

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on October 15, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on October 9, 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 and Jim Pavelka; absent: L. Wayne Johnson and Richard Shaw.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held September 24, 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 September 24, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his roads report as well as the mechanic's report for September.

An Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury 2" HDPE Gas Pipeline in Road 323 ROW on the South Side running West to the East from Road K to the NW ¼ of Section 14 then continuing on the North Side of Road 323 running West to the East in Section 11 and terminating at the Harvard Gun Club West property line where BHE has an approved permit for, BHE also has approved permits for the Road L and Road 323 Crossings was reviewed. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to approve Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Bitterman and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An Easement request from Windstream Nebraska, LLC to bury copper cable/line starting a point 2,380' East of Road P, placing on the North side going East approx. 162' between new Peds 2000/128QS and 2000/128QU, along the South side of the SW ¼ of Section 4-6-6 was reviewed. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve Easement request from Windstream Nebraska, LLC as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An Easement request from Windstream Nebraska, LLC to bury copper cable/line starting at a point 2,590' East of Road Q, placing on the North side going East 212' between new Peds 2000/128SL and 2000/128SN, along the South side of the SW ¼ of Section 3-6-6 was reviewed. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve Easement request from Windstream Nebraska, LLC as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Dayma Claycamp was present on behalf of Megan's Kids Corner in Edgar to ask for consideration for some of the ARPA funds Clay County received for the expansion of their daycare center. The Board advised Ms. Claycamp that the County Board has not yet spent all of their ARPA funds but that serious consideration would be coming in the next couple of months as to where the remaining funds would best be suited for.

Robin Gilbert, Clay County Treasurer, presented a Resolution to release a Pledge with Waypoint Bank. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #24-15 to release the Waypoint Pledge (CUISP #87164WB72) as recommended by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's Office)

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff provided his monthly report.

The renewal with Mid-American Benefits was discussed. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to approve the renewal with Mid-American Benefits for the Administrative Services and COBRA Administration Services for the plan year beginning October 1, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Bitterman and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of September 2024: County Clerk \$7,491.25; County Court \$6,538.51; Clerk of District Court \$4,508.00; County Sheriff \$752.04; County Health Department \$1,547.20 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 24090001 through 24090044 in the amount of \$984,931.16. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney provided her monthly report.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 10:00 A.M. Next regular meeting scheduled for October 22, 2024. On roll call, Aye: Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

Jim Pavelka, Vice-Chairman