

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on July 30, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 24, 2024 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. 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 and presided with roll call showing the following present: Scott Bitterman, Eric Samuelson, Jim Pavelka, Ivan Fintel, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Glen Becker.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held July 23, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 23, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel and Shaw; Abstain: Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his roads report.

Jerad Reimers, District Coordinator for Congressman Adrian Smith presented updates from Mr. Smith's office. Chairman Johnson asked Mr. Reimers to forward the following concerns of the Board to Mr. Smith: Clay County is forced to absorb the expense to provide roads and services to the US MARC and Greenlief Training site due to no funding assistance from the federal government as all acres owned are exempt from property taxes which leaves a large burden on our Clay County property owners to fund these roads and services to governmental properties, which is unrealistic. Additional acres causing a loss in tax revenue for Clay County are the federal wetlands. Clay County has continuously made efforts to put these concerns in front of our Congressmen and Senators, which has continued to seem to get pushed to the side and forgotten. Our roads are in need of repaving and these miles of pavement would yet again place a lot of weight on our county taxpayers if the federal government does not step up to assist with the expenses of the roads and services in which they rely on for their operations.

Pam Maynard presented the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Requests for the Visitor Promotion Fund and the Visitor Improvement Fund as prepared by the Tourism Committee. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Request for the Visitor Improvement Fund for \$4,000.00 and Visitor Promotion Funds for \$2,150.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

A Letter of Agreement between Region 3 Behavioral Health Services and Clay County was discussed. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the Agreement as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Request of the District #10 State Probation Office in the amount of \$2,683.20. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Request of the District #10 State Probation Office as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft Resolution to place the Dissolution of Townships on the 2024 General Election Ballot. The Board has asked that this be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 10:34 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for August 13, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman