



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met March 15, 2022 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on March 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 22, 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 Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 22, 2022 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on the status of tree removal on Road 316 and as soon as this project is done, they will move to working on culverts. Tom spoke with Jake with Murphy regarding replacing motor graders. Inflation is looking to put the cost of motor graders up about 15% coming June. Discussion was had that Tom could look into getting bids prior to June for 2 motor graders and the payment options on them. Further discussion will be had at next week's meeting for authorizing Tom to get bids on motor graders. Johnson provided Tom with information he had received from SPUD on road resurfacing. Tom will review the same.

The gravel contract with Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc came in. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the chairman to sign the gravel contract with Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

The gravel contract with Deweese Sand & Gravel came in. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign the gravel contract with Deweese Sand & Gravel. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

An easement request from Black Hills NE Gas LLC for a natural gas pipeline was discussed. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the request from Black Hills NE Gas LLC for a natural gas pipeline undercrossing Road B from NE1/4 corner 30-8-8 to NW1/4 corner 29-8-8. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

An easement request from Ben Onken for an electric line for irrigation was discussed. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the request from Ben Onken to install an electric line across Road 306 from NW1/4 10-5-8 to SW1/4 3-5-8 for irrigation. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.



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An easement request from Ben Onken for an electric line for irrigation was discussed. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the request from Ben Onken to install an electric line across Road D from NE1/4 4-5-8 to NW1/4 3-5-8 for irrigation. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

An easement request from Doug Rader for an electric line for irrigation was discussed. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to approve the request from Doug Rader to install an electric line across Road D from SE1/4 9-8-8 to SW1/4 10-8-8 to power an irrigation well. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Jeff Palik with Olsson presented options and status of the Sutton Railroad Bridge Project. The Board advised that Tom and Jeff continue on track with where they are at with the project options and gather additional information to assist with making the final decision on which project option to construct.

Kimberly with Pitney Bowes called in for a telephone conference with the Board to answer their questions regarding a postage meter proposal.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff reported that he is preparing for the annual jail inspection happening tomorrow. Franklin advised that his injured officer has obtained his work release; Clay County has received a Highway Safety Grant Award – with this Jeff has ordered 2 car cameras; however, the grant does not cover the full cost of the cameras so the remaining cost will be covered by stop funds. The new patrol car was received last week and is now with Platte Valley to get communication hardware installed. Jeff mentioned to the Board that at a future meeting he would like to discuss budgeting for wage changes for deputies.

Chairman Johnson brought back discussion of the Pitney Bowes postage meter. Additional information was provided by Brenda Hansen, County Assessor. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to authorize the chairman to sign the 5 year rental installment agreement with Pitney Bowes for a postage meter. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Information pertaining to a Resolution for funds for licensed daycares has not been received from attorney John Lyons. Chairman L. Wayne Johnson will follow up with Mr. Lyons.

The Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of February 2022: County Clerk \$11,460.56; County Court \$6,482.83; Clerk of District Court \$21,898.89; Sheriff's fees \$10,198.96 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 22020001 through 22020061 in the amount of \$207,978.33. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

A request from the Assessor's office to declare a cabinet and typewriter stand and a request from the Health Department to declare 2 desks as surplus was provided to the Board. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve and declare the cabinet and typewriter stand from the Assessor's office and 2 desks from the Health Department as surplus. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

An Amended Joinder Agreement for the added supplemental life insurance was received from National Insurance Services. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Fintel to authorize the chairman to sign the Amended Joinder Agreement for Group Term Life Insurance. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.



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CISA Service Agreements were presented to the Board to authorize CISA to begin their Vulnerability Scanning Assessments. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the chairman to sign the CISA Service Agreements. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

The regional Community Wildlife Protection Plan was received for review. Johnson made a phone call to Tim Lewis to get additional information. The Board requests that Tim present additional information to the Board at the next meeting.

The Marshall Township Farm Lease was received with tenant's signatures. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to authorize the chairman to sign the Marshall Township Farm Lease. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

A proposal from V&M Lawn Spraying was received for the 2022 year. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Schmidt to accept the proposal from V&M Lawn Spraying for the 2022 year for fertilizer and grub control in the amount of \$1,635.00. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to adopt Resolution #22-08 for security pledge CUSIP #3133ENCZ1 for \$500,000.00 through Waypoint Bank, Clay Center, NE acting as a depositor for Clay County and authorize the chairman to sign. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in Clerk's office.)

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

Cassie Aksamit, Board Secretary

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman