



# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, August 16, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met August 16, 2022 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 10, 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, Dick Shaw, Ivan Fintel and L. Wayne Johnson. Minutes of the meeting held August 9, 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 Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 9, 2022 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that work on Road R is complete.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to open the public hearing at 9:15 A.M. for street and alley vacating in Verona and Eldorado. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent was present for the hearing along with Roger & JoAnn Hatten. The Hattens had questions regarding their ability to combine parcels after the vacation of the streets and alleys in Eldorado; Cynthia Furman, Deputy Assessor joined the meeting to assist the Hattens with their questions. The Hattens will follow up with the Assessor another time.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff notified the Board that the cameras for the patrol cars have been delivered and installation is in progress. The Board and Jeff discussed the availability of state bids for the patrol cars with Ford and Chevy still be at a halt; however, Dodge is still open for state bids. Jeff may consider looking at Dodge if Ford doesn't open back up for bids.

Cheryl Miller and Rose Bauder with the Clay County American Legion Auxiliary presented a request to the Board for assistance with costs associated with the upcoming County Government Day, which is scheduled for Monday, October 31, 2022. The Board would like to open up the invitation for participation in County Government Day to all Clay County residents who are in their Junior year of high school. Tina Nelson joined the meeting to provide a little more specific detail in the request for assistance with the costs. The Auxiliary would like to be able to provide a meal to all participants along with a Flag Etiquette book, a booklet about the U.S. Constitution and a pamphlet on the Flag Code.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to approve \$1,200.00 in assistance to the Clay County American Legion Auxiliary for assistance in their costs for County Government Day. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer presented information on distress warrants returned by the sheriff unsatisfied and answered questions.



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Allan Harpham with Flatwater Technologies was present to discuss a proposal from Unite Fiber Networks for rerouting the fiber for the county departments – Allan is going to look into other options to bring to the Board before moving forward with anything. Allan presented the Board with a report of current network connections that he has concerns with and suggested that the County consider cleaning up some areas where he believes connections can be simplified. The Board took a quick break from this discussion.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to close the public hearing at 10:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to approve the plan for street and alley vacating in Eldorado as presented by Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent and adopt Resolution #22-19. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried. (Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office)

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve the plan for street and alley vacating in Verona as presented by Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent and adopt Resolution #22-20. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried. (Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office)

Discussion continued with Flatwater Technologies: some departments are having issues with their PCs – the Board would like to get some on order, and they would like for the County to get on a schedule for keeping our PCs and computer equipment up to date. Allan will get a schedule put together and provide the same to the Clerk. Allan expressed that he would like to have a monthly meeting with department heads just to stay on top of any concerns or issues that may arise – the Board is okay with this.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to recess as Board of Supervisors at 10:41 A.M. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to resume session as Board of Supervisors at 11:28 A.M. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Schmidt to enter executive session at 11:29 A.M. for personnel discussion pertaining to the County Attorney Contract. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to go out of executive session at 12:18 P.M. and resume regular session. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 12:20 P.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for August 23, 2022. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman



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