

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on February 11, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on February 5, 2025 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, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held January 28, 2025 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 28, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Larry Ritterbush and Lyndal Ritterbush of Ong were present to ask the Board and Highway Superintendent about the possibility of paving County Road X between Highway 41 and Highway 74. The Board is fine with doing a traffic count to get data to review later in the year in consideration of paving the road.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to open the public hearing for the One and Six Year Road Plan at 9:15 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Maps of the One and Six Year Road Plan were handed out and discussed. There being no other discussion on the One and Six Year Road Plan, other agenda items were dealt with during the hearing time.

Requests for surplus of the Highway Superintendent, Emergency Manger and Sheriff were discussed. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Bitterman to approve the following for surplus: Tires (265/70r17(x4); 245/75r16(x2); 225/70r19.5(x2); 11R24.5(x5); 275/80R24.5(x5)); 500-gallon fuel tank; 2015 Chevrolet Silverado; 2017 Ford Explorer Silver; 2017 Ford Explorer Black. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The January Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of January 2025: County Clerk \$16,563.00; County Court \$5,699.62; Clerk of District Court \$10,295.58; Sheriff \$6,720.93; County Health Department \$1,875.00 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 25010001 through 25010058 in the amount of \$5,512,505.91. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The renewal of the County Long Term Disability and Life Insurance policies with National Insurance Services (NIS) was presented to the Board. There are no rate increases, and the renewal rates are guaranteed for 2 years until July 1, 2027, assuming there are no changes to the current benefit structure. Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to approve the renewal as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jeff Palik with Olsson, Inc entered the meeting at 9:30 A.M.

Brad Slaughter with Northland Financial was present to discuss the original bond issue for the county asphalt overlay project and the process of an additional bond issue if necessary, upon receipt of bids.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to open bids for the county asphalt overlay project at 10:00 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bids received: Werner Construction, Inc. total bid \$12,079,699.45 and Vontz Paving, Inc. total bid \$12,487,640.87.

There were no written or oral comments, suggestions or objections received.

Tom and Jeff exited the room to review and confirm bid calculations.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to close the One & Six Year Road Plan hearing at 10:41 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the One and Six Year Road Plan as presented, with no changes, by Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent, and adopt Resolution #25-02. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's Office)

Clerk Aksamit will finalize the Resolution and Notice of Motions for Tom and provide the same back to him.

Tom and Jeff confirmed the bids received and discussion was had regarding the road bond for the project.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to accept the bid of Werner Construction for the county asphalt overlay project for a total bid of \$12,079,699.45. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Brad Slaughter will prepare paperwork to extend the county bond for another \$3,000,000.00 for the county road asphalt project.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 11:13 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for February 18, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman