

Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, October 18, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met October 18, 2022 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on October 12, 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: Eric Samuelson, James Pavelka, Gerald Schmidt, Ivan Fintel, Dick Shaw and Johnson; absent: Scott Bitterman. Minutes of the meeting held October 11, 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.

Scott Bitterman joined the meeting and all present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 11, 2022 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent informed the board that he received the NIRMA reimbursement of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of the shredder.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff updated the Board on the investigation status. Jeff would like to go take a look at a couple of vehicles that he has come across, the Board is okay with this.

Erin Benal with the South Central Economic District presented information in support of the broadband expansion project between South Central Public Power District and Glenwood. The Board expressed their appreciation for the information but asked that they only come back if they have a project that benefits all residents of Clay County.

Barb Barnett, Planning and Zoning Administrator presented her quarterly report and 2022 Year End Summary.

Robin Gilbert, Treasurer was present to discuss the new pledge of Waypoint Bank, there were no questions as the pledge was emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #22-24 for security pledge CUISP #3130ALPW8 for \$500,000.00 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: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

An Engagement Agreement between Lutz for ARPA expenditure consulting was emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the Engagement Agreement with Lutz for ARPA fund consulting and authorize the Clerk to sign the same. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Allen Harpham and Brad Harpham with Flatwater Technologies were present. A summary of expenses from Krieger Electric and Flatwater Technologies for the fiber upgrade project was



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emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. This project will provide better and more dependable internet services to all Clay County departments. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve the Clay County Services Fiber Upgrade Project with Krieger Electric and Flatwater Technologies and to pay these expenses from the ARPA funding. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt and Johnson. Motion carried.

An annual services contract from MMC Contractors was emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the annual Maintenance Agreement between MMC Contractors and Clay County and authorize the chairman to sign the same. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.

An Application for County Burial Financial Affidavit and Agreement was emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Samuelson to approve the Application for County Burial Financial Affidavit and Agreement. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

The Meininger Fire Protection fire line backflow proposal and contract will be discussed at a future meeting.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk advised the Board that the "Leicester Farm" contract is terming out this year and asked for authority to advertise for bids. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the Clerk to advertise for bids. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 11:23 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for October 25, 2022. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Schmidt, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman