

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, March 14, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met March 14, 2023 as per public notice in the Clay County News on March 8, 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, and Johnson; absent: Shaw. Minutes of the meeting held February 28, 2023 were mailed to the board members. All 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 Samuelson to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 28, 2023 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, and Bitterman, abstain: Johnson, absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Lee Hogan, Board Chairman and Chuck Newman from Adams County Board provided Public Input.

Info was provided about the new Adams County Jail Facility and invite was given for Clay County to utilize. It was discussed that it could be helpful to Clay County to house females and juveniles. Projected completion date Sept/Oct 2023.

Donna Jensen, Health Dept Director gave monthly report. Estimates for upgrades to the Health Dept were presented: ADA Compliant Door: \$6,626.00 A United Automatic Omaha; Sidewalk: \$7,200.00 AAA Best Concrete; Flooring: \$7,876.00 JP Remodeling. All mentioned upgrade expenses qualify for a grant and the board gave approval to proceed.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff and Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney discussed the County credit card.

Easement request from Brad Nunnenkamp was discussed. Motion by Fintel seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement for Brad Nunnenkamp to bore electric line across Road U from SW ¼ 5-7-5 to SE ¼ 6-7-5. On roll call, yea: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, and Johnson; absent Shaw. Motion carried.

Easement request from David Hoffman was discussed. Motion by Samuelson, seconded by Pavelka to approve the easement requested by David Hoffman to bore an electric line across Road D from NE ¼ 4-7-8 to SW ¼ 3-7-8 for irrigation. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; absent Shaw. Motion carried.

Easement request from Neil Cloet was discussed. Motion by Fintel, seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement requested by Neil Cloet to bore an electric line across Road 312 from SW ¼ 5-6-5 to NW ¼ 8-6-5. On roll call, yea; Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, and Johnson; absent Shaw. Motion carried.

Easement request from Bradley Hofmann was discussed. Motion by Bitterman seconded by Becker to approve the easement requested by Bradley Hofmann to bore an electric line across Road W from NW ¼ 15-8-5 to NE ¼ 16-8-5 for irrigation. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, and Johnson; absent Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka, seconded by Fintel to sign the gravel contracts for Deweese Sand and Gravel; Mid-Nebraska Aggregate; and Island Landhandlers. On roll call, yea; Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman, and Johnson; absent Shaw. Motion carried.

Fee Reports were sent to the board prior to the meeting. Motion by Bitterman, seconded by Fintel to accept the fee reports for the following County Officials for the month of February 2023: County Clerk \$30,034.75; County Court \$4,596.79; Clerk of the District Court \$40,530.11; County Sheriff \$3,234.19; County Treasurer receipts 23020001 thru 23020059 in the amount of \$291,117.73. On roll call, yea; Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; absent Shaw. Motion carried.

Thrasher Project Summary and bid to repair the North sidewalk was discussed. Motion by Fintel, seconded by Pavelka to accept the Project Summary and bid from Thrasher Foundation Repair for the North entrance to the Courthouse (part of the project will be covered under warranty for last year's work). On roll call, yea; Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; absent Shaw. Motion carried.

The 911 Committee updated By Laws and copies were presented by the Emergency Manager. Motion by Becker, seconded by Pavelka to accept the updated 911 Committee By-Laws as presented by the Emergency Manager. On roll call, yea; Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; absent Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Pavelka, seconded by Bitterman to appoint Caleb Schlick (terms on 12/31/23), Larry T Nuss (terms on 12/31/24), Colby Jensen (terms on 12/31/23), and Todd Nuss (terms on 12/31/23) to serve on the 911 Committee as recommended by the Emergency Manager. On roll call, yea; Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, and Johnson; absent Shaw. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk advised the Board of communications received of people able to assist with Township vacancies at this time.

Motion was made by Fintel, seconded by Bitterman to appoint Brian Roemmich to fulfill the term of township member for School Creek. On roll call, yea; Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman and Johnson; absent Shaw. Motion carried.

Incentive pay for county employees after 5 years of service and every 5 years thereafter, was discussed by the board members. Motion by Becker, seconded by Fintel to approve a \$0.15/hr. increase in pay every 5 years of service made available on 1st paycheck after anniversary date. On roll call, yea; Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; absent Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman, seconded by Pavelka to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 am; next regular meeting scheduled for March 21, 2023. On roll call, yea; Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; absent Shaw. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L Wayne Johnson, Chairman