



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, September 13, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met September 13, 2022 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on September 8, 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 August 30, 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 Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 30, 2022 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent was unable to attend the meeting but provided his report prior to the meeting. Chairman Johnson read Tom's report: crews are done clearing trees for now and will do a culvert replacement on Road X on the asphalt North of Sutton on Wednesday, September 14th which will require the mile to be closed the entire day; the crews will then move over to the Glenvil area on Road C, by the old Leverage Tool, and will be replacing culverts across Road C – Road C will be closed for a couple of days for this project; once Road X and Road C are completed they plan to move back up to Road H and start on the project to remove the bridge and install culverts on Road H.

An easement request from Perennial Public Power District was presented prior to the meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the easement requested by Perennial Public Power for an electrical service from 13-8-5 SSW1/4 to 24-8-5 NNW1/4. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Gene Ulmer, CPA, distributed and discussed spread sheets and budget notes updating the board on the tax requests, estimated receipts, valuations, interlocal agreements, Inheritance Tax fund and restricted funds. The necessary transfers from the Inheritance Tax Fund were discussed; the valuation increased 4.36%; the levy will decrease to .2866 from .2918 last year. Gene Ulmer explained the purpose of the budget hearings and answered questions.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve an additional 1% increase in the Budget Restricted Funds Authority for the 2022-2023 County budget year. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Schmidt to advertise the Notice of Budget and Budget Summary hearing for 2022-2023, the hearing to be held September 20, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.



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Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to advertise the Notice of Special Hearing to set Final Tax request at a different amount than the prior year's tax request. Hearing to be held September 20, 2022 immediately following the conclusion of the budget hearing which will be held on the 20th of September, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

The Fee Reports had been emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of August 2022: County Clerk \$13,682.50; County Court \$9,499.82; Clerk of District Court \$8,893.00; County Sheriff \$2,876.07 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 22080001 through 22080055 in the amount of \$403,910.43. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to appoint Dave Higbea and reappoint Eugene Keasling to serve on the Clay County Veteran's Service Committee. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Josh Jelden with Senator Fischer's office was present to provide the Board with updates from the Senator's office. Chairman Johnson asked if the Senator could look into assistance with how to encourage federal funding for the road resurfacing that benefits access to the federal grounds at the USDA MARC and Green Lief Training Site in Clay County; Board member Fintel asked if the Senator could assist with the issues of conservation transactions that continue to come into Clay County which remove or lower taxes from Clay County parcels; Board member Shaw asked if the Senator could help raise the voice for prolife.

Allen Harpham and Brad Harpham with Flatwater Technologies were present to discuss the proposed fiber network upgrades for the Clay County departments in Clay Center. Estimates are available for the work and hardware; however, a revised estimate is requested for the boring of the fiber. The County Clerk is to look into the current fiber agreement with Unite Private Networks to see if the County has a contract which would need to be fulfilled and to check into the use of the ARPA funds for the fiber upgrades.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to enter executive session at 11:00 A.M. for personnel discussion. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to go out of executive session at 11:18 A.M. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Shaw to accept the Letter of Resignation of Tim Lewis as the Clay County Emergency Manager effective immediately. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 11:21 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for September 20, 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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