



# Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, March 22, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met March 22, 2022 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on March 16, 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, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Minutes of the meeting held March 15, 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 Pavelka and seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 15, 2022 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent: reported that the guys are getting ready to start working up by Trumbull. Tom attended the Central District Meeting last week and reported that additional funds are coming next year for the purchase program. Currently with the federal funds that came in about 2 weeks ago there is enough money that could be used for the Sutton bridge or asphalt project. Tom brought the Board up to date regarding LB791 and LB750. Discussion was had regarding the county responsibility of the road out to the Research Center outside of Clay Center. Tom is going to get in touch with the Director out there to discuss a plan for the next overlay project and how to get funding to assist with the cost of the same.

An easement request from Richard Kahman for a water line was discussed. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the easement requested by Richard Kahman for a 2" to 1 1/2" line from city water main across Road K from SW1/4 3-5-7 to SE1/4 4-5-7 for water supply to shop building. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Tom gave an update on the two motor graders that he is looking to replace; one being out of warranty and one is in for work covered by warranty. The possibility of having federal funds available for this was discussed. The Board asked Tom to gather additional information on payment options and bring to the Board for discussion at the next meeting.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent: the Monthly Report was provided to the Board. Greg informed the Board that there are proposed verbiage changes to the State of Nebraska's Rules and Regulations pertaining to the exemption of non-native Phragmites in political subdivision wastewater treatment plants. Greg has written a letter to Senator Murman and is asking the Board to also compose a letter on behalf of Clay County. The Board has asked Greg to have the information ready for the next meeting for the Board to review and act on. The Trail Blazer sponsorship request of \$400.00 for the year 2022 was discussed.

No resolution for funds for licensed daycares was presented.



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Keith Marvin discussed a proposal for updating the Clay County Comprehensive Plan. Examples of plans from surrounding counties was provided for review. Keith will send over a proposal for what he believes the County needs done to update the Comprehensive Plan and the estimated cost for the same but advises that it is likely to range from \$22,000.00 to \$25,000.00. It appears that the County could be more attractive for some grants if we show that we are keeping current with our Comprehensive Plan. It could take anywhere from 9-12 months to complete the update to the Plan; once we have a completed update, we would have full access to the Plan to keep it current going forward. If or when we need assistance with updates to the Plan, Keith would be available and would discuss at that time the cost for said assistance. Keith will have the proposal with fee breakdown sent over for the Board to review at the next meeting.

Holli Alley, Extension: 4H updates were provided and Holli let the Board know that she is finally starting to get more activities going for the first time in the last two years. Some of the recent activities have included: shooting sports, after school workshop and invention day. Holli is gearing up for the 4H season and County Fair. The new office manager, Cara Felber, is doing well and Holli believes she is able to handle the office management duties on her own now.

Robin Gilbert, Treasurer: The Tax Sale Report was provided to the Board for review; Robin reported that this month the total real estate and personal property taxes collected is around \$750,000.00.

Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager: Chairman Johnson asked if the County has a Hazard Mitigation Plan that is current; Tim reported that this just got finished up at the beginning of this year. Details on the South Central East Community Wildlife Protection Plan were discussed. Lewis advised that the local fire chiefs would still set the regulations but that participating in the Plan could allow for possible cost sharing with the state if we would look to maintain the areas that have "burning fuel" (i.e., heavy grass lands, etc.). Lewis also noted that Fish & Wildlife is participating in this plan and this would allow areas like Massie's Lagoon to have controlled burns to try to prevent wildfires. On Monday a diesel spill occurred but the Department of Energy and Environment is overseeing the clean up. Lewis noted that the engineering with Next Link is done; he is to provide the information once he receives it to get it on the agenda.

Chairman Johnson brought up for discussion a phone call he received from the Rural Fire Board regarding ways to get financial assistance for an ambulance. Tim Lewis advised the Board that Nebraska just passed legislation that allows ARPA funds to be used for equipment such as this. Johnson provided Lewis with the phone number for a member of the Rural Fire Board so that he can have that conversation with them directly.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Shaw to adopt the South Central East Community Wildfire Protection Plan, to authorize the chairman to sign the same and designate Tim Lewis as the contact person for the steering committee. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Brenda Hansen discussed the LB644 print shop designation that was discussed at the Central District Meeting last week. The County has the opportunity to utilize the state print shop and can get the processing of the postcards at \$0.48/postcard. Services of the state print shop would include: MIPS transferring the data from the Assessor's program to the state print shop, printing of the required postcard, postage applied and mailing.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to designate the state print shop as the County's printer for the LB644 postcards. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.



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Chairman Johnson gave a summary on the Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance quote.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Pavelka to authorize the chairman to sign the Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance quote with Option 6 being full coverage with a \$7,512.96 annual deductible. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to recess from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 11:06 AM to go into the Board of Equalization meeting. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to resume the Board of Supervisors meeting at 11:09 AM. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

The claims were distributed for review and discussion.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the claims that were presented and authorize the County Clerk to pay from the appropriate funds. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$113,113.40
Adams County Clerk, 21-22 Probation budget	5,391.22
AFLAC, Insurance	531.24
Cassie Aksamit, Mileage, Wellness supplies	196.84
Holli Alley, Mileage, Supplies	60.26
Aspegren Repair, Parts, Labor	3,940.60
AT&T Mobility, Cell Phones	114.19
Aurora Cooperative Elevator, tires	313.10
Barb Barnett, Mileage	106.59
Joni Bitterman, Mileage	104.13
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	1,392.33
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	74,442.15
Bockstadter & Glen Law LLC, Attorney Fees	485.02
BTS, Sheriff phone system	2,385.69
Business World, Supplies	157.41
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier lease	78.02
Cash-Wa Distributing, Food, Supplies	910.73
Central NE Assessor Association, Dues	20.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities,	396.77
Clay County News, Advertising	833.41
Clay County Treasurer, Postage	10,026.00
Clearly, Phone	430.26
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	359.00
Collection Associates, Garnishment	11.31
Colonial Life, Ins	740.78
Consolidated Management Company, Jail School	20.56
Corner Market, Food, Supplies	3,198.58



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Cornerstone Bank, Taxes, Retirement, Child Support	55,977.38
CPI, Fuel	3,251.22
Credit Management Services Inc., Garnishment	435.67
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	11.00
Dollar General, Supplies	307.80
Eakes, Supplies	2,399.43
ES&S, Election supplies	770.63
Cara Felber, Mileage	32.76
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	6,012.97
Friesen Chevrolet, Service	49.95
Robin Gilbert, Mileage	88.92
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	2,291.67
Brenda Hansen, Mileage, Office equip.	339.52
Hometown Leasing, Lease	1,292.48
Howards Glass, Door repair	120.78
JP Remodeling, Fence at Courthouse	6,622.00
Taylor Jacobs, Fuel reimbursement	25.00
Madison National Life, Ins.	188.57
MDM Pest & Termite, Pest control	100.00
Memorial Health Clinic, Medical	766.00
Menards, Supplies	42.95
Midwest Radar & Equip., Radar recertification	320.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	2,762.68
Mustang Inc., Supplies	21.40
Nationwide, 457 Plan	475.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, Lodging	450.00
NE Assoc of County Officials, Registration	40.00
Mariah Newmyer, Mileage	14.04
Obstetricians & Gynecologists, Health Dept. furniture	1,200.00
Office Depot, Supplies	251.64
ONSOLVE, Code Red	1,000.00
James Pavelka, Reg.	40.00
PrecisionIT, Server, Service, Supplies	1,895.50
Rod's Total Property, Snow removal	585.00
Gabby Schmidt, Supplies	68.44
Skalka & Baack Law Firm, Attorney fees	2,519.92
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	1,560.89
Stehlik Law Firm, Attorney fees	678.50
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	2,600.00
Sutton Electric, Repairs	189.79
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	26.58
Sutton Pharmacy, Inmate medicine	108.91
Unite Private Network, LLC., Internet	1,606.00
US Bank, Supplies	99.98
US Cellular, Cell Phones	333.55



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Brandy VanDewalle, Mileage	56.16
Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	40.03
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	422.78
Windstream, Service	653.39
Woodward's, Garbage	367.50
Ziamba Roofing, Roof repair Health Dept.	296.00
4H Showworks, License renewal	175.00

## ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$50,893.72
Action Auto Supply, Supplies	742.88
AFLAC, Insurance	1,248.47
All Road Barricades, Battery	241.20
Aspegren Repair, Parts, Labor	150.67
Aramark, Janitorial supplies	604.32
Aurora Cooperative Elevator, Supplies	26.34
Beck's Farm Equip, Service, Supplies	77.21
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	1,528.11
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	2,334.32
Card Services, Supplies	145.19
Carey's Pest Control, Pest Control	65.00
City Limits Auto Salvage, Parts	135.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	100.05
City of Edgar, Utilities	52.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	60.00
City of Harvard, Utilities	72.20
City of Sutton, Utilities	138.42
Colonial Life, Ins	548.04
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	26,598.49
Cornhusker Cleaning, Supplies	96.36
CPI, Fuel	4,573.51
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning service	300.00
Diamond Mowers, Parts	154.02
Dollar General, Supplies	20.50
Eakes, Supplies	61.50
Eggers Landscape, Materials	490.00
Equipment Blades, Grader blades	3,436.00
Fastenal Company, Signs	240.40
Filter Care of NE, Service	567.40
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	315.00
Fleet Pride, Supplies, Parts, Labor	5,505.44
Friesen Chevrolet, Supplies, Parts, Labor	2,515.26
Garrett Enterprises, Loader tires	5,971.80
George Bros. Propane, Fuel	9,096.31
George's 66 Service, Fuel	568.21



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Hamilton Telecommunication, Internet	85.98
Hays Land Surveying, Surveying	347.50
Island Supply Welding, Supplies	360.37
John Deere Financial, Parts	166.31
Ken & Al's, Fuel	715.40
Kully Pipe & Steel, Supplies	595.52
Lawson Products, Supplies	327.29
LCL Truck Equipment, Supplies	464.00
Leroy Johnson, Lime rock	6,743.20
Madison National Life, Ins.	50.74
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Tests	100.00
Matheson Tri-Gas, Parts	133.23
Medical Enterprises, Drug costs	140.00
Menards, Supplies	3,335.36
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Supplies	29,355.57
Midwest Service, Culverts, Supplies	31,237.00
MIPS, Service	133.20
Moore Electric, Parts, Labor	145.00
NAPA Auto Parts, Supplies	97.97
Nationwide, 457 Plan	350.00
Nebraska Truck Center, Supplies	426.70
Newman Traffic Signs, Supplies	7,360.00
NMC Exchange, Parts	3,641.24
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Supplies	244.56
Olsson, Surveying	15,820.00
Plains Excavating, Excavator Rental	2,325.00
Platte Valley Communications, Radio equip.	665.85
PrecisionIT, Service	32.50
Protex Central, Supplies	150.57
R & K Services, Fuel	55.70
RAKA, Equipment rental	9,470.97
South Central Public Power, Utilities	506.91
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	115.23
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	19.99
True Blue Diesel, Parts & Labor	196.00
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	171.20
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	216.42
Windstream, Service, Internet	618.75
Woodward's, Garbage	55.00

## ROD P M FUND

MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$456.66
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## HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$8,307.76
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Leslie Anderson, Mileage	\$9.36
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	260.98
Denise Carroll, Nursing Supplies	59.79
Clay County News, Advertising	55.60
Colonial, Ins	190.59
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	3,891.55
Creighton University, Registration	170.00
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	36.00
Eakes, Supplies	13.41
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	225.00
Flood Communications, Supplies	1,810.00
Donna Jensen, Mileage, Supplies	488.69
JP Remodeling, Remodeling	5,424.00
Madison National Life, Ins.	7.10
Sara Marshall, Mileage	391.95
Nationwide, 457 Plan	100.00
Precision IT, Service	16.25
Rainier Medical, Cont. Ed.	275.00
Smile Makers, Grant supplies	34.49
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	28.17

## 911 FUND

Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$146.60
ERC Communications, Tower rent	1,080.00
First Wireless, Headsets	498.54
Midwest Engines, Generator transfer switch	\$1,153.44
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$65.03
Windstream, Service, Internet	381.34

## E911 FUND

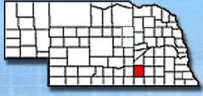
First Wireless, Headsets	\$1,347.89
Windstream, Service, Internet	1,031.04

## E 911 HOLDING FUND

Midwest Engines, Generator transfer switch	3,118.56
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## WEED FUND

Employees, Wages	\$1,622.94
Action Auto Supply, Supplies	\$10.75
AFLAC, Insurance	52.78
AT&T Mobility, Cell phone	34.49
Beck's Farm Equip, Supplies	83.01
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	78.80
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	250.46
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	2,015.47



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CPI, Fuel	173.34
Friesen's Chevrolet, Service	46.55
Nationwide, 457 Plan	270.00
Nextlink, Internet	28.40
Greg Shuck, Supplies	40.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	121.07
Superior Outdoor Power, Battery	79.95
Warne Chemical, Sprayer repair	140.68

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 11:50 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for March 29, 2022. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Board Secretary

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman