

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, October 17, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met October 17, 2023 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on October 11, 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. Vice-Chairman Jim Pavelka presided with roll call showing the following present: Scott Bitterman, Eric Samuelson, Glen Becker, Ivan Fintel, Dick Shaw and Jim Pavelka; Absent: L Wayne Johnson. Minutes of the meeting held September 26, 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.

Vice-Chairman, Jim Pavelka 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 Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 26, 2023 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw and Pavelka. Motion carried.

Tom Roemmich, Highway Superintendent, provided his road report.

An Easement Request was submitted by Richard VanGroningen for electrical lines. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the Easement Request from Richard VanGroningen to bore electrical line across County Road 321 from SW ¼ 21-8-5 to NW ¼ 28-8-5 to provide electrical underground service to the farm. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Pavelka. Motion carried.

An Easement Request was submitted by Windstream Nebraska, LLC to bury fiber. Motion by Becker and seconded by Samuelson to approve the Easement Request from Windstream Nebraska, LLC to bury fiber drop line starting at a point approximately 1,000 feet North of W. 11th St. crossing from the West side to the East side of N. Clay Ave, along the West side of the SE ¼ of 27-8-7. On roll call, yea: Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Pavelka. Motion carried.

Two Easement Requests from Hamilton Telephone Company to bury conduit and fiber were presented.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the Easement Request from Hamilton Telephone to bury conduit and fiber along the North and West sides of 18-8-8. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Pavelka. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to approve the Easement Request to bury conduit and fiber along the West side of the NW ¼ 9-8-8, the South side of the SW ¼ 4-8-8, North side of the NE ¼ 8-8-8. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel and Pavelka. Motion carried.

Jeff Palik with Olsson was present to discuss updates on the possible funding for the RR Bridge project. The Railroad has offered additional monies for the project. Tom and Jeff will work with Clay County Attorney Fleischer to make sure that an agreement presented by the Railroad would be satisfactory for Clay County to engage in. Additional discussion of this project will be held at the next meeting.

Donna Jensen, Health Department Director, provided her monthly report, Donna will go back to doing quarterly reports. Donna presented Subaward Agreements between NE DHHS and Clay County Health Department for VFC Immunizations with the possibility of reimbursement up to \$27,200 and COVID-19 Vaccinations with the possibility of reimbursement up to \$22,500.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to approve the Subaward Agreement to receive grant monies for reimbursements for expenses related to COVID-19 vaccinations and authorize Donna Jensen as the Clay County Health Department Director to sign the same. All grant monies are to be deposited directly with the Clay County Treasurer. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Becker, Fintel, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the Subaward Agreement to receive grant monies for reimbursements for expenses related to VFC immunizations and authorize Donna Jensen as the Clay County Health Department Director to sign the same. All grant monies are to be deposited directly with the Clay County Treasurer. On roll call, yea: Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Pavelka; Nay: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, provided his monthly report.

Brenda Hansen, County Assessor, presented the Stanard Appraisal Services Contract for 2023-2024. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve the contract between Stanard Appraisal Services Inc and Clay County for appraisal services in 2023-2024 in the amount of \$156,740.00. On roll call, yea: Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Pavelka. Motion carried.

Hansen expressed concerns with the EPIC tax that is being proposed for the State of Nebraska and urges the Board to do their research and keep up to date with this possible tax change.

Fintel left the meeting at 10:23 A.M.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk presented the September Fee Reports. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of September 2023: County Clerk \$4,860.75; County Court \$9,304.57; Clerk of the District Court \$14,198.48; County Sheriff \$1,906.60; County Health Department \$1,764.34; County Treasurer receipts 23090001-23090038 in the amount of \$247,332.73. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Pavelka. Motion carried.

Requests for surplus were submitted by the County Treasurer and County Assessor for furniture from their offices. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to approve the requests for surplus of the County Treasurer and County Assessor. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Shaw and Pavelka. Motion carried.

Members of the Board visited the jail today.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 10:48 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for October 24, 2023. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Becker, Shaw, Bitterman and Pavelka. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

Jim Pavelka, Vice-Chairman