

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on April 15, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on April 9, 2025 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in 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: Eric Samuelson, Glen Becker, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Scott Bitterman.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held March 25, 2025 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 25, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads and the March mechanic's report.

Tom presented the following easement requests:

From Clay Fisher to bury an electric line from the NE ¼ of Sec 29-6-6 across County Road P to the NW ¼ of Sec 28-6-6 for the purpose of powering an irrigation well. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the easement from Clay Fisher to bury an electric line from the NE ¼ of Sec 29-6-6 across County Road P to the NW ¼ of Sec 28-6-6 for the purpose of powering an irrigation well. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

From Dale Kreutz to bury a 12" casing for an 8" irrigation pipe from the NE ¼ of Sec 30-8-8 across County Road B to the NW ¼ of Sec 29-8-8 for the purpose of getting a water supply to a wiper pivot. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Becker to approve the easement from Dale Kreutz to bury a 12" casing for an 8" irrigation pipe from the NE ¼ of Sec 30-8-8 across County Road B to the NW ¼ of Sec 29-8-8 for the purpose of getting a water supply to a wiper pivot. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

From Nicholas Johnson to bury an electric line from the NW ¼ of Sec 5-7-6 across County Road O to the NE ¼ of Sec 6-7-6 for the purpose of an irrigation well. Motion by Becker and seconded by Mohnike to approve the easement from Nicholas Johnson to bury an electric line from the NW ¼ of Sec 5-7-6 across County Road O to the NE ¼ of Sec 6-7-6 for the purpose of an irrigation well. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, presented his monthly report.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, presented her monthly report.

Mike Boden with the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) was present to discuss health insurance options and rates for Clay County. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to switch to the NACO Pool BCBS \$2,600 deductible copay plan, effective July 1, 2025 and Clay County will bring on an HSA Plan through the NACO Pool to be available to employees January 1, 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The March Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of March 2025: County Clerk \$27,054.00; County Court \$4,145.77; Clerk of District Court \$4,952.05; Sheriff \$1,141.05; County Health Department \$2,043.00 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 25030001 through 25030077 in the amount of \$637,321.23. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Gas suppliers had been called for rates prior to the meeting. Legacy Natural Gas company has the lowest rate of those called. Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to lock in with Legacy Natural Gas company for a 1-year term with a rate of \$0.845 per therm for the Nebraska Choice Gas Program. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 11:31 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for April 22, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman