

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, July 18, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met July 18, 2023, as per public notice posted in various locations on July 12, 2023, a copy of the notice being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Board Chairman L. Wayne Johnson presided with roll call showing the following present: Scott Bitterman, Eric Samuelson, Glen Becker, James Pavelka, Ivan Fintel, Dick Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; Minutes of the meeting held July 11, 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.

Board 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 Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 11, 2023, as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Bitterman; abstain; Johnson. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to amend the easements for the Railroad Bridge Project and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. On roll call, yea: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent: provided his weekly road report; Road X bridge approach was poured but will need reassessed because someone drove across it; the John Deere Motor Grader was delivered and the Belly Dump Trailer is done. Tom also provided the board with his preliminary budget request for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Jerry and Justin with CPI in Hastings approached the Board to consider allowing a temporary driveway to the new CPI facility on N. Highway 14 so they can open for harvest. It was suggested that an agreement be drawn up between Clay County and CPI to lay out terms for a temporary driveway and the Board could review it at a future meeting. Roemmich will work with Jerry and the Clay County Attorney to get something put together.

Leah Smillie with First Light Child Advocacy provided a program update and budget request for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Donna Jensen, Health Department Director, provided her preliminary budget request for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The county Tax Identification Number confirmation letter was discussed as being needed for the Health Department to send to Medicaid. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter confirming the Clay County Tax Identification Number and verifying that the Health Department is a subdivision of Clay County. On roll call, yea; Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson. Motion carried.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, provided his monthly report and preliminary budget request for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, presented the amended Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Law Enforcement Services with Adams County; said amended Agreement just reflects the updated Court Appointed Attorney Fees. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to accept the amended Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Law Enforcement Services by and Among the County of Adams and the County of Clay and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. On roll call, yea; Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried. Fleischer also submitted her preliminary budget request for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to open public hearing on the vacancy of the School Creek Township at 10:30 A.M. On roll call, yea; Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.

There were no public attendees for the hearing.

Direction was provided to the County Treasurer that for the next 30 days there are to be no disbursements of tax money collected to School Creek Township. At this time no budget request for the 2023-2024 fiscal year can be prepared. County Attorney

Fleischer will work with the County Clerk and County Treasurer on how to move forward with the vacancy.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to close the Public Hearing at 10:45 A.M. On roll call, yea; Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Mark Johnson, Custodian, provided his monthly report.

Dan Schwartzkopf with Jones Insurance Co. presented the Board with the proposed Medica Health Insurance Renewal. The renewal rate for the 23-24 Fiscal Year is available to be locked in at only a 2% increase. The Board decided to renew the County Employee Health Plan with Medica with no changes to the plan. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Becker to approve the renewal of the County Employee Health Plan with Medica at a 2% rate increase with no changes to the plan. On roll call, yea; Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 11:43 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for July 25, 2023. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Board Chairman