

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, September 26, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met September 26, 2023 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on September 20, 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: Scott Bitterman, Glen Becker, James Pavelka, Ivan Fintel, Dick Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; Absent: Eric Samuelson. Minutes of the meeting held September 19, 2023 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.

The Budget Summary hearing was held prior to the regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to open the public hearing for the proposed 2023-2024 county budget at 9:00 A.M. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

The public hearing on the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 was held. The notice was published in the Clay County News. Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent, Jeff Palik with Olsson Associates and representatives from K2 Construction, General Excavating and Midwest Infrastructure were present. No written or oral comments or objections were received from the public. Copies of the proposed budget were given to the board members as well as three copies were available for viewing by the public.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Becker to close the public hearing on the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 at 9:03 A.M. On roll call, yea: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to open the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax request at 9:03 A.M. (immediately following the proposed budget hearing). On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Becker and Johnson. Motion carried.

No written or oral comments or objections were received from the public.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to close the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax request at 9:05 A.M. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors meeting began at 9:05 A.M.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 19, 2023 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Abstain: Fintel. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Becker to adopt Resolution #23-17 to accept the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 as presented. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried. (Copy of Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #23-18 to set the final 2023-2024 proposed tax request at \$6,222,476.00. On roll call, yea: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried. (Copy of Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Snow removal for the Courthouse, Sheriff's Department, Health Department and Communications Center was discussed. The Board will discuss more with the Custodian.

A Maintenance Agreement with MMC Contractors was presented to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the Maintenance Agreement between Clay County and MMC Contractors for October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024 in the amount of \$5,296.00. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Becker and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to request an audit waiver for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for School Creek Township. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to open the bids for the Bridge project at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Bids received: Midwest Infrastructure in the amount of \$2,356,255.91; K2 Construction in the amount of \$2,715,212.10; and General Excavating in the amount of \$2,358,923.12.

Jeff Palik with Olsson was able to provide the engineering estimate which came out to \$2,155,000.00. Jeff and Tom Roemmich would work through the bids to check all calculations and come back to the Board with final information on the bids. Discussion was had that the Board could take additional time to review and act on the bids as the bids are good for 60 days.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to table action on bids for further review and consideration at the October 17, 2023 Board Meeting. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, provided his monthly report.

Mark Johnson, Custodian, provided his monthly report; snow removal was discussed. The Board would like to put an ad out that we are looking for snow removal services for the Courthouse, Sheriff's Department, Health Department and Communications Center.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, provided her monthly report and requested approval to add an additional 2 emergency response radios for law enforcement personnel. The Board is fine with this.

Roemmich and Palik re-entered the meeting to provide the Board with a final report on the bridge bids received today. Palik explains that with the substantial increase in the cost for this Railroad Bridge Project, the County will be absorbing a much higher expense than when the project first began in 2018/2019. The Board requested that Palik reach out to the Railroad to see if additional funding would be available as the Railroad's extreme delay in the engineering specifications has caused this project to be subject to the unfortunate hike in inflation on materials and labor. This has put the Board in a position to take an in-depth look at the true need for the project with the increase in the costs that the County would be absorbing.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve the claims that were presented and authorize the County Clerk to pay from the appropriate funds. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$136,058.56
A & L Plumbing & Heating LLC., Repairs	\$808.44
Aksamit, Cassie, Mileage, Reimbursements	\$225.09
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Holli Alley, Mileage	\$341.91
Aspegren Repair, Parts, Labor	\$81.75
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$430.48
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Windshield Repairs	\$565.00
Bergen, Julie, Supplies	\$220.98
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$218.70
Blome, Cheryl, Mileage	\$94.32
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,645.31
Brenfoerder, Stan, Prairie View Cemetery Mowing	\$590.00
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$81.29
Capital City Transfer, Transport Fees	\$789.00
Carey's Pest Control, Services	\$390.00
Carroll, Michael, Severance	\$2,000.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$584.89
Clay County Clerk, Filing Fees	\$50.00
Clay County News, Advertising, Supplies	\$1,224.09
Clay County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$56.13
Clay County Treasurer, Interfund Transfers, Postage	\$269,536.87
Clearly, Phone System	\$418.90
Colonial, Insurance	\$643.65
Comfort Inn, Lodging	\$689.70
Cooney Refrigeration, Repairs	\$232.50
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,961.43
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$67,579.24
CPI, Fuel	\$4,251.79
Cottonwood Title, Searches	\$875.00
Credit Management Services, Inc., Garnishments	\$385.60
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$59.70
DAS, Services, Safekeeping, Medical	\$1,052.75
DAV Chapter 9, Funding	\$2,000.00
Dell Marketing, Laptop	\$2,166.51
Dollar General, Supplies	\$36.75
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$4,840.68
Eakes, Supplies	\$1,371.34
ES&S, Battery	\$1,019.82

Essink, Chanda, Mileage	\$81.22
Felber, Cara, Mileage	\$208.30
First Concord, Insurance	\$602.50
Flatwater Technologies, Service	\$5,668.08
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$21.55
Hamilton County Treasurer, Vet Services	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage	\$94.32
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Hoy, Joni, Mileage	\$85.15
Integrated Security Solutions, Service	\$8,456.00
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Service	\$268.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$290.14
Malone, Haley, Reimbursement	\$70.00
Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc., Service	\$2,380.00
MDM Pest & Termite Control, Service	\$100.00
Medica, Health Ins.	\$68,138.73
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$725.00
Menards, Supplies	\$59.98
Microfilming Imaging Systems Inc, Equipment Rental	\$49.00
Mid-America Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$582.00
Midwest Card & ID Solutions, Supplies	\$929.87
MIPS, Services	\$2,926.26
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,525.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, Instructor Course	\$400.00
Nebraska State Fire Marshal Elevator Division, Inspection	\$120.00
NextLink, Internet	\$28.50
Platte Valley Comm. of Hastings Inc., Repairs, Service	\$2,888.00
Professional Choice Recovery, Garnishment	\$43.14
NE Secretary of State, Title 177	\$20.00
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney fees	\$3,615.60
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$3,187.84
State of NE, Dept of Corrections, Medical, Vehicle	\$32,201.64
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender, Foreclosures	\$2,600.00
Summit Fire Protection, Inspection	\$291.00
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$9.33
Sutton Pharmacy, Supplies	\$24.20
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,606.00
US Bank, Supplies	\$701.59
US Cellular, Phones	\$461.85
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage	\$31.44
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$480.04
Windstream, Service	\$650.78
Woodward's, Garbage	\$315.00
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,751.52

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$62,495.04
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,631.09
Auca, Supplies	\$766.95
Aurora Cooperative, Fuel	\$96.50

Bauer Built, Parts & Labor	\$6,615.90
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies, Parts	\$391.10
Beyke Signs, Inc., Signage	\$832.50
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$272.90
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$323.80
Brown's Thrift Store, Supplies	\$337.99
Card Services, Supplies	\$260.00
Cardinal Tool & Die, Parts	\$900.00
Carey's Pest Control, Services	\$65.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$185.21
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$52.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$96.82
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$72.20
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$120.67
Clay County News, Help Wanted, Bid	\$149.41
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.40
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$31,346.04
CPI, Fuel	\$8,769.24
Dollar General, Supplies	\$50.75
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$650.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$467.10
Extreme Transfer LLC, Parts & Labor	\$710.72
Fastenal Company, Supplies	\$103.82
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Fleetpride, Parts	\$1,091.91
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$546.32
General Excavating, Bridge	\$180,268.28
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$25,433.19
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$857.45
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Island Landhandlers, Gravel	\$3,223.46
Island Supply Welding Co., Supplies	\$218.80
John Deere Financial (Landmark), Parts & Labor	\$472.60
Ken & Al's Service Inc., Fuel	\$506.20
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc., Supplies	\$442.73
LCL Truck Equipment, Parts	\$136.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$21.40
Medica, Insurance	\$2,000.00
Menards, Supplies	\$177.61
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc., Gravel	\$14,783.06
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Inc, Service, Parts	\$37.49
NAPA Auto Parts, Supplies	\$388.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$350.00
Nebraska Peterbilt, Parts	\$713.48

NMC Exchange, Parts & Labor	\$4,538.55
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Fuel	\$283.00
PAD LLC, Landfill Fees	\$620.88
Platte Valley Communications, Supplies	\$219.35
R& K Service, Fuel	\$3,167.49
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
Straight-line Striping, Service	\$34,678.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$445.88
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$91.77
Sutton Auto, Parts, Supplies	\$872.74
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$35.97
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$225.28
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$743.61
Woodward's, Garbage	\$55.00

VISITORS FUND

Allegro Wolf Broadway Academy, Grant	\$900.00
Clay County Historical Society, Grant	\$800.00
Fairfield Community Club, Grant	\$210.00

ROD PM FUND

Bear Graphics, Freight	\$30.17
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$475.04

HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$10,364.30
Bert's Pharmacy, Supplies	\$525.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$111.44
Clay County News, Advertising	\$124.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$190.59
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$4,986.67
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$120.80
First Concord, Insurance	\$250.00
Jensen, Donna, Mileage	\$132.31
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$14.20
Sara Marshall, Mileage	\$471.60
Medica, Insurance	\$400.00
Nationwide, Insurance	\$100.00
Sanofi Pasteur Inc., Vaccine	\$10,114.52
SmileMakers, Supplies	\$41.92
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$31.84

911 FUND

Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$77.20
Glenwood, Internet	\$187.59
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$135.36
Superior iNet, Internet	\$179.98

Windstream, Service, Internet		\$266.63
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E911 FUND

Windstream, Service, Internet		\$945.32
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Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 10:38 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for October 17, 2023. On roll call, yea: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman