

Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, April 19, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met April 19, 2022 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on April 13, 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 April 12, 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 Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 12, 2022 as mailed with the exception of correcting the wording from Planning and Zoning Committee to Planning and Zoning Commission. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Bitterman and Johnson; abstain: Shaw; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent: The guys are keeping busy with grading the roads; culverts are showing up tomorrow; dash cams have been delivered so Tom will use the NIRMA grant to apply towards the purchase of them; grant funds are available for purchase of a bush shredder or tree cutter – Tom says there is time to decide on which piece of equipment the County would like to purchase in order to receive the grant funds.

An easement request from Black Hills Energy was received for a natural gas pipeline from Section 10, Township 5 North, Range 6 West to Section 11, Township 5 North, Range 6 West approximately 200 feet more or less North of the intersection of Road 305 & Road R crossing; starting at a point 2,650 feet South of Road R and Road 305 then continue North 1,290 feet.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement request from Black Hills Energy for a natural gas pipeline from Section 10, Township 5 North, Range 6 West to Section 11, Township 5 North, Range 6 West approximately 200 feet more or less North of the intersection of Road 305 & Road R crossing; starting at a point 2,650 feet South of Road R and Road 305 then continue North 1,290 feet. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the possible observance of the Juneteenth Holiday. It was decided that Cassie Aksamit is to contact other Counties to see if they are going to observe this as a County Holiday and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

Chairman Johnson will be attending the 30x30 Summit on Friday – welcomes any additional Board members to join him.

Chairman Johnson has worked through the Contract with Keith Marvin (MPC) and Brandy Johnson (NIRMA). Johnson believes they have finalized the Contract and will provide the same to County Attorney John Lyons for review. Discussion and/or action on this Contract will take place at the next meeting.

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Chairman Johnson reminded his Board members that the Board Workshop is in June and that the registration to attend is now open.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent: The Reports and Requirements Summary from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture was presented to the Board. Greg provided his monthly report and advised the Board of the NAISMA Conference coming up in November. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Shaw to approve Greg Shuck to attend the NAISMA Conference in November. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, and Johnson; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

County Board Supervisor Ivan Fintel arrived at 9:33 A.M.

Donna Jensen, Health Department Director: The Director's Report for the 3rd Quarter was presented to the Board. Discussion of the radio announcements for child vaccinations (VFC) and Covid was brought up – Donna advised the Board that these VFC and Covid radio announcements are paid for through grants.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff: New rules and regulations are expected to be provided to the Sheriff's Department soon; the equipment install in the new patrol car is complete; the car from the federal surplus is ready to be picked up; the new deputy vests that were ordered in November have been delivered – Jeff will surplus the old vests; Jeff has old electronics that he will surplus for the electronic recycling event this year.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 10:15 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for April 26, 2022. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Board Secretary

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman