

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, June 13, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met June 13, 2023, as per public notice in the Clay County News on June 7, 2023, a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. The availability of the agenda was communicated in 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 May 30, 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 Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 30, 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.

An easement request from Windstream Nebraska LLC was presented to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the easement request from Windstream Nebraska, LLC to bury fiber starting at a point approximately 200 feet South of Hickory Street and Road Y, thence North for 847 feet along the East side of Road Y, along the West side of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, T7-R5W. On roll call, yea: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Roemmich presented Easement Agreements with respective real property owners for Project #322, Railroad Viaduct Bridge Project. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the Chairman to sign the Easement Agreements for Project #322, Railroad Viaduct Bridge Project, with the Lindberg Family Trust and Barbee Hills Farm Corporation. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson. Motion carried.

Tyler McNitt, NMC CAT representative presented a bid using the Sourcewell pricing for an excavator. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the Excavator bid for \$271,550.00 to be paid for from the COVID American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Fee Reports were sent to the board prior to the meeting. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of May 2023: County Clerk \$9,233.50; County Court \$5,893.28; Clerk of the District Court \$54,770.21; County Sheriff \$8,701.95; County Treasurer receipts 23050001-23050074 in the amount of \$323,212.34. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, presented the Board with information on renewal rates from National Insurance Services (NIS) for the Madison National Basic Life, AD&D and Long Term Disability Insurance policies to County employees. There are no rate changes and will be locked for the next two years. Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to approve renewal rates for NIS/Madison National for Clay County effective July 1, 2023-June 30, 2025. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Aksamit presented the Board with information on renewal rates from National Insurance Services (NIS) for the NACO VSP Vision Insurance Plan for County employees. Rates had a minimal increase and will be locked for the next four years. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Becker to approve the NIS/NACO VSP Insurance renewal rates for Clay County effective July 1, 2023-June 30, 2027. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Tom Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent, discussed with the Board getting Sourcewell pricing on a motor grader. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to approve Roemmich to move forward with the order of a new motor grader using Sourcewell pricing to be paid for from the COVID American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds. On roll call, yea: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Aksamit addressed the Board with information from the County Auditor regarding budget requests for the new fiscal year. The County Board will need to review all requests of outside organizations and determine if it is necessary for the County to enter into an Agreement with

such organizations stating that they will provide services to Clay County residents in order to receive the budgeted County funds.

Jo Bair, Executive Director of enCourage Advocacy Center, gave a report on services provided to Clay County for the previous fiscal year and submitted the organization's request for funding for the 2023-2024 fiscal year in the amount of \$5,500.00. Chairman Johnson advised Ms. Bair of the process that the Board will take for considering their request and that the Clerk will reach out to her once the Board has come to a decision on the request.

Nichole Schwartz, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (Wildlife Services) was present to provide the Board with information on services provided over the last year and present a Work/Financial Plan for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the Work/Financial Plan between Clay County and USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (Wildlife Services) for 2023-2024 in the amount of \$8,658.66. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Samuelson to open bids for the Lot 10, Block 5, Village of Saronville owned by Clay County at 10:00 am. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Two bids were received:

1. The Village of Saronville - a bid and check in the amount of \$800.00.
2. Sarah Roberts - a bid of \$375.25 (no check included).

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to accept the bid from Village of Saronville for \$800.00. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried. The Clerk will work with the County Attorney to move forward with the transaction.

Dan Rutt with Horizon Recovery gave a report on services provided to Clay County for the previous fiscal year and submitted the organization's request for funding for the 2023-2024 fiscal year in the amount of \$6,000.00. Chairman Johnson advised Mr. Rutt of the process that the Board will take for considering their request and that the Clerk will reach out to her once the Board has come to a decision on the request.

Donna Jensen, Clay County Health Dept Director, provided the quarterly Director's Report.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 A.M., next regular meeting scheduled for June 20, 2023. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman