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to appoint Greg Shuck to serve on the Trailblazer RC & D board with Eric Samuelson as alternate. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; abstain: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator was asked if she would be willing to continue to serve on the South Central Economic Development District board. Barb said she is the chair of that board and would like to continue serving.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to appoint Barb Barnett to represent Clay County on the South Central Economic Development District board with Gerald Schmidt as alternate for the year 2022. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to appoint Cassie Aksamit as NIRMA contact person for 2022. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to designate the Clay County News as the county's official newspaper for 2022. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to designate the Clay County website as an additional method of publishing notice of meetings of the Board of Supervisors/Board of Equalization; other departments may use this method at their discretion. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Designation of the broadcast media for Clay County was discussed. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Schmidt to designate KHAS radio station and KSNBC Nebraska TV station as licensed broadcast media for 2022. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

The Treasurer submitted a list of banks that are available to hold the deposits and CD's for Clay County. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt that the following banks be named as holding agencies for county funds for the year 2022: Cornerstone Bank branches in Clay Center, Edgar, Harvard, Glenvil, Sutton and York; Waypoint Bank Clay Center; Astra Bank Sutton and Pinnacle Bank Fairfield, NPAIT (Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust affiliated with NACO. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.



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Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that they are cutting trees and running equipment through the shops. He also discussed a few things that will go on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. The preliminary discussion for that is scheduled for January 25, 2022. There was also discussion on use of ARPA funds.

Advertising for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan and gravel bids were discussed.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to advertise the public hearing for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan to be held on February 8, 2022 at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to advertise for gravel bids to supply gravel for the county roads for the year 2022; bids to be opened on Feb. 15, 2022 at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

Wes Ehlers, WJE Consulting explained what he does with the cost allocation program for Clay County. Figuring the indirect cost is complicated that is why most counties use a consultant.

Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator presented the 2021 annual summary report for Planning and Zoning. The report also showed the statistics from 2005 to present.

Maddie Hughes and Steph Ledbetter with Zelle, HR explained the HR services that they provide and answered questions. They will put a formal proposal together and meet with the board again.

Since there was time, the Board took care of other agenda items.

The Fee Reports were sent 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 December 2021: County Clerk \$23,051.25; County Court \$10,036.23; Clerk of District Court \$9,141.54; Sheriff's fees \$1,667.98 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 21120001 through 21120043 in the amount of \$205,097.47. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.

A memorandum of understanding from Mike Irons, Veterans Service Officer was emailed prior to the meeting. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs and Clay County. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

The resolution to set the elected official's salaries for the next term was reviewed. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to authorize the chairman to sign Resolution #2022-01 setting elected official's salaries for 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 per the December 28, 2021 motion. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.



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The call list for the security system needs to be updated. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign the Signal and Zone Confirmation with Integrated Security Solutions. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

The board signed the Annual Report of County Officers, Signatures and Seals as requested by the Secretary of State.

The Marshall Township lease expires February 28, 2022. Advertising for the county owned farm in Marshall Township was discussed. It was decided to advertise for three weeks in the Clay County News and the Hastings Tribune.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to advertise in the Clay County News and Hastings Tribune for bids to rent the E ½ Section 5, Township 6, Range 6; bids to be opened February 15, 2022 at 9:45 A.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

The EM and Communications Center inventories were not discussed.

Brenda Hansen, County Assessor was present for public input. Leaving the heat on during the weekend was discussed.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 11:37 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for January 18, 2022. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman