



# Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, March 29, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met March 29, 2022 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on March 23, 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, Fintel and Johnson. Minutes of the meeting held March 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 Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 22, 2022 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw and Johnson; abstain: Fintel. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent: The guys are working on new ditches but have come across a private fence and gate that is sitting on the county right-of-way. Tom has had discussion with the property owner and they will find a way to accommodate the expanded ditch and get the fence and gate moved; blade guys are working on wind rows.

Jake Ryba and Cody Cure with Murphy Tractor & Equipment presented the Quote Summary with state bid for 2 motor graders to the Board. One motor grader would be available in June 2022 and a second would be available around January 2023.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to authorize the chairman to sign the Quote Summary with state bid for 2 2022 John Deere 770G motor graders from Murphy Tractor and Equipment for \$391,600.00; with the 2016 John Deere 770G and 2015 John Deere 770G as trade in. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Mike Carroll, Custodian: Mike let the Board know that the fencing around the air handler is complete other than an access gate being moved to make it wider; an estimate is being obtained to replace the tile flooring at the handicap access door; Sutton Electric has been called to take a look at the District Court breaker as it has been tripping repeatedly; Thrasher came out to assess the North entrance and how the pavement has shifted at the bottom of the staircase – an estimate of around \$2,816.00 was provided for Thrasher to lift and restabilize the pavement – Mike given the okay to go forward with having Thrasher do the work; Mike has finalized the Emergency Procedure outline and will provide the same to each office in the Courthouse; JP Remodeling will set handrails along the sidewalk on the East side near the street access.

An Application for the Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance Plan was presented to the Board. The Application with invoice just confirms the action of the Board accepting Option 6 on the Insurance Plan that was presented at the last meeting.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to authorize the chairman to sign the Application for the Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance Plan and approve the invoice. On



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roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

A letter to Director Wellman with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture regarding non-native Phragmites was presented to the Board for approval and signature.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to authorize the chairman to sign the letter to Director Wellman regarding non-native Phragmites. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

A Contract for Services and update outline from Marvin Planning Consultants for the Clay County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations was presented to the Board. Said contract was also provided to John Lyons and NIRMA for review prior to today's meeting. Guidance has been received from Mr. Lyons and NIRMA regarding necessary language needing incorporated into the Contract. Chairman Johnson will contact Keith Marvin and Mr. Lyons to discuss further.

The contract from NextLink was presented to the Board. Chairman Johnson made a phone call to Tim Lewis to discuss. Chairman Johnson will discuss this further with Tim Lewis and John Lyons. Tim Lewis plans to have the representative from NextLink be present at a future board meeting.

The Board discussed the information received from NACO and their suggestion to either have a consulting firm available regarding the ARPA funds or the county utilize NACO when considering spending of ARPA funds. Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer, joined the meeting. The Board along with Robin Gilbert agreed that the county would create a small ARPA Committee consisting of Robin Gilbert, James Pavelka, Ivan Fintel and Cassie Aksamit. Said committee would convene whenever needed to stay on track with the continuous information and deadlines pertaining to the County's receipt of and spending of ARPA funds.

Because there has not been enough revenue collected to pay all the bills for the Weed and Road Funds, it was decided to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to adopt Resolution #22-09 to transfer \$2,646.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Weed Fund and \$15,880.00 to the Road Fund as loans to be paid back if/when funds are available. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 10:32 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for April 12, 2022. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Board Secretary

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman