

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on September 24, 2024, at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on September 18, 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.

The Budget Summary hearing was held prior to the regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to open the public hearing for the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 at 9:00 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The public hearing on the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 was held. The notice was published in the Clay County News. Those present during the public hearing: Tom Roemmich. No written or oral comments or objections were received from the public. Copies of the proposed budget were given to the board members as well as three copies were available for viewing by the public.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to close the public hearing on the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 at 9:15 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to open the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax request for fiscal year 2024-2025 at 9:15 A.M. (immediately following the proposed budget hearing). Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

No written or oral comments or objections were received from the public.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to close the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax request for fiscal year 2024-2025 at 9:18 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors meeting began at 9:18 A.M.

Minutes of the meeting held September 17, 2024, were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 17, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

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

An Easement request from Rick Hinrichs was presented. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the Easement request of Rick Hinrichs to bury electrical from the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 26-6-8 crossing County Road F to the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 25-6-8 for the purpose of electric well & pivot and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An Easement request from R Lazy K, Inc was presented. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to approve the Easement request of R Lazy K, Inc to bury electrical line from the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 17-6-8 crossing County Road 311 to the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 8-6-8 for the purpose of electric motor to center pivot and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An Easement request from Hamilton Telephone was presented. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the Easement request of Hamilton Telephone to bury fiber starting at the intersection of Road A and Road 320 on the SE corner (NW corner of 31-8-8) and plowing East on the edge of the road for 1 mile, crossing County Road B and setting vault on SE corner of Road C and Road 320 (NW corner of 32-8-8) and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An Easement request from Hamilton Telephone was presented. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to approve the Easement request of Hamilton Telephone to bury fiber starting at the intersection of Road B and Road 320 on the SE corner (NW corner of 32-8-8) and plowing East on the edge of the road for 1 mile, crossing County Road C and entering existing vault on SE corner of Road C and Road 320 (NW corner of 33-8-8) and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An Easement request from Hamilton Telephone was presented. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the Easement request of Hamilton Telephone to bury fiber starting at the SE corner of Road A and Road 321 (NW corner of 30-8-8) bore under Road A into Adams County, then from that point bore under Road 321 plowing North for approximately 3,178 feet and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mark Johnson, Building & Grounds, provided his monthly report.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, provided his monthly report.

The Fee Reports for July and August of the Sheriff's Office were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to approve the fee reports of the Sheriff's Office for the month of July 2024 in the amount of \$4,264.92; and the month of August 2024 in the amount of \$934.16. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

A Cost Allocation Plan prepared by WJE Consulting was presented to the Board. Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to approve the Cost Allocation Plan prepared by WJE Consulting and authorize the Chairman to sign the Certification Statement. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, provided her monthly report and advised the Board that the pager transmitter is having some issues. She is getting some repair and replacement estimates for review.

The Board discussed the medical insurance plan. Motion by Becker and seconded by Fintel to renew the current Medica Health Plan for now. The Boar will continue to review alternative health plan options. 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 Pavelka to adopt Resolution #24-13 to accept the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Copy of Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution #24-14 to set the final 2024-2025 proposed tax request at \$6,396,700.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Copy of Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

#### GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$134,804.00
4H ShoWorks Billing AEM Business Center, Program upgrade	\$299.50
A & L Plumbing and Heating LLC, Washer Repair	\$350.20
A Street Auto Parts Sutton, Supplies	\$528.24
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Aksamit, Cassie, Mileage	\$156.91

Alley, Holli, Mileage	\$473.87
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$10,608.20
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$845.75
Barnett, Barb, Mileage	\$54.81
Baumert, Dan, Mileage	\$19.43
Becks Farm Equipment, Oil Filter	\$9.50
Best Western Plus, Rooms for Training	\$214.00
Bitterman, Joni, Mileage	\$44.54
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$209.08
Blome, Cheryl, Mileage and Supplies	\$91.18
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,797.60
Brennfoerder, Stan, Cemetery mowing	\$590.00
Business World Products, Inc., Supplies	\$6.36
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$92.18
Central Community College, CPR Classes	\$325.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$533.45
Clay County Court, Case costs	\$237.00
Clay County News, Advertising	\$418.00
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer	\$418,153.05
Clearly, Phone System	\$423.25
Cleary Building Corp, Shed Repair	\$2,500.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$563.80
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,056.45
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$68,461.67
CPI, Fuel	\$3,608.88
Credit Management Services, Inc., Garnishment	\$212.16
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Rooms for Workshop	\$899.70
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$76.20
Cunningham, Jill, Attorney	\$1,200.00
DAS, Services	\$302.75
Dollar General, Supplies	\$74.10
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$4,623.52
Eakes, Supplies	\$884.19
Ellis, Mary Lynne, Mileage	\$29.48
Felber, Cara, Mileage	\$215.67
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,271.66
Furman, Cynthia, Mileage	\$225.12
Gilbert, Robin, Mileage	\$37.92
Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, Inmate holding	\$200.00
Hamilton County Treasurer, Vet Services	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage	\$191.62
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Hoy, Joni, Mileage	\$85.09
Johnson, Keith, Mileage	\$19.43
Leichleiter, Andrew, Mileage	\$9.45
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$1,450.28
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$415.07
MDM Pest & Termite Control, Ant treatment	\$100.00
Medica, Health Ins.	\$69,687.97
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$775.00
Menards, Supplies	\$10.99
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	\$49.00
Mid-America Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$4,356.24
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,037.16
NACO, Registration	\$320.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, Instructor	\$400.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Testing	\$105.00
Nebraska.Gov, Abstract	\$8.50
Nunnenkamp, Brett, Mileage	\$15.41

Pavelka, Jim, Mileage	\$93.40
Platte Valley Communications of Hastings, Service	\$1,715.00
Professional Choice Recovery, Garnishment	\$681.08
The Radar Shop, Signals	\$336.50
Secretary of State Elections Division, Voter cards	\$10.00
Secretary of State Rules & Regulations Division, Reproduction/Certification	\$20.00
Security Equipment, Inc., Monitoring & Inspections	\$3,728.93
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$5,578.96
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$2,879.41
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$5,200.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Inc, Parts	\$9.03
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$36.41
Sutton Pharmacy, Jail prescriptions	\$33.80
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters, Deposition	\$1,089.35
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Supplies and Repairs	\$913.29
US Cellular, Phones	\$180.69
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$585.22
Windstream, Service	\$670.64
Woodward's, Garbage	\$370.00
Wurdeman, Terrance, Mileage and meals	\$99.94
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,500.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$75,599.29
A Street Auto Parts Sutton, Parts	\$138.90
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,571.67
Aurora Cooperative, Fuel	\$63.44
Bauer Built, Inc., Parts & Labor	\$573.85
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$322.98
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$287.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$222.88
C & M Supply Inc., Fuel	\$2,987.94
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$117.11
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$120.63
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.19
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Supplies	\$96.36
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$37,769.74
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$7,703.36
Dollar General, Supplies	\$25.30
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$672.00
DPL Enterprises Inc, Material	\$5,325.45
Eakes, Supplies	\$60.00
Filter Care of Nebraska, Cleaning	\$282.00
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Fleetpride, Repair	\$270.95
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$476.94
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$23,836.05
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$229.83
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Hays Land Surveying LLC	\$1,079.22
Inland Truck Parts & Service, Parts	\$1,176.55
Island Landhandlers, Inc., Material	\$27,613.20
Island Supply Welding., Supplies	\$109.12
John Deer Financial, Service	\$536.80
Johnson, Leroy DBA Diamond Lime LLC, Lime	\$309.75
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc., Supplies	\$267.13
LCL Truck Equipment, Parts	\$21.50

Madison National Life, Insurance	\$23.76
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Drug screens	\$100.00
Medica, Insurance	\$1,600.00
Medical Enterprises, Inc, Testing	\$105.00
Menards, Supplies	\$161.86
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc, Gravel	\$35,616.78
Midwest Infrastructure, Bridge work	\$354,036.72
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Moore, Heather, Flag	\$25.00
Murphy Tractor & Equip. Co. Inc., Parts	\$840.06
Nationwide, Retirement	\$350.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$17,694.58
Nebraska Truck Center, Parts	\$1,150.80
Oak Creek Engineering, Road X project	\$11,150.00
Olsson, Service	\$22,309.66
Pad, LLC, Landfill fees	\$281.97
Railpros Fields Services, Inc, BSNF Bridge	\$48,252.50
Rush Truck Centers of NE, Inc, Parts	\$162.79
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$375.00
Shirt Shack, Safety shirts	\$192.00
Sioux City Tarp, Tarp & supplies	\$870.32
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$501.84
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$91.04
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$870.88
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$360.76
Truck Center Companies, Parts	\$105.52
US Bank, Supplies	\$313.48
Van Kirk Bros. Contracting, C-18 321 Project	\$213,413.85
Vestis, Supplies	\$752.12
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$203.13
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$738.06
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00
VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Edgar Lions Club, Welcome signs	\$500.00
ROD PM FUND	
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$526.66
INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer	\$354,036.72
HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$9,337.22
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$60.98
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$77.56
Clay County News, Advertising	\$201.50
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$4,279.65
Eakes, Supplies	\$145.94
First Concord, Insurance	\$20.00
Glaxosmithkline Pharmaceuticals, Vaccine	\$2,354.39
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$65.15
Marshall, Sara, Mileage & Insurance	\$432.15
Medica, Insurance	\$400.00
Mertens, Sara, Mileage, Ins.	\$115.91
Sanofi Pasteur, Inc., Vaccine	\$8,331.60
US Bank Card, Supplies	\$80.02
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$31.84
911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$82.20
Glenwood, Internet	\$209.17
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$156.76

E911 FUND

Century Link dba Lumen, Internet

\$7,892.70

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman 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: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 10:37 A.M. Next regular meeting scheduled for October 15, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Board Chairman