

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, November 14, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met November 14, 2023 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on November 8, 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 31, 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 Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 31, 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 and notified the Board that the Railroad has not presented an agreement yet for the additional funding for the Railroad Bridge work. Roemmich presented an easement request from Windstream Nebraska to bury fiber starting approximately 600' North of W 11th St, placing on the West side going North approximately 500', then crossing Road KL and going down the East side of Road KL approximately 50' to a new pedestal, and then to the Verizon handhold, along the West side of the SE ¼ of 27-8-7. Motion by Becker and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement request of Windstream Nebraska. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Roemmich presented a list of tires to request be allowed for surplus. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the request for surplus as presented. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the roads in the NAD / SID area. Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, joined the meeting to discuss correspondence received from Jacobsen Orr Law Firm regarding the same. Attorney Fleischer will continue to research the land records for the area and come back to the Board when she has additional information.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer presented the board with a list of distress warrants.

Mark Johnson, Custodian was present to discuss possible sewer issues in the Courthouse. The Board would like Mark to see if he can find any possible sources of the odor and to contact A&L Plumbing for assistance.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk presented the October Fee Reports. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of October 2023: County Clerk \$15,874.50; County Court \$9,347.38; Clerk of the District Court \$39,666.34; County Sheriff \$12,347.39; County Health Department \$2,321.85; County Treasurer receipts 23100001-23100053 in the amount of \$578,426.31. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Correspondence from Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) was presented for Recommitment. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to adopt Resolution #23-20 for Amendment and Addendum to NIRMA / NIRMA II Intergovernmental / Interlocal Agreements for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Aksamit presented the Board with an updated quote for painting the interior of the Courthouse hallways. Said quote now includes the brick of the hallway walls on all levels and the ceilings on all levels. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to approve the quote from Andrew Malone in the amount of \$15,388.00. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Chairman Johnson brought for discussion the option to rent empty office space to Gene Ulmer, CPA. The Board would like the County Attorney to draw up a lease agreement for review. Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk will notify the County Attorney of the details for drafting the agreement.

Chairman Johnson presented the Board with a quote for a 2017 Ford F150 at Surplus to replace the 2005 Ford F150 due to its age and continuous repairs. Said replacement at Surplus has an asking price of \$23,000.00. Motion by Becker and seconded by Fintel to approve the purchase of the 2017 Ford F150 from Surplus. The 2005 Ford F150 is to be added to the upcoming auction of vehicles. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 10:31 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for November 21, 2023. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman