

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, October 31, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met October 31, 2023 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on October 25, 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, Eric Samuelson, Glen Becker, James Pavelka, Ivan Fintel, Dick Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson. Minutes of the meeting held October 24, 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.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 24, 2023 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent provided his road report. Roemmich presented the Board with the Agreement and Resolution for the Deweese Northwest Project #BRO-7018(26). Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the project and adopt Resolution #23-18 for Project #BRO-7018 (26) Deweese Northwest. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's Office)

Jeff Palik with Olsson was present to discuss the Railroad Bridge Project. He has not received the agreement from the Railroad for the additional funding for the project; however, does feel that the Railroad is still on board with the additional funding and would like to get a decision of action to the project bidder today. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to accept the bid of Midwest Infrastructure for the Railroad Bridge Project and authorize the Notice of Award with the contingency that the Railroad provide an agreement to produce additional funding of \$750,000.00 with no ties to actual project costs. Roemmich and Palik would review the proposed agreement and present the same to the Board and County Attorney once received. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent presented his monthly report.

Barb Barnett, Planning & Zoning Administrator presented her quarterly report and notified the Board that the results of the survey for the Comprehensive Plan update is available for review.

Mark Johnson, Custodian presented his monthly report.

The alternate for voting purposes for the NACO convention was discussed. The chairman is the designated person to cast the ballot, but a designee can be named. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to appoint James Pavelka as the alternate designee to cast the ballot for Clay County at the NACO convention in December if the chairman is unavailable. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk presented the Board with a Resolution to Participate in Operation Green Light for Veterans this year. Aksamit explained to the Board the plan for participation which includes illuminating the Courthouse in green from November 6th through November 12th in honor of our Veterans. Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to adopt Resolution #23-19 Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Megan Burda, UNL Extension Engagement Zone Coordinator was present to address the Board regarding the changes between the existing and proposed renewal Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension Services between Clay County and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for and on behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The renewal seems to tie up a few loose ends and provide suggested review in 5-year increments. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension Services between Clay County and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for and on behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources for a term of 5 years with an automatic renewal of 5 years. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Shaw left the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 10:38 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for November 14, 2023. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

There was no Board of Equalization Meeting held on October 31, 2023.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman