



# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, July 26, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met July 26, 2022 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 20, 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 and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Dick Shaw. Minutes of the meeting held July 19, 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 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 Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 19, 2022 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Bitterman and Johnson; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Correspondence from Tonniges & Associates PC was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman instructing the Clerk to advertise for an auditing firm. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on the progress of work being done on Road X and upcoming work on Road R. The Board continued discussion of wages with Tom. Tom advised the Board that the Public Hearing will need to be opened for the Revision to the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to open the Public Hearing for the Revision to the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent provided the Board with his monthly report; Greg plans to attend the fall training in August; Household Hazardous recycling is August 26<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-6pm.

Mike Carroll, Custodian let the Board know that he received a proposal from Tillitson for radon protection and will address this again at a future meeting – the Board would like a representative from Tillitson to be present to discuss the proposal; Mike will coordinate a time with Tim Lewis to do a radon test at the Communications Center; lighting in the Clerk's office is being switched over to LED.

Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager notified the Board that the 911 committee met this month and they continue to try to resolve the radio frequency issues; a plan to update the communication infrastructure is being discussed which could entail new radio equipment countywide; Chairman Johnson inquired if Tim thought maybe a taller tower for the radio equipment would be a solution – maybe contacting Verizon to see if the County would have an option of hanging equipment on their tower; Tim advised the Board that he has reached out to look for a third party consultant to advise how to fix the issues but has not had luck with this yet; when discussing what other counties are doing that is so different from Clay County – Tim advised that Fillmore County has equipment in all patrol cars and this could be an option for Clay County; Tom Roemmich added that the Roads Department has equipment on the same tower



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as 911 and Roads has no issues with communications and suggests that the 911 equipment be upgraded and all vehicles be checked over to make sure there are no equipment connection issues; Chairman Johnson suggested that a repeater be installed in one patrol car to test its effectiveness before moving forward with any changes to the infrastructure; Tim and Chairman Johnson will coordinate this;

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to close the Public Hearing for the Revision to the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan at 10:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk read the Resolution for the revision to the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Schmidt to approve the revision to the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan as presented, with no changes, by Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent, and adopt Resolution #22-18. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson; absent: Shaw. Motion carried (Resolution is on file in the Clerk’s office)

The proposed Trailblazer Conversion Project was provided to the Board before the meeting. Ryan Nance, 76 Group joined the meeting via telephone conference to provide the Board with some background information to the Trailblazer Conversion Project and answer questions.

Dan Schwartzkopf, Jones Insurance representative was present to discuss health insurance options that look beneficial to the employees of Clay County as well as saving premium dollars for Clay County. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to move forward with the proposal for Medica Health Insurance to be effective on or about October 1, 2022 as proposed by Dan Schwartzkopf with Jones Insurance. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to recess as the Board of Supervisors at 12:04 P.M. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Bitterman and Johnson; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Fintel to resume session as the Board of Supervisors at 12:17 P.M. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

John Lyons, County Attorney joined the meeting to answer questions regarding the County Handbook. It was decided that the Handbook committee should meet to discuss any possible changes to the Handbook and then it can be addressed at a future board meeting.

Gerald Schmidt left the meeting at 12:40 P.M.

Discussion of wages continued. The option of a “Hazard Pay” from the ARPA funds was discussed. The Board would like the Clerk reach out to Adams County to get information on how they are utilizing the ARPA funds with their wages. Chairman Johnson will put together a summary on all wage related matters to present to the Board members and discuss again at the next meeting.

The claims were distributed for review.

## GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$116,592.27
A & L Plumbing, Repairs	\$90.00
Adams County EMA, Dues	\$100.00
Aflac, Insurance	\$345.02
Anstine Fire Equipment, Service	\$30.00



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Aspegren Repair, Parts, Labor	\$2,243.58
Barb Barnett, Mileage	\$48.61
Bear Graphics, Office Supplies	\$702.62
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$148.17
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$88,337.83
Bockstadter & Glen Law LLC, Attorney Fees	\$2,036.24
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease, Services	\$94.04
Carpenter & Skalka Court Reporting Inc, Copies and Postage	\$26.00
Carrot Top Industries Inc, Supplies	\$228.74
Cash-WA Distributing, Supplies	\$998.90
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$562.00
Clay County Court, Court Fees	\$278.00
Clay County News, Advertising, Supplies	\$1,271.89
Clay County Treasurer, Postage, Supplies	\$809.48
Clearly, Phone Registration and Installation	\$862.87
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$107.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$563.80
Corner Market, Food, Supplies	\$1,333.17
Cornerstone Bank, Insurance	\$59,350.72
CPI, Fuel	\$4,758.05
Credit Management, Garnishments	\$68.67
Crowne Plaza Kearney, Lodging	\$374.85
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$11.00
Cummins Central Power LLC, Service	\$602.21
DAS, Services	\$795.52
Don's Lawn Service, Lawn Care	\$890.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$4,455.55
Engineered Controls, Repairs	\$210.00
ES & S, Office Supplies	\$5,737.41
Cara Felber, Mileage	\$28.75
First Concord, Insurance	\$6,118.99
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Maintenance	\$1,551.32
Futurity IT Inc, Service Fees	\$1,000.00
Hamilton County Treasurer, Service Fees	\$2,291.67
Brenda Hansen, Mileage	\$121.68
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Kim Turner Inc, Training	\$149.00
John Lyons, Filing Fees	\$71.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$289.54
MASA, Medical Transport Insurance	\$675.00
MDM Pest & Termite Control, Service Fees	\$100.00
Memorial Health Clinic, Medical	\$286.00
Menards, Supplies	\$13.78
Microfilming Imaging Systems Inc, Equipment Rental	\$49.00
Midwest Engines, Service Fees and Repairs	\$454.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,202.77
MMC Contractors, Repairs	\$1,817.75
Nationwide, Retirement	\$475.00
NE Association of County Clerks, Registration Fees	\$125.00
Phelps County Detention Facility, Service Fees	\$605.91
Platte Valley Communications, Service	\$772.50
Police Officers Association of NE, Registration Fees	\$130.00



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Precision, Service	\$2,773.13
Quality Inn Ogallala, Lodging	\$267.00
Region 3, FY 2022-2023 1st Qtr	\$4,103.93
Security Equipment Inc, Service Fees	\$383.40
Skalka & Baack Law Firm, Attorney fees	\$1,795.50
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$2,427.48
Spray Electric LLC, Service Fees	\$55.00
Stehlik Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$237.50
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,626.25
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$63.46
Tonniges & Associates PC, Audit Services	\$7,403.00
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,606.00
US Bank, Supplies, Subscriptions	\$865.98
US Cellular, Cell Phones	\$333.27
USDA, Service Fees	\$1,060.33
V&M Lawn Spraying, Service Fees	\$545.00
Brandy VanDewalle, Mileage	\$30.00
Verizon, Cell Phones	\$79.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$442.44
Windstream, Service	\$561.53
Woodward's, Garbage	\$517.50
York County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$18.50

## ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$61,998.44
Action Auto Supply Sutton, Supplies	\$99.72
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,580.16
Aramark, Supplies	\$223.74
Beck's Farm Equip, Service, Supplies	\$199.14
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$285.71
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,323.80
Card Services (Orschelns), Supplies	\$16.04
Central Nebraska Equipment, Tools	\$33.60
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$136.15
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$52.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$60.00
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$72.20
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$98.25
Colonial, Insurance	\$548.04
Cornerstone Bank, Insurance	\$31,734.48
CPI, Fuel	\$7,702.93
Deweese Sand & Gravel, Maintenance	\$32,144.90
Dollar General, Supplies	\$45.90
Don's Lawn Service, Lawn Care	\$558.00
First Concord, Insurance	\$315.00
Fleet Pride, Parts	\$57.35
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Maintenance	\$6,498.70
George Bro's Propane, Propane	\$41,352.27
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$345.47
Hamilton Telecommunication, Internet	\$86.73
Harvard Food Mart, Supplies	\$114.66
Hays Land Surveying LLC, Service Fees and Mileage	\$1,442.56
Island Supply Welding, Supplies	\$86.40





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John Deere Financial, Parts, Labor, Supplies	\$668.18
Ken & Al's, Fuel	\$1,183.68
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc, Supplies	\$41.19
Madison National Life, Ins	\$50.74
Medical Enterprises Inc, Supplies	\$6.25
Menards, Supplies	\$381.36
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Supplies	\$27,834.47
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment CO Inc, Service, Parts	\$2,543.82
NAPA Auto Parts, Parts	\$327.83
Nationwide, Retirement	\$350.00
Nebraska Peterbuilt, Parts	\$537.69
Nebraska Truck Center, Parts	\$103.25
NMC Exchange, Parts	\$6,725.68
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Supplies, Fuel	\$287.59
Olsson, Service Fees	\$34,022.16
Pavelka Truck and Trailer Repair, Service, Parts	\$449.09
Protex Central Inc, Parts	\$191.30
R&K Service, Fuel	\$3,840.90
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
Shirt Shack, Supplies	\$398.52
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$373.28
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$86.79
Sutton Auto, Parts, Supplies	\$78.71
True Blue Diesel, Labor, Repairs	\$973.10
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$199.33
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$614.38
Woodward's, Garbage	\$55.00
VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND	
Edgar Community Club, Promotion Grant	\$200.00
ROD PM FUND	
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$468.00
INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
Murphy Tractor & Equipment, Equipment	\$199,300.00
HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$9,128.61
Leslie Anderson, Mileage	\$9.36
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$260.98
Clay County News, Advertising	\$57.20
Colonial, Insurance	\$190.59
Cornerstone Bank, Insurance	\$4,368.04
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
First Concord, Insurance	\$225.00
GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals	\$1,111.94
Donna Jensen, Mileage	\$35.69
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$14.20
Sara Marshall, Mileage	\$504.88
National Pen Co. LLC, Advertising	\$92.44
Nationwide, Insurance	\$100.00
Sanofi Pasteur Inc, Medical Supplies	\$229.96
Shared Service Systems, Medical Supplies	\$253.83



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Syncb/Amazon, Supplies		\$101.47
US Post Office, Postage		\$104.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision		\$28.17
	911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities		\$74.96
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees		\$769.95
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities		\$130.03
Windstream, Service, Internet		\$382.31
	E911 FUND	
Midwest Engines, Equipment and Repairs		\$24,830.00
Windstream, Service, Internet		\$1,030.66
	WEED FUND	
Employees, Wages		\$1,953.85
Aflac, Insurance		\$52.78
Black Hills Energy, Utilities		\$35.02
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance		\$250.46
Cornerstone Bank, Insurance		\$2,224.60
CPI, Fuel		\$723.34
Friesen Chevrolet, Repairs		\$21.55
Nationwide, Retirement		\$270.00
Nextlink, Internet		\$28.50
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities		\$25.84

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, Fintel, Bitterman and Johnson; absent: Schmidt and Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 1:15 P.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for August 9, 2022. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman and Johnson; absent: Schmidt and Shaw. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman