

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, April 11th, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met April 11th, 2023, as per public notice in the Clay County News on April 5th, 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 March 28th, 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 Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 28th, 2023, as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Tom Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided his weekly report; the bridge is out at Road X; Tom participated in a meeting with Governor Pillen last week regarding County Communication Towers; discussion continued regarding the Road Department on-call policies.

An easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC was made. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka, to approve easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC for a natural gas pipeline from NW ¼ 23-5-6 to SW ¼ 14-5-6 crossing Road 304 near the East side of Road R. On roll call, yea: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Jacob Graff with Globe Life-Family Heritage provided information about supplemental policies they can offer to County Employees.

Dan Schwartzkopf, Jones Insurance, provided updates on the Annual Preventative Care Clinic through Wellness Partners. No answer has been provided if the County's current health insurance carrier will cover the cost of the health clinic or not. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to move forward with the preventative care clinic scheduled for June 26th with Wellness Partners. The County will cover the cost for employees to participate in the clinic at \$150/employee. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson. Motion carried.

Bob Stutesman with Integrated Security Systems (I.S.S.) was present to answer questions from the Board regarding the security system at the Courthouse.

Fee Reports were sent to the board prior to the meeting. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of March 2023: County Clerk \$19,510.75; County Court \$7,499.31; Clerk of the District Court \$32,528.25; County Sheriff \$1,959.03; County Treasurer receipts 23030001-23030127 in the amount of \$2,108,286.49. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Gas suppliers had been called for rates prior to the meeting. Symmetry Energy has the lowest rate of those called. Motion by Becker and seconded by Bitterman to lock in with Symmetry Energy for a 2-year term with a rate of \$0.6550 per therm for the Nebraska Choice Gas Program. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk discussed a previous motion by the Board regarding the employee incentive pay. Cassie requested approval to correct the verbiage from said motion to specify that the incentive pay would be effective on the next pay period following the employees anniversary date and not the next pay check. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to correct the verbiage on the employee incentive pay. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 A.M., next regular meeting scheduled for April 18th, 2023. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L Wayne Johnson, Chairman