



# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Crooked Creek Country Club, Clay Center, Nebraska, January 17, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met January 17, 2023 as per public notice posted in various locations on January 12, 2023 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: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Minutes of the meeting held December 27, 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 December 27, 2022 as mailed. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None; Abstain: Becker. Motion carried.

The chairman asked if there was any other old business; there was none.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman there being no further old business, to adjourn the business meeting for the year 2022, Sine Die. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to appoint Cassie Aksamit to act as Temporary Chairman. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board cast a unanimous ballot for vote of the Chairman for 2023. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to elect L. Wayne Johnson for Chairman for 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board cast a unanimous ballot for vote of the Vice-Chairman for 2023. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Becker to elect Jim Pavelka for Vice Chairman for 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Roll call was taken by the newly elected Chairman to commence business for the 2023 year showing the following present: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.



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Greg Shuck said he would be the representative on the RC&D board. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to appoint Greg Shuck to serve on the Trailblazer RC & D board with Eric Samuelson as alternate. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to appoint Cassie Aksamit as NIRMA contact person with L. Wayne Johnson as alternate for 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to appoint Haley Malone as the Clay County Emergency Manager for the year 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to appoint Haley Malone, Emergency Manager to participate in the South Central Planning Exercise Training (SCPET) for the year 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to appoint Thomas D. Roemmich, II as the Clay County Highway Superintendent for the year 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to appoint Greg Shuck as the Clay County Weed Superintendent for the year 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Becker to appoint Barb Barnett as the Clay County Joint Planning & Zoning Administrator for the year 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to designate the Clay County News as the county's official newspaper for 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to designate the Clay County website as an additional method of publishing notice of meetings of the Board of Supervisors/Board of Equalization for the year 2023; other departments may use this method at their discretion. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Designation of the broadcast media for Clay County was discussed. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to designate KHAS radio station and KSNBC



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Nebraska TV station as licensed broadcast media for 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Treasurer submitted a list of banks that are available to hold the deposits and CD's for Clay County. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Becker that the following banks be named as holding agencies for county funds for the year 2023: Cornerstone Bank branches in Clay Center, Edgar, Harvard, Glenvil, Sutton and York; Waypoint Bank Clay Center; Astra Bank Sutton and Pinnacle Bank Fairfield, NPAIT (Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust affiliated with NACO). Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads discussed the need to advertise for the County Surveyor. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to advertise for proposals for County Surveyor - proposals to be opened on February 21, 2023 at 9:15 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Since there was time, the Board took care of other agenda items.

Robin Gilbert, Treasurer presented a Resolution for Fund #2585 for Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #23-01 for the setup of Fund #2585 for Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of December 2022: County Clerk \$22,031.50; County Court \$4,284.18; Clerk of District Court \$26,288.70; Sheriff's fees \$12,747.41 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 22120001 through 22120051 in the amount of \$288,516.91. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The board signed the Annual Report of County Officers, Signatures and Seals as requested by the Secretary of State.

Dan Falley joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m. for an interview with the Board of Supervisors for the open position of the Maintenance / Custodial person for the Courthouse and Annex Building.

Paul Slutz joined the meeting at 10:21 a.m. for an interview with the Board of Supervisors for the open position of the Maintenance / Custodial person for the Courthouse and Annex Building.



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Mark Johnson joined the meeting at 11:15 a.m. for an interview with the Board of Supervisors for the open position of the Maintenance / Custodial person for the Courthouse and Annex Building.

Jordan (Arndt) Suarez from Zelle HR Consultants was present to discuss the interviewees with the Board. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to offer the Maintenance / Custodial position to Mark Johnson. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Shaw; Abstain: Johnson. Motion carried. Jordan will contact Mark Johnson to provide the job offer.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney presented a Resolution for the appointment of John V. Hodge, Attorney at Law, to represent Clay County and the State of Nebraska when a conflict of interest exists for the Clay County Attorney, or any deputy thereof for the determination of Inheritance Tax. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #23-02 for the appointment of John V. Hodge, Attorney at Law, to represent Clay County and the State of Nebraska when a conflict of interest exists for the Clay County Attorney, or any deputy thereof for the determination of Inheritance Tax. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jennifer also requested permission to get a cell phone for the County Attorney, laptops for the County Attorney and Deputy County Attorney, and discussed the need to find office space for the County Attorney's office to relocate to.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 12:11 P.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for January 24, 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman