



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, May 24, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met May 24, 2022 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on May 18, 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: Scott Bitterman, Eric Samuelson, James Pavelka, Gerald Schmidt, Ivan Fintel, Dick Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson. Minutes of the meeting held May 17, 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.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 17, 2022 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Shaw and Johnson; abstain: Bitterman and Fintel. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that the crew is working the Sutton Road; measurements are done on the viaduct bridge so the Railroad plan is being updated with those; Tom discussed the railroad crossing in Inland and that he has again reached out to the railroad to repair the hole in the crossing – the Board agrees to place a flashing light near the crossing to hope to grab drivers attention to slow down before coming across the hole; a Resolution to extend the Asphalt Road Weight Limits was presented to the Board; wages for the Road crew was discussed – the Board would like to discuss wage increases with the County CPA.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to adopt Resolution 22-10 to extend the Asphalt Road Weight Limits for an additional 90 days starting June 1, 2022. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Samuelson and Johnson; nay: Bitterman. Motion carried.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer reported on the County bank accounts – Chairman Johnson will discuss with County Attorney, John Lyons, the process for closing some existing County Attorney accounts; the application period for the 2nd payment of the stimulus funds is now open; the setup for funding the postage meter is complete and Robin can now work on transferring the requested postage funds onto the machine's account; Robin presented Resolution 22-11 for security pledge CUSIP #978599DV7 for \$280,000.00 through Waypoint Bank, Clay Center, NE.

Motion by Fintel and seconded Samuelson to adopt Resolution 22-11 for security pledge CUSIP #978599DV7 through Waypoint Bank, Clay Center, NE acting as a depositor for Clay County and authorize the chairman to sign the same. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Josie Lindell with First Light Child Advocacy Center met with the Board to present their annual report and budget request. First Light Child Advocacy Center works closely with Law Enforcement, County Attorneys, Department of Health and Human Services and Schools to get insight into the surroundings of children in the County. Their finances are primarily received through Federal and State funding. The 2022-2023 Budget Request presented was for \$5,500.00.



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Kerry Anne-Block and Amelia Benjamin with Area Substance & Alcohol Abuse Prevention (ASAAP) met with the Board to present their annual report and budget request. ASAAP is the only “prevention” agency in our 4-county area, working closely with South Heartland Health District and area colleges to bring awareness to County residents. Their finances are primarily received through Region 3 Behavioral Services on top of additional foundation donations. The 2022-2023 Budget Request presented was for \$6,000.00.

Tim Veenendaal, State Director for Wildlife Services met with the Board to introduce the new area Trapper and discuss the annual contract that was provided to the Board prior to today’s meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the Work/Financial Plan between Clay County and the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

Dan Rutt with Horizon Recovery, and accompanied by Carol Harrenstein, met with the Board to update the Board on the community involvement for their program and introduce Dave Reynolds, who is the Community Educator for the Life Skills Program that has been active in the Sandy Creek School system. The Life Skills Program is hopeful to be integrated into the School system for Harvard and Sutton in the future. No amount was provided to the Board for their Budget Request, only requested that they consider continuing to support their program and maybe match last year’s budget approval which was \$6,000.00.

The Board decided to wait on acting on today’s budget requests until they have a meeting with the County CPA.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff reported that the County has been invited to join the CAN DO organization, which is similar to the RAP organization that the County has worked with in the past; a contract with NextLink along with liability insurance coverage for NextLink was provided to the Board prior to today’s meeting - the Board advised Jeff to let NextLink continue their service on the County tower near the Sheriff’s Office due to said contract; a Deputy has resigned so Jeff will be advertising for this position; wages for the Deputies were discussed – the Board would like to discuss wage increases with the County CPA; Cassie Aksamit informed Jeff and the Board of the information gathered from the State Auditor’s office regarding a Commissary Fund – Cassie will provide the same to Jeff.

Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager, presented the Board with a Local Disaster Declaration for Clay County from the storms that occurred on May 12, 2022; the next Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting will be held in July and from that a list of members will be provided to the Clerk’s office and the Board.

The County Board has decided not to observe Juneteenth as a county paid holiday. Cassie Aksamit is to notify all county departments.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk, has presented her Letter of Resignation and request for nomination of Cassie Aksamit to fulfill the term of the County Clerk effective June 1, 2022.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to accept the Letter of Resignation of Deb Karnatz as the Clay County Clerk effective June 1, 2022. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to appoint Cassie Aksamit as the Clay County Clerk effective June 1, 2022, to fulfill the term of the Clerk position. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.



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Chairman Johnson informed the Board that he has had discussion with County Attorney, John Lyons, regarding the parcel in Saronville that the County owns. It is advised that the County advertise the parcel for sale and then have a public hearing on said sale. Cassie Aksamit will work with the County Attorney's office to move forward with this.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to recess from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 12:03 P.M to go into the Board of Equalization meeting. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to resume the Board of Supervisors meeting at 12:21 P.M. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit discussed with the Board how the county credit card account would be administered. It was decided that the Clerk's office is to receive the statement each month and distribute the same to the appropriate offices for claims.

The claims were distributed for review and discussion.

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

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$120,597.68
Adams County Sheriff, Service fees	\$19.50
AFLAC, Insurance	531.24
Aspegren Repair, Parts, Labor	777.94
Barb Barnett, Mileage	50.31
Beyke Signs Inc, Graphics	565.00
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	401.73
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	68,716.66
Bob Barker Company, Inc., Supplies	109.65
Bockstadter & Glen Law LLC, Attorney Fees	606.32
BTS Communications, Repairs	201.55
Buffalo County Sheriff, Service Fees	34.00
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier lease, Services	217.48
Capital One, (Walmart); Equipment	141.33
Carey's Pest Control, Quarterly Spraying	500.00
Cash-WA Distributing, Supplies	589.73
City of Clay Center, Utilities	393.75
Clay County News, Advertising, Supplies	2,329.01
Clay County Treasurer, Postage, Supplies	6,657.54
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	177.00
Collection Associates, Collection	346.82
Colonial Life, Ins	740.78
Corner Market, Food, Supplies	1,372.49
Cornerstone Bank, Taxes, Retirement	59,703.08



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CPI, Fuel	4,651.18
Credit Management Services Inc., Garnishment	519.70
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	11.00
DAS, Services	795.52
Diode, Parts and Labor	32.50
Dollar General, Supplies	189.65
Don's Lawn Service, Lawn Care	720.00
Eakes, Supplies	489.01
Cara Felber, Mileage	36.43
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	7,356.40
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Maintenance	41.55
gWorks, Subscriptions and Fees	18,700.96
Robin Gilbert, Mileage and Fees	137.48
Goding Law LLC, Court Fees	503.50
Hall County Sheriff, Service Fees	5.75
Brenda Hansen, Mileage	62.02
Hometown Leasing, Lease	1,292.48
Howards Glass, Repairs	1,420.00
Integrated Security Solutions, Service Fees	136.00
Shirley Johnson, Election help	56.25
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	20.46
Greg Lemke, Election help	71.25
Madison National Life, Ins.	172.65
MASA, Medical Transport Ins.	675.00
MDM Pest & Termite Control, Service Fees	100.00
Memorial Health Clinic, Medical	92.00
Menards, Supplies	179.80
MIPS, Service, Supplies	2,762.68
Murray Law PC LLO, Court Fees	750.50
NACEB, Dues	100.00
NACO, Registration	100.00
Nationwide, 457 Plan	475.00
NE County Attorneys Association, Dues	457.00
Mariah Newmyer, Mileage	19.89
Deanna Peshek, Election help	101.25
Phelps County Sheriff, Service Fees	45.00
Platte Valley Communications, Radio repair, Service Fees	5,459.05
PrecisionIT, Server, Service, Supplies	2,853.25
Quality Sound & Communications, Water System Rental	147.00
Rod's Total Property Maintenance, Service Fees	35.00
Kelani Rogers, Fees	113.87
Skalka & Baack Law Firm, Attorney fees	3,226.97
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	1,329.54
Stanard Appraisal, Sutton Revaluation	45,590.00
Stehlik Law Firm, P.C., LLO, Court Fees	233.50



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Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	2,600.00
Sutton Electric, Labor and Repairs	4,387.99
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	55.77
Sutton Pharmacy, Inmate medicine	39.48
TK Elevator, Labor and materials	343.16
Unite Private Network, LLC., Internet	1,606.00
US Bank, Adobe sub, Facebook, Amazon Prime, Webex, Supplies	86.34
US Cellular, Cell Phones	333.27
Brandy VanDewalle, Mileage	161.46
Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	40.01
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	377.59
Windstream, Service	551.65
WJE Consulting LLC, Service Fees	1,095.00
Woodward's, Garbage	367.50
911 Custom, Supplies	319.20

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$57,302.33
Action Auto Supply Sutton, Supplies	\$147.03
AFLAC, Insurance	1,248.47
Aramark, Supplies	617.68
Arnold Motor Supply, Supplies	196.92
Aspegren Repair, Parts, Labor	278.16
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Service Fees	275.00
Beck's Farm Equip, Service, Supplies	189.89
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	462.90
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	2,313.28
Brown's Thrift Store Inc., Supplies	297.39
C&M Supply Inc., Supplies	167.76
Card Services, Supplies	2,278.33
City of Clay Center, Utilities	148.49
City of Edgar, Utilities	52.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	60.00
City of Harvard, Utilities	72.20
City of Sutton, Utilities	103.91
Clay County Weed Control, Service Fees	13,230.00
Colonial Life, Ins	548.04
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	30,174.05
Cornhusker Cleaning, Supplies	141.30
CPI, Fuel	10,739.05
CW Rainforth Sales, Supplies	1,077.90
Diamond Mowers Inc., Service Fees and Supplies	10,242.99
Don's Lawn Service, Lawn Care	500.00
Dollar General, Supplies	86.45
Eakes, Supplies	23.98



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Extreme Transfer, Parts & Labor	2,736.06
Fastenal Company, Signs	24.45
Filter Care of Nebraska, Service Fees	68.45
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	315.00
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Maintenance	4,159.52
George Bros. Propane, Fuel	25,517.23
George's 66 Service, Fuel	66.45
Hamilton County Treasurer, Interlocal Agreement	2,291.67
Hamilton Telecommunication, Internet	85.85
Hastings Outdoor Power, Service Fees	100.00
Island Supply Welding, Supplies	123.10
John Deere Financial, Parts, Labor & Supplies	882.42
Ken & Al's, Fuel	673.00
Kully Pipe & Steel, Supplies	696.16
Lawson Products, Supplies	229.89
Madison National Life, Ins.	50.74
Maynard, Labor	294.70
Menards, Supplies	58.07
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Supplies	11,088.28
Midwest Service, Culverts, Supplies	38,225.00
MIPS, Service	133.20
Nationwide, 457 Plan	350.00
NE Ass'n of CO Officials, Registration	40.00
Nebraska Truck Center, Supplies	304.24
Newman Traffic Signs, Supplies	5,318.22
NMC Exchange, Parts	9,602.81
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Supplies	302.58
Oak Creek Engineering, Service Fees	9,550.00
Olsson, Surveying	10,200.00
PAD LLC, Supplies	632.19
R & K Services, Fuel	3,678.47
Richweld Fabrication, Service Fees	500.00
Sarah's Cleaning, Service Fees	375.00
South Central Public Power, Utilities	336.78
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	75.04
Superior Outdoor Power, Equip. Repair	278.40
Sutton Auto, Parts, Supplies	6.59
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	45.36
True Blue Diesel, Labor and repairs	165.00
Vander Haag's Inc, Labor and repairs	2,555.89
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	85.60
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	216.42
Windstream, Service, Internet	614.26
Woodward's, Garbage	55.00



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MIPS, Service, Supplies	456.66
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HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$9,099.60
Leslie Anderson, Mileage	\$9.36
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	260.98
Clay County News, Advertising	57.20
Colonial Life, Ins	190.59
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	4,374.76
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	36.00
Eakes, Supplies, Furniture	72.52
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	225.00
Flood Communications, Supplies	1,800.00
Esmeralda Flores, Service Fees and Mileage	27.30
Donna Jensen, Mileage, Supplies	64.94
Madison National Life, Ins.	14.20
Sara Marshall, Mileage	451.04
Nationwide, 457 Plan	100.00
Judy Schwenk, Mileage	16.38
Alyce Sherman, Mileage	14.63
Syncb/Amazon, Supplies	45.99
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	28.17

911 FUND

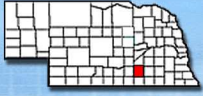
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$90.60
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees, Internet	\$319.99
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$66.43
Windstream, Service, Internet	1,041.19

E911 FUND

Windstream, Service, Internet	1,030.64
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WEED FUND

Employees, Wages	\$1,985.55
AFLAC, Insurance	52.78
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	36.05
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	250.46
Clay County News, Spring Notice	171.60
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings & Retirement	2,244.65
CPI, Fuel	285.75
Eakes, Supplies	0.79
Menards, Sprayer supplies	37.07
NAISMA, Registration and Fees	655.00
Nationwide, 457 Plan	270.00



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Nextlink, Cell service	28.50
Greg Shuck, Registration and Fees	573.19
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	65.71

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 1:09 P.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for May 31, 2022. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Board Secretary

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman