

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on August 27, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 21, 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, Glen Becker, Jim Pavelka, Ivan Fintel, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held August 20, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 20, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Scott Prestidge with Tallgrass Energy was present to answer questions the Board had regarding the proposed CO2 pipeline project and easement requests.

An easement request was presented from Trailblazer CO2 Pipeline, LLC to bury pipeline from the SE ¼ of Sec 12-8-9 (Adams Co) crossing Road A to the SW ¼ of Sec 7-8-8 (Clay Co). Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Becker to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An easement request was presented from Trailblazer CO2 Pipeline, LLC to bury pipeline from the NE ¼ of Sec 7-8-8 crossing Road 324 to the SE ¼ of Sec 6-8-8. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Becker to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An easement request was presented from Trailblazer CO2 Pipeline, LLC to bury pipeline from the SE ¼ of Sec 6-8-8 crossing Road B to the SW ¼ of Sec 5-8-8. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Becker to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mathius Ribierio, Extension Lead Educator was present to give the Board an update for the Extension office.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer, presented a Resolution to the Board regarding reversing the transfer of monies from the 2913 fund to the 2914 fund via previously adopted Resolution #24-05 and moving monies from the 0100 fund to the 2914 fund to satisfy the audit of accounts. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #24-08. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's Office)

Haley Malone, Emergency Manger, presented her monthly report.

Mark Johnson, Building and Grounds, presented his monthly report.

The requests from the townships, fire districts and Ag society for preliminary levy requests were presented and discussed. The levy requests were: **Fire Districts:** Clay Center Rural General \$54,027.00; Edgar Rural General \$44,000.00 Sinking \$19,000.00; Fairfield Rural General \$41,091.00 Sinking \$19,485.00; Harvard Rural General \$40,908.38; Sutton Rural General \$71,238.64; Trumbull Rural General \$35,500.00 Sinking \$23,200.00; Bond \$32,320.00. **Townships:** Edgar \$12,341.13; Eldorado \$6,785.00; Fairfield \$6,445.00; Glenvil \$11,823.84; Harvard \$9,712.44; Inland \$8,340.03; Leicester \$11,500.00; Lewis \$10,504.22; Logan \$10,514.27; Lone Tree \$3,536.60; Lynn \$5,892.36; Marshall \$7,700.00; School Creek \$4,140.00; Sheridan \$10,098.00; Spring Ranch \$12,399.20; Sutton \$13,512.96. **Clay County Ag Society** \$84,352.50.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the preliminary requests for levy allocation from the Fire Districts, Townships and the Clay County Agricultural Society. Upon

roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the additional 1% increase in Budget Restricted Funds Authority for the 2024-2025 County Budget Year. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to advertise the Notice of Budget and Budget Summary Hearing for 2024-2025, the hearing to be held September 24, 2024, at 9:00 am. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to advertise the Notice of Special Hearing to set Final Tax request at a different amount than the prior year's tax request. Hearing to be held September 24, 2024, immediately following the conclusion of the budget hearing which will be held September 24, 2024, at 9:00 am. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to approve the following inventories: Supervisor districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7: County owned property: Board of Supervisor's Board Room, Clerk, Assessor, Treasurer, County Court, Clerk of District Court, County Attorney, Veteran Service Officer, Zoning, Custodian, Emergency Manager, Communications Center, Health Department, Weed Department, Sheriff's Department and Highway Department and place on file in the County Clerk's office. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Johnson left the meeting at 10:12 A.M.

Judd Allen from the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) presented medical insurance renewal options for Clay County. The Board will review all health insurance renewal options that have been presented and place the renewal on a future meeting agenda.

Brad Slaughter, Managing Director with Northland Securities was present to discuss road bond options to the Board and discuss the impact of the recently passed legislative bill LB34. The Board will review the bond options with the County CPA while reviewing the County budget.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$136,042.06
A Street Auto Parts Sutton, Supplies	\$56.23
Adams County District Court, Hearings	\$625.00
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$8,601.70
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$845.75
Barnett, Barb, Mileage	\$41.60
Big G Ace, Supplies	\$18.28
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$212.37
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,984.73
Bockstadter & Glen Law LLC, Attorney Fees	\$235.75
Brian's Repair, Tire Repair	\$25.86
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$78.08
Carey's Pest Control, Spraying	\$121.00
Cash-WA Distributing, Food & Paper Goods	\$1,295.84
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$516.17
CJIS Operational Protection Services, Protection Package	\$2,412.50
Clay County News, Advertising	\$1,048.38
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer	\$194,196.10
Clay County Tree Service, Tree Trimming	\$875.00
Clearly, Phone System	\$423.25
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$38.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$563.80
Consolidated Management Co., Lunch	\$11.35
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,132.95
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$68,293.92

CPI, Fuel	\$4,199.98
Credit Management Services, Inc., Garnishment	\$271.20
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$89.40
Cunningham, Jill, Attorney	\$52.50
DAS, Services	\$1,193.55
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$1,000.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$3,914.29
Farmer, Jim, Meals	\$22.98
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,116.66
Fleischer, Jennifer, Attorney	\$300.00
Gilbert, Robin, Mileage	\$60.30
gWorks, Subscription Fees	\$9,450.00
Hall County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$12.30
Hamilton County Treasurer, Vet Services	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage	\$325.62
Holiday Inn Kearney, Lodging	\$269.90
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Kearney County Clerk, Bailiff	\$14,322.05
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$260.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$354.22
Medica, Health Ins.	\$73,228.16
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$787.50
Menards, Supplies	\$70.42
Mid-America Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$5,233.79
Midland Area Agency on Aging, Membership and Meal Program	\$6,299.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,037.16
MIS, Inc, Imaging	\$49.00
MMC Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Labor	\$802.50
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, Course Series	\$270.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, NCIC Training	\$255.00
Norris, Justin, Lights	\$4,000.00
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services, Lease	\$400.89
Platte Valley Communications of Hastings, Service	\$1,732.80
Professional Choice Recovery, Garnishment	\$370.66
Quality Sound & Communications Inc, Rental	\$147.00
Ribeiro, Matheus, Mileage	\$268.67
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$1,622.50
Smith Lawn Care, Lawn Applications	\$1,250.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$2,976.48
Stoner, Nicole, Extension Educator	\$109.88
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$963.82
Sutton Auto Supply, Inc, Parts	\$22.80
Sutton Electric, Inc, Lights	\$1,130.07
Tim Messenger Construction, Windows and Siding	\$9,174.00
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Supplies and Training	\$1,213.32
US Cellular, Phones	\$132.31
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage	\$66.20
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$623.66
Windstream, Service	\$672.01
Woodward's, Garbage	\$370.00
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,634.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$72,123.57
A Street Auto Parts Sutton, Parts	\$232.97
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,803.26
Aurora Cooperative, Fuel	\$68.97
Bauer Built, Inc., Parts & Labor	\$95.80
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$547.50

Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$286.98
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$283.86
Brown's Thrift Store Inc, Supplies	\$737.98
C & M Supply Inc., Fuel	\$2,599.08
Carey's Pest Control, Spraying	\$72.00
Central Nebraska Equipment, Parts	\$58.10
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$117.95
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$82.42
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$125.01
Clay County News, Advertising	\$1,938.02
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.19
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Supplies	\$96.36
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$35,696.61
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$11,943.84
Deweese Sand & Gravel, Rock	\$135.07
Dollar General, Supplies	\$88.70
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$672.00
DPL Enterprises Inc, Material	\$9,891.91
Eakes, Supplies	\$41.22
Farm & Home Publishers LTD, Maps	\$570.00
Filter Care of Nebraska, Cleaning	\$66.00
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Fleetpride, Repair	\$471.25
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$921.87
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$20,675.77
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$323.20
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Inland Truck Parts & Service, Parts	\$138.38
Island Landhandlers, Inc., Material	\$27,605.88
Island Supply Welding., Supplies	\$229.77
John Deer Financial, Service	\$1,221.90
Kimball Midwest, Supplies	\$319.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$23.76
Medica, Insurance	\$1,800.00
Medical Enterprises, Inc, Testing	\$35.00
Menards, Supplies	\$888.99
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc, Gravel	\$53,982.10
Midwest Infrastructure, Bridge work	\$241,869.90
Midwest Service & Sales, Culvert Bands	\$28,654.50
Miller Tire Pros & Service, Repair	\$557.93
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Nationwide, Retirement	\$350.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$2,191.28
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Fuel	\$271.32
Olsson, Service	\$15,218.14
Railpros Fields Services, Inc, BSNF Bridge	\$33,340.00
Royston, Inc, Repair	\$200.00
Rush Truck Centers of NE, Inc, Parts	\$2,661.06
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$475.15
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$89.54
Sutton Auto, Parts, Supplies	\$2,796.90
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$27.96
Trausch Dynamics, Parts	\$200.19
Truck Center Companies, Parts	\$95.13
US Bank, Supplies	\$93.13
Vestis, Supplies	\$604.72
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00

Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$234.97
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$737.90
Winzer, Supplies	\$100.16

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND

Clay County Historical Society, Advertising	\$800.00
Edgar Community Club, Advertising	\$300.00
Fairfield Community Club, Advertising	\$202.53
Pay Maynard, Stamps	\$73.00

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

Clay County Historical Society, Advertising	\$1,000.00
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ROD PM FUND

MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$526.66
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INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Clay County Treasurer, Transfer	\$241,869.90
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HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$10,559.98
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$60.98
Clay County News, Advertising	\$139.50
Colonial, Insurance	\$41.63
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$4,840.62
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$51.75
First Concord, Insurance	\$125.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$2.25
Marshall, Sara, Mileage & Insurance	\$365.15
Medica, Insurance	\$400.00
Mertens, Sara, Mileage, Ins.	\$165.49
Shared Service Systems, Supplies	\$66.51
US Bank Card, Supplies	\$108.85
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$31.84

911 FUND

Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$83.72
Glenwood, Internet	\$209.17
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$147.88

E911 FUND

Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$15,657.75
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MISC SINKING FUND

A & L Plumbing and Heating LLC, Plumbing Upgrades	\$14,193.15
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Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to approve the claims that were presented and authorize the County Clerk to pay from the appropriate funds. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 12:05 PM; next regular meeting scheduled for September 10, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk  
L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman  
Jim Pavelka, Vice-Chairman