

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on November 12, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on November 6, 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 October 29, 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 October 29, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None; Abstain: Samuelson and Shaw. Motion carried.

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

An Easement request from George Steven Ablott to bury an electrical line across County Road D from the SW ¼ of Section 34-8-8 to the SE ¼ of Section 33-8-8 was reviewed. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the Easement request from George Steven Ablott to bury an electrical line across County Road D from the SW ¼ of Section 34-8-8 to the SE ¼ of Section 33-8-8. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tom and the Board discussed the contract for the Road X Box Culvert Project C-18 (345). Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign the same and authorize the Chairman to sign the Notice to Proceed. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Scott Prestidge with Tallgrass Energy was present to provide an update on the CO2 pipeline project during public input. Mr. Prestidge will keep in contact with the County Highway Superintendent Roemmich and County Supervisor Samuelson to provide updates on timeframe for the burying of the pipeline. They expect to begin in December.

Barb Barnett, Planning & Zoning Administrator, presented her 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter report. The County Comprehensive Plan workplan meeting is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Molini with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission's Wildlife Division was present to discuss a tract of public land with the Board that is owned by Ducks Unlimited. Ducks Unlimited has approached Nebraska Game & Parks to see if they would be interested in purchasing the parcel from them. Mr. Molini was interested in the opinions of the Clay County Board. Several Clay County residents were present to provide their input and questions as well. The Board of Supervisors suggested that Mr. Molini schedule to attend another board meeting and get a representative from Ducks Unlimited to attend as well.

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 October 2024: County Clerk \$10,391.00; County Court \$6,320.49; Clerk of District Court \$47,799.75; County Sheriff \$23,131.84; County Health Department \$7,886.45 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 24100001 through 24100054 in the amount of \$558,853.06. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Clerk Aksamit presented Sheriff Franklin's request for changes of authorizations on the Cornerstone Bank Account for the Clay County Sheriff's Department. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to approve the removal of Nealey Branting and add Jameson Schmidt to the Cornerstone Bank Account for the Clay County Sheriff's Department. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

A request to approve items for surplus was presented from the Clerk of the District Court. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Becker to approve the following for surplus: removal of

brown desk chair to city landfill. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The alternative for voting purposes for the NACO convention was discussed. The chairman is the designated person to cast the ballot, but a designee can be named. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to appoint Jim Pavelka as the alternate designee to cast the ballot for Clay County at the NACO convention in December if the chairman is unavailable. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 10:10 A.M. Next regular meeting scheduled for November 19, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman