



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, February 15, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met February 15, 2022 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on February 9, 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 February 8, 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 Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 8, 2022 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; abstain: Pavelka. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that they have been cutting trees and hauling concrete. Bridge and culvert projects were discussed.

At 9:15 A.M. the gravel bids were opened. Representatives from Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc. and Dewese Sand & Gravel, Inc. were present. The proposals were:

Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc.:

PROJECT #1-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Leicester, Harvard, Inland, and Lynn Townships.

Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$16.00 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #2-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Eldorado, Lewis, School Creek and Sutton Townships.

Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$16.50 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #3-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Glenvil, Lone Tree, Spring Ranch, and Fairfield Townships.

Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$17.50 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #4-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Marshall, Sheridan, Edgar, and Logan Townships. Delivered for Clay County. No bid.

PROJECT #5-36,000 cu. yds. more or less, for the entire Clay County. Delivered for Clay County. No bid.



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Bid for Class “A” gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for Clay County Pit-\$9.75.

Bid for Class “A” oversized road gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for Clay County Pit and Hall County Pit – no bid.

Deweese Sand and Gravel, Inc.:

PROJECT #1-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Leicester, Harvard, Inland, and Lynn Townships.

Delivered for Clay County – no bid.

PROJECT #2-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Eldorado, Lewis, School Creek and Sutton Townships.

Delivered for Clay County – no bid.

PROJECT #3-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Glenvil, Lone Tree, Spring Ranch, and Fairfield Townships.

Delivered for Clay County – no bid.

PROJECT #4-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Marshall, Sheridan, Edgar, and Logan Townships. Delivered for Clay County – no bid.

PROJECT #5-36,000 cu. yds. more or less, for the entire Clay County.

Delivered for Clay County – no bid.

Bid for Class “A” gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for Clay County for the sum of \$13.75 per cu. yd. and \$9.50 per cu. yd. Hall County Pit.

Bid for Class “A” oversized road gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for Clay County Pit and Hall County Pit – no bid.

The bids were discussed. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to accept all bids to supply gravel to Clay County from March 15, 2022 to March 15, 2023; with the option to purchase from either company. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

There was open time on the agenda so other items were taken care of.

A letter from South Heartland District Health Department concerning an upcoming vacancy for a “public spirited” board member was discussed. Nanette Shackelford has been serving in that capacity and is eligible to serve another term. She has agreed to be considered for reappointment.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to reappoint Nanette Shackelford to the South Heartland District Health Department board of health for a three-year term beginning in April 2022. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.



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A conservation easement application was received and emailed to the board members prior to the meeting. The process for handling this was discussed.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to require Wetlands America Trust Inc. go through the process of permitting as set out in the Clay County Comprehensive Plan for conditional use permits for Conservation Easements. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

At 9:45 A.M. the County Board opened cash rent bids on the E ½ Sec. 5-T6N-R6W, as advertised in the Clay County News and Hastings Tribune. One bid was received and opened.

For 3 years: Quad H Ag, Inc./Lorraine and Bradley Hofmann \$291,090.00.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to accept the cash rent bid of \$291,090.00 for a 3-year lease on the E ½ Sec. 5-T6N-R6W, Marshall Township from Quad H Ag, Inc./Lorraine and Bradley Hofmann for the 2022, 2023 and 2024 crop years; rent payable on April 1st of each of the three years. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.

Brandy VanDeWalle, Extension Educator presented information on the key accomplishments of 2021. 1 in 2 Clay County youth were reached through 4-H and Extension programming. 106 high school students experienced Connecting the Dots, an interactive career exploration simulation. 74 youth and 13 volunteer leaders participated in the 4-H shooting sports program. 99 elementary students were reached by school enrichment nutrition kits. 76 people attended the cow/calf college.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff reported on the purchase of a vehicle. Jeff also talked about the increase in drug trafficking and drug arrests. The cost of holding inmates for other counties was discussed. The board feels that the rate Clay County charges is too low so this will be discussed again next week. Bitterman left the meeting at 10:21 A.M.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 10:35 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for February 22, 2022. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; stepped out: Samuelson; absent: Bitterman. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman