



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, February 8, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met February 8, 2022 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on February 2, 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, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Pavelka. Minutes of the meeting held January 25, 2022 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.

There was no Public Input.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 25, 2022 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; absent: Pavelka. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that they are shredding trees, cleaning ditches and working on culverts. The progress on the Railroad bridge by Sutton was discussed. The survey is done, it is getting close to the final design stage and he is hoping to be able to advertise for bids in late summer or early fall.

An agreement was received from the State of Nebraska Department of Roads for Project Number: STP-74-5(110) for the purpose of highway improvements on Highway 74 and Ong Spur. The State asks the County to provide a Registered Land Surveyor to tie out land monuments prior to the construction and tie and re-establish monuments after construction. The agreement states that the State will reimburse the County for actual costs.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the chairman to sign the Agreement and the Resolution between Clay County Nebraska and the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads to tie out land monuments as necessary for Project No. STP-74-5(110) and receive reimbursement for those costs. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Pavelka. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to open the One & Six Year Road Plan public hearing at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Schmidt and Johnson; absent: Pavelka. Motion carried.

Maps of the 1 and 6 Year Plan were handed out. Some of the projects that were discussed included asphalt overlays, culverts, bridges and grading. 95% of the timber bridges in the county have been replaced.



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There was no one else present during the hearing. There were no written or oral comments, suggestions or objections received.

There being no other discussion on the 1 & 6 Plan, other agenda items were dealt with during the hearing time.

The Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of January 2022: County Clerk \$13,636.73; County Court \$7,310.72; Clerk of District Court \$60,811.35; Sheriff's fees \$12,067.18 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 22010001 through 22010054 in the amount of \$1,522,563.53. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson; absent: Pavelka. Motion carried.

A cover letter and Resolution for the Local Emergency Operations Plan was received from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. Nebraska Emergency Management Agency is modifying the requirement for a county to complete its local emergency operations plan (LEOP). By December 31, 2022, and from that point forward, all LEOPs will need to be completely uploaded into, and kept current in, the BOLDplanning platform.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #22-05 adopting the County Local Emergency Operations Plan. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Pavelka. Motion carried. (resolution on file in County Clerk's office)

The Assessor has asked that a printer used by her office be declared as surplus; Eakes will remove and dispose of it. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to declare a HP5200 laser printer as surplus. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; absent: Pavelka. Motion carried.

The EM and Communications Center inventories were discussed. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the inventories for the Emergency Manager and Communications Center and place on file in the County Clerk's office. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Pavelka. Motion carried.

Donna Jensen, Director of the Clay County Health Department presented the directors report for the October through December 2021 quarter. The report has been formatted differently in order to compare the current information with the last quarter and the last year. A quote for the office furniture was presented. The chairs are available now but they are waiting for delivery information for the rest. Donna had questions concerning shared office space with a non-county office. Privacy and security concerns were discussed and she asked if something should be put in the handbook. The board felt that the concerns were not really needing to be addressed in the handbook but should be managed by the office. It was concluded that the concerns could be addressed by installing locks on the office doors. Mobile clock ins, mileage and work hour flexibility were also discussed.



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Recommendations for board appointments for the Clay County Health Board were received and reviewed. Laurie Kohmetscher has agreed to serve a second term. Jolene Hakanson has resigned and Esmeralda Flores has agreed to serve for the remainder of that term. It was discovered that Dick Shaw's term on the board had expired in January.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to re-appoint Laurie Kohmetscher to the Clay County Health Board for a second three-year term ending in February 2025. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Schmidt and Johnson; absent: Pavelka. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to appoint Esmeralda Flores to the Clay County Health Board to fill the remainder of Jolene Hakanson's term that ends in January of 2024. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson; absent: Pavelka. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to appoint Dick Shaw as the County Board of Supervisors representative to a three-year term on the Clay County Health Board. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Pavelka. Motion carried.

Megan Burda, Engagement Zone Coordinator Nebraska Extension introduced Cara Felber as the new office manager in the Clay County Extension office. She also told the board that Michael Sindelar will be leaving UNL Extension with his last day being April 11, 2022.

A list of surplus property for emergency management was received from Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager. The electronic items will be placed on the next electronic recycling. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to declare 2 computer towers, 2 laptop computers, 7 tablets, 2 PC batteries, 1 AED battery, off brand battery, pager and RAE kit as surplus from emergency management. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; absent: Pavelka. Motion carried.

Chairman Johnson reported that he would be testifying in support of Senator Murman's bill (LB1135). Conservation easements and the money Clay County is losing in tax dollars due to the land that is owned by Federal entities were discussed.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel that the Clay County Board of Supervisors unanimously support Senator Murman's bill LB1135. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Pavelka. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to close the One & Six Year Road Plan hearing at 10:18 A.M. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Schmidt and Johnson; absent: Pavelka. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to approve the 1 & 6 Year Road plan as presented, with no changes, by Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent, and adopt Resolution #22-04. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson; absent: Pavelka. Motion carried.



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RESOLUTION #22-04

WHEREAS: The Clay County Board of Supervisors met February 8, 2022, at 9:15 A.M. for a public hearing at the Clay County Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, during the regular meeting of the Clay County Board of Supervisors Clay Center, Nebraska to consider the County One and Six Year Road Plan, as prepared by Thomas Roemmich II,

WHEREAS: No public interest and/or suggestion was heard at the public hearing on February 8, 2022, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Clay County Board of Supervisors, that the One and Six Year Road Plan as prepared and presented by Thomas Roemmich II, Clay County Highway Superintendent is hereby adopted.

Passed and approved this 8th day of February, 2022.

ATTEST:

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

CLAY COUNTY

L. Wayne Johnson, Board Chairman

Michele Bever, Executive Director South Heartland District Health Department presented the annual report for the fiscal year that ended in June of 2021. The financial report was discussed with Michele explaining that the majority of the expenses went to preparedness and response to the pandemic. Part of the district's responsibilities are to assess a community's needs and work on a plan to address those needs. Community Health Improvement Plan priorities are mental health, cancer, substance misuse, access to care, and Obesity and related health conditions. The departments COVID-19 dashboard was discussed and the information on it was explained. The districts community positivity is going down but remains high.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 11:05 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for February 15, 2022. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Pavelka. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman