

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on August 20, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 14, 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.

Vice-Chairman Jim Pavelka 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, Glen Becker, Ivan Fintel, Richard Shaw and Jim Pavelka; absent: L. Wayne Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held August 14, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 13, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel and Pavelka; abstain: Shaw; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Douglas Frank and Melissa Sauder spoke during public input about elections.

Bids for Project C-18(345) Road X South Box Culvert were opened at 9:15 A.M.

Bids received:

- Saul Ramos Construction, Shelton, NE \$207,552.50
- Wilke Construction, Kearney, NE \$227,230.00
- VanKirk Bros, Sutton, NE \$161,621.75

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

Recommendation of appointment to the Clay County Board of Adjustments was reviewed. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to reappoint Lori Samuelson, DudLee Brennforder for another 3-year term effective September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2027 and appoint Sharon Ryan as Alternate Member, as recommended. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney was present to provide the Board with an update on the status of the decision for the NAD roads. There has been no additional correspondence received. Jennifer presented a revised quote from Eakes for office furniture. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to approve the quote as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tom Roemmich reentered the meeting after reviewing all received bids and verification that all the figures presented were accurate as bid. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to accept the bid from VanKirk Bros for Project C-18(345) Road X South Box Culvert in the amount of \$161,621.75. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin asked to surplus a deputy vest. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to approve for surplus the deputy vest as requested. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Sara Mertens, Health Department Director presented an updated budget request which included a request for permission to hire a part-time nurse. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to authorize the Clay County Health Department Director to advertise for a part-time nurse. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Sara also requested for keeping on record, an official motion to her appointment as Clay County Health Department Director. Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to appoint Sara Mertens as the Clay County Health Department Director effective her date of hire April 15, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was noted that the first strategic plan meeting took place between the Clay County Board Health Department Subcommittee and members of the Health Department Board on August 14, 2024.

Dan Schwartzkopf with Jones Insurance was present to review renewal rate options for Clay County's medical insurance plan. The Board will review further.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 11:40 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for August 27, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

Jim Pavelka, Vice-Chairman