



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met August 9, 2022 as per public notice posted in various locations on August 4, 2022 a copy of the notice being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Vice Chairman James Pavelka 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 July 26, 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 Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 26, 2022 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Bitterman and Johnson; abstain: Shaw. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that the crews are done working on Road X and have moved to Road R. Two easement requests were presented to be Board prior to the meeting.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Bitterman to approve the request from Viaero Fiber Networks, LLC to bury a fiber optic cable/line from the NE corner of the NE ¼ of 35-5-6 on Road 302 and then South along Road S ending at Road 301. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the request from Windstream Nebraska, LLC to bury a fiber optic cable/line from W 10th St, then North on N. Harvard Ave., then west on W. 11th St., then north on Road KL to a new pedestal on west side of road. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Charlie Rodeen from Nebraska Machinery Company (NMC) presented the documents for the skid steer lease. The lease runs with the same terms as last year. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Schmidt to approve the Lease Agreement between NMC and Caterpillar Financial Services and Clay County authorize the Chairman to sign the same. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

Tom reminded the Board that next week we will have the Public Hearing for the street and alley closing in Verona and Eldorado.

The Letter of Engagement with Dana F. Cole & Company LLP was presented to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the Letter of Engagement between Dana F. Cole & Company LLP and Clay County for the years ending June 30, 2022 and 2023 and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.

The Fee Reports had been emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of July 2022: County Clerk \$9,809.00; County Court \$3,964.68; Clerk of District Court \$33,702.51; Sheriff \$1,060.65 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 22070001 through



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22070055 in the amount of \$860,930.64. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Tim Messenger with Tillotson Enterprises was present to discuss the proposal for radon preventative services for the Courthouse. It was decided that a radon test would be done in the Courthouse and presented to the Board at a future meeting before acting on this proposal.

The requests from the townships, fire districts and Ag society for preliminary levy requests were presented and discussed. The levy requests were: **Fire Districts:** Clay Center Rural General \$39,335.00, Sinking \$10,200.00; Edgar Rural General \$44,000.00 Sinking \$19,000.00; Fairfield Rural General \$38,360.00 Sinking \$18,190.00; Harvard Rural General \$38,242.73; Sutton Rural General \$66,509.10; Trumbull Rural General \$34,200.00 Sinking \$22,500.00; Bond \$33,270.00. **Townships:** Edgar \$12,099.15; Eldorado \$6,458.00; Fairfield \$6,018.00; Glenvil \$11,084.85; Harvard \$9,178.26; Inland \$7,812.18; Leicester \$11,500.00; Lewis \$9,833.85; Logan \$10,105.26; Lone Tree \$3,336.00; Lynn \$5,500.58; Marshall \$7,335.52; School Creek \$8,576.52; Sheridan \$9,626.00; Spring Ranch \$13,354.60; Sutton \$12,668.40. **Clay County Ag Society** \$184,240.37.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to approve the preliminary requests for levy allocation from the Fire Districts, Townships and the Clay County Agricultural Society. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the proposed Compensation Increase for Clay County Departments that was presented by the wage committee. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to accept and move forward with Option C of the proposed Compensation Increase for Clay County Departments; said proposal also provides a one-time premium pay to full-time and permanent part-time employees who worked through the COVID19 pandemic to be paid from the Clay County ARPA funds; said proposal is for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to adjourn this meeting at 10:56 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for August 16, 2022. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman