

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on January 16, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on January 10, 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: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held December 26, 2023 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 December 26, 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if there was any other old business; there was none.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw there being no further old business, to adjourn the business meeting for the year 2023, Sine Die. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to appoint Cassie Aksamit to act as Temporary Chairman. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The first order of business was the election of the Chairman for 2024. Shaw nominated Johnson and Pavelka seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, Fintel made a motion and Becker seconded to elect L. Wayne Johnson as Chairman for 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The next order of business was the election of the Vice-Chairman for 2024. Johnson nominated James Pavelka. With no other nominations, Johnson made a motion and Bitterman seconded to elect James Pavelka as the Vice-Chairman for 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The County Clerk, as acting temporary Chairman, announced that L. Wayne Johnson has been elected as Chairman of the Clay County Board of Supervisors and turned the meeting over to the Chairman.

Roll call was taken by Johnson to commence business for the 2024 year showing the following present: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the various governing boards that they are currently serving on.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to have the governing board appointments be: Eric Samuelson to serve on the Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Inc. board with Scott Bitterman as alternate; Scott Bitterman to serve on the Midland Area Agency on Aging board with Eric Samuelson as alternate; Ivan Fintel to serve on the Region 3 Behavioral Services board with Jim Pavelka as alternate; Glen Becker to serve as alternate on the Clay County Health Board (Dick Shaw is currently the representative serving a 3 year term); Dick Shaw to serve on the South Heartland District Health board with Scott Bitterman as alternate; Glen Becker and Jim Pavelka to serve on the LEPC committee; and Jim Pavelka and Glen Becker to serve on the Clay County 9-1-1 committee. L. Wayne Johnson will serve as a backup alternate to all governing boards if necessary. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye:

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

Greg Shuck said he would be the representative on the RC&D board. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to appoint Greg Shuck to serve on the Trailblazer RC & D board with Eric Samuelson as alternate for 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to appoint Cassie Aksamit as the NIRMA contact person for Clay County with L. Wayne Johnson as alternate for 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to appoint Haley Malone as the Clay County Emergency Manager for the year 2024. 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 appoint Haley Malone, Emergency Manager to participate in the South Central Planning Exercise Training (SCPET) for the year 2024. 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 Pavelka to appoint Thomas D. Roemmich, II as the Clay County Highway Superintendent for the year 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Samuelson to appoint Barb Barnett as the Clay County Zoning Administrator for the year 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to designate the Clay County News as the County's official newspaper for 2024. 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 designate the Clay County website as an additional method of publishing notice of meetings of the Board of Supervisors/Board of Equalization for the year 2024; other departments may use this method at their discretion. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Designation of the broadcast media for Clay County was discussed. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to designate KHAS radio station and KSNBC Nebraska TV station as licensed broadcast media for 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Treasurer submitted a list of banks that are available to hold the deposits and CD's for Clay County. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Becker that the following banks be named as holding agencies for county funds for the year 2024: Cornerstone Bank branches in Clay Center, Edgar, Harvard, Glenvil, Sutton and York; Waypoint Bank in Clay Center; Pinnacle Bank in Fairfield; and NPAIT (Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust affiliated with NACO). Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads and requested permission to advertise for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan, gravel bids and on-call engineering services for 2024.

An Agreement Amendment #1 for the County Road W Railroad Bridge Project from Olsson Associates was presented. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement Amendment #1 with Olsson Associates for the County Road W Railroad Bridge Project. 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 Bitterman to advertise the public hearing for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan to be held on February 13, 2024 at 9:15 A.M. 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 Pavelka to advertise for gravel bids to supply gravel for the county roads for the year 2024; bids to be opened on February 27, 2024 at 9:15 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Fintel to advertise for bids for on-call engineering services for 2024; bids to be opened on February 27, 2024 at 9:30 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Robin Gilbert, Clay County Treasurer presented a revised claim for School Creek Township for payment.

School Creek Township Claim

Dana F. Cole, Co, 2023-2024 Budget Preparation \$975.00

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to approve the School Creek Township claim due to the Dana F. Cole, Co in the amount of \$975.00 as presented and authorize the Treasurer to pay the claim from the appropriate funds. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Robin discussed with the Board the need to close the Cornerstone Bank Account of School Creek Township, per the advisement of the State Auditor, and transfer the account balance to the Clay County General Fund for the School Creek Township. Cornerstone Bank is requesting that the Clay County Board, who is the acting Board for the School Creek Township due to the termination of the Township, adopt a Resolution to remove Linda I Nuss and Michael Nuss from the Cornerstone Bank Account of School Creek Township and add the Clay County Treasurer as signer on the account. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to adopt Resolution #24-01 instructing the removal of Linda I Nuss and Michael Nuss from the Cornerstone Bank Account of School Creek Township and the adding of the Clay County Treasurer as a signer on the Cornerstone Bank Account of School Creek Township. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Haley Malone, Clay County Emergency Manager had provided the Clerk with a County Disaster Declaration for the recovery of the recent winter storm. The Clerk read the Declaration to the Board. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to authorize the Chairman and the Clerk to sign the County Disaster Declaration. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of December 2023: County Clerk \$24,786.10; County Court \$11,572.99; Clerk of District Court \$23,451.56; Sheriff's fees \$17,802.98; County Health Department \$10,112.14 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 23120001 through 23120057 in the amount of \$267,881.50. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin, Clay County Sheriff, presented his monthly report along with a list of vehicles he would like to request for surplus: 2016 Silver Chevrolet Impala, 2016 White

Chevrolet Impala and 2017 Blue Ford Explorer. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the list of vehicles for surplus as presented by the Sheriff. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to enter executive session at 10:30 A.M. for personnel discussion. 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 Becker to go out of executive session at 11:11 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to enter executive session at 11:14 A.M. for personnel discussion. 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 Shaw to go out of executive session at 12:56 P.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors will begin evaluating the operations and finances of all Clay County Departments at upcoming meetings.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Becker to adjourn this meeting at 1:10 P.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for January 23, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on January 23, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on January 17, 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: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Bitterman.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

Laurie Kohmetscher, President of the Clay County Health Department Board ("Health Board") approached the Board of Supervisors asking that if in the present or in the future, if there are questions or concerns regarding the Clay County Health Department, that the Board of Supervisors keep open communication with the Health Board. Laurie noted that the Health Board has quarterly meetings, and they are open to discussion with the Board of Supervisors at any time. Chairman Johnson stated that the Board of Supervisors would ask the same of the Health Board.

Minutes of the meeting held January 16, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 16, 2024. Upon roll call: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Michele Bever, South Heartland District Health Department Director, presented the annual report. Michele gave a detailed report on the services provided by South Heartland and areas where they are expanding their services (*a copy of the full report can be found in the Clay County Clerk's office*). Chairman Johnson asked Michele how much Clay County contributes to the South Heartland District Health Department in which Michele advised the Chairman that no funding comes from Clay County for their services.

Megan Burda was unable to attend the meeting. Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk, did provide the Board with information regarding the Lead Educator Role for Clay County that was provided by Megan Burda and that the Lead Educator will be on the agenda next week. The Clerk will find out if Megan can also attend next week's meeting.

Robin Gilbert, Clay County Treasurer presented the semi-annual statement and a claim for School Creek Township for payment.

School Creek Township Claim

Clay County Road Department for 2022 Road Maintenance in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to approve the School Creek Township claim due to the Clay County Road Department in the amount of \$3,000.00 as presented and authorize the Treasurer to pay the claim from the appropriate funds. Upon roll call: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk notified the Board that the Wellness Clinic for the employees is tentatively scheduled for March 5th; however, she is gathering information on the coverage of the clinic. Last year, due to the Health Insurance provider for Clay County not being a preferred provider for the clinic, Clay County covered all costs for employees to participate. The rate at this time is approximately \$150.00 per participant if Clay County holds the clinic; however, it is known that if an employee were to have the same service done at a normal physician appointment, it could cost them around \$450.00 (or more or less). At this time, it does not appear that Health Insurance Providers are willing to cover such a clinic anymore; however, the Clerk will get more details to discuss next week.

Chairman Johnson let the Board know that next week two of the Adams County Commissioners will attend the meeting to discuss the Adams County Jail facility. Johnson invited Sheriff Franklin to also attend the meeting next week at that time.

Donna Jensen, Clay County Health Department Director presented the Director's Report for the quarter. Donna advised the Board that there are 3 applicants for the Director's position and interviews are to begin this week. Supervisor Shaw, who is also on the Health Board, requested that today the Board of Supervisors address the future of the Health Department as he is not comfortable going through with interviews if the Department is coming to an end. Open discussion was had amongst Donna and the Supervisors. Chairman Johnson reassured Donna and the public attendees that if at some time the Board were to discuss closing the Health Department, that first a Public Hearing would be held with the Board of Supervisors. At that time, everyone that attended would be able to speak regarding their support or non-support of the continuation of the Health Department. This, however, is nothing that the Board looks to do anytime soon. Chairman Johnson also reminded the public attendees that the Board of Supervisor meetings are always open to the public to attend and encourages the public to do so to stay informed on all County operations. Due to this discussion not being an agenda item for today's meeting, the Board advised that the Health Department move forward with their interviews, and that over the next year the Health Department, Health Board and the Board of Supervisors set expectations, goals and reviews for the Department. Donna asked if the Board of Supervisors would consider creating a sub-committee within the Supervisors for the purpose of direct communication with the Health Department and Health Board. This will be added to the agenda for next week's meeting.

The Board took a quick recess from 10:27am to 10:31am.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent, presented his road report which entailed the amount of work that has gone into snow removal. Clerk Aksamit advised Tom that the additional \$375,000.00 from the Railroad for the Road W Railroad Bridge was received and that the Treasurer would deposit the same. Tom will discuss a personnel complaint with Jordan Suarez of Zelle HR.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, presented her monthly report. The radio project is done, and the radios are working better than expected so far! Haley will put together an estimate / proposal for getting this type of radio coverage to all emergency services.

The Board took a quick recess from 11:00am to 11:04am.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to enter executive session at 11:04 A.M. for personnel discussion. Upon roll call: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to go out of executive session at 11:15 A.M. Upon roll call: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jordan Suarez, Zelle HR Representative presented an Amendment to the Clay County Employees Handbook Holiday Policy. The proposed Amendment is to be effective retroactive to January 1, 2024 and will be incorporated into the Clay County Employees Handbook Version 2. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the Amendment to the Clay County Employees Handbook Holiday Policy as presented and approve the Clay County Employees Handbook Version 2. Upon roll call: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$145,967.70
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Arnold, Gene, Prior Service	\$72.00
Aspegren Repair, Repairs	\$139.75

AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$51.87
Barnett, Barb, Mileage	\$49.74
Bellis Julie L., Court Reporting	\$75.00
Beyke Signs, Inc., Lettering	\$720.00
Big G Ace, Supplies	\$718.95
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$2,217.04
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,663.58
Blue 360 Media LLC., Supplies	\$93.75
Bockstadter & Glen Law LLC., Attorney Fees	\$327.50
Boeka, Donna, Prior Service	\$144.00
BTS Communications, Phones	\$1,249.92
Business World, Supplies	\$12.50
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$87.23
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$379.88
City of Hastings, SCALES Dues	\$1,000.00
Clay County News, Advertising	\$516.50
Clay County Trasurer, Postage	\$17.10
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road Fund	\$155,508.38
Clearly, Phone System	\$422.79
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$461.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$643.65
Corner Market, Supplies	\$976.08
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions, Safety Deposit Box Rent	\$73,813.48
Cox, Jack, Prior Service	\$72.00
CPI, Fuel	\$3,791.87
Crowne Plaza, Lodging	\$269.90
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$81.15
DAS, Services,	\$1,193.55
DNF Associates LLC., Garnishment	\$252.01
Dollar General, Supplies	\$80.55
Eakes, Supplies	\$3,644.12
First Concord, Insurance	\$602.50
Flatwater Technologies, Service	\$5,965.09
Flesner, Christine, Prior Service	\$144.00
Friesen Ford, Repairs	\$249.48
Griess, Lawrence, Prior Service	\$120.00
Griess, Ted, Prior Service	\$60.00
Hajny, Janet, Prior Service	\$300.00
Hamilton County Treasurer, Vet Services	\$2,291.67
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Integrated Security Solutions, Inspections, Fees	\$3,533.52
Intoximeters, Inc., Supplies	\$330.00
Justice Data Solutions Inc., Crimes Cad System	\$2,070.00
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$107.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$319.22
Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc., Service	\$795.00
MDM Pest & Termite Control, Service	\$100.00
Medica, Health Ins.	\$68,591.42
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$762.50
Menards, Supplies	\$210.09
Mid-America Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$1,306.58
Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center, Membership	\$100.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$4,055.67
MMC Contractors, Maintenance Agreement	\$5,296.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,525.00
NACO, Sheriff Associates Membership	\$200.00
NE Assoc of Emergency Managers, Membership	\$50.00
NE Assoc of County Assessors, Dues	\$75.00
Nebraska.gov, Abstracts	\$51.00
Newmyer, Mariah, Mileage	\$20.77

NextLink, Internet	\$28.50
Nuckolls County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$18.68
NWCA Region 4, Membership	\$15.00
Police Officers Association of NE, Membership	\$20.00
Region 3 Behavioral Health, 3rd Qtr Funding	\$3,991.89
Samuelson, Samantha R., Court Reporter	\$420.00
Schmidt, Tanya, Prior Service	\$48.00
Secretary of State-Election Division, Supplies	\$10.00
Sirchie Command Every Scene, Supplies	\$555.10
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$2,184.98
Smith Lawn Care, Services	\$900.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$1,694.84
Stanard Appraisal Services, Services	\$1,040.00
Stratman, Janice, Prior Service	\$60.00
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$16.98
TK Elevator Corp., Inspections	\$377.52
Trailblazer, Sponsorship	\$400.00
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,606.00
US Bank, Supplies	\$466.00
US Cellular, Phones	\$852.53
USDA, APHIS, Service	\$642.70
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$499.28
Windstream, Service	\$658.56
Woodward's, Garbage	\$370.00
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,877.28
ROAD FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$80,727.00
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,696.74
Auca, Supplies	\$779.05
Aurora Cooperative, Fuel	\$138.85
Auto Glass Experts LLC., Repairs	\$175.00
Bauer Built Inc., Parts & Labor	\$2,050.35
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies, Parts	\$254.17
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$2,729.06
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$283.86
Card Services, Supplies	\$130.15
Certified Truck & Trailer Repairs, Inc., Repairs	\$3,107.93
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$105.85
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$82.42
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$119.30
Clay County Treasurer, Title	\$15.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.40
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$42,267.13
CPI, Fuel, Tires	\$4,322.22
Diamond Mowers, Inc., Grader Blades	\$3,985.26
Dubois, Dayle, Prior Service	\$48.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$242.90
Extreme Transfer LLC., Parts & Labor	\$382.79
Filter Care of Nebraska, Supplies	\$446.75
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Flatwater Technologies, Service	\$405.70
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$55,464.55
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$19,426.38
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$96.96
Gewecke, Pat, Prior Service	\$96.00
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Island Landhandlers, Inc., Gravel	\$7,492.62

Island Supply Welding Co., Supplies	\$89.28
John Deere Financial (Landmark), Parts & Labor	\$5,903.53
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc., Supplies	\$1,518.99
LCL Truck Equipment, Parts	\$3,696.84
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$23.76
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Drug Testing	\$100.00
Medica, Insurance	\$1,800.00
Menards, Supplies	\$443.37
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc., Gravel	\$14,087.48
Midwest Service & Sales, Culverts	\$32,765.55
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc., Parts	\$507.78
Nationwide, Retirement	\$350.00
Nebraska Truck Center, Parts	\$379.09
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$3,882.71
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Fuel	\$80.20
Platte Valley Equipment, Rental	\$9,000.00
Protex Central Inc., Parts	\$147.96
R& K Service, Fuel	\$3,208.70
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$577.98
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$123.93
Sutton Auto, Parts, Supplies	\$3,312.07
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$247.50
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$821.70
Winzer, Supplies	\$126.94
Woodward's, Garbage	\$75.00
ROD PM FUND	
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$499.66
US Postal Service, Supplies	\$25.87
ARPA/COVID FUND	
First Wireless Inc., Radios	\$40,621.24
Flatwater Technologies, Fiber Upgrade	\$2,834.56
HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$9,714.03
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$50.46
Clay County News, Publications	\$62.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$190.59
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$4,527.19
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
DHHS, Licensure Unit, Licensure Renewal	\$650.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$47.32
First Concord, Insurance	\$250.00
Esmeralda Flores, Mileage	\$16.75
Jensen, Donna, Mileage	\$48.91
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$14.20
Sara Marshall, Mileage	\$327.76
Medica, Insurance	\$400.00
Nationwide, Insurance	\$100.00
NRG Media - Grand Island, Advertising	\$5,580.00
Judy Schwenk, Mileage	\$18.76
Alyce Sherman, Mileage	\$16.75
911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$202.06
Glenwood, Internet	\$127.11
Justice Data Solutions, Inc., Crimes Cad	\$1,800.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$78.82
Superior iNet, Internet	\$89.99
E911 FUND	

Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$1,154.23
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$1,217.64
MISCELLANEOUS SINKING FUND	
Andrew Malone , Painting	\$7,620.00

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the claims that were presented and authorize the County Clerk to pay from the appropriate funds. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors will evaluate the operations and finances of all Clay County Departments at upcoming meetings.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 11:44 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for February 13, 2024. Upon roll call: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, January 30, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met January 30, 2024 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on January 24, 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. Chairman L. Wayne Johnson presided with roll call showing the following present: Scott Bitterman, Eric Samuelson, Glen Becker, James Pavelka, Ivan Fintel, Dick Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson. Minutes of the meeting held January 23, 2024 were mailed to the board members. 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.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 23, 2024 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; abstain: Bitterman. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent provided his road report and presented his Preliminary 1-6 Road Plan. Tom advised that the Board would need to consider an asphalt overlay project in the near future. He will work with Olsson Associates to get an estimate of the project costs. Once received, the Board can review for further discussion.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney was present to discuss the NAD Roads with the Board and Highway Superintendent. A few business owners from the NAD area were also present. Discussion was had that at this time it is not clear as to who has ownership of the roads. Attorney Fleischer advised that the County get a title search and reassess the area upon receipt of the same. The Board expressed their appreciation that these few business owners attended the meeting and provided input; however, it was reaffirmed that it is not an option of the County to focus on road maintenance for just a few, but instead that the County will have to review the area as a whole and come to a conclusion for moving forward with all roads in the area as a whole.

Matheus Ribeiro, Nebraska Extension Lead Educator provided the Board with a summary of accomplishments for his first two months as the Clay County Lead Educator along with a 2024 schedule of Nebraska Extension Ag Programs that he plans to be active in participation. Matheus also provided clarification to the Board of his schedule in his Clay Center office, Matheus will run a normal office schedule of Monday-Friday 8am – 4pm.

Mark Johnson, Courthouse Building & Grounds presented his monthly report to the Board and introduced Gary Palmer who has been shadowing Mark in his duties at the Courthouse to be a backup if Mark needs time off.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report and discussed the tire recycling event for 2024. Greg will schedule the tire recycling for the beginning of August.

Lee Hogan and Michael Stromer, Adams County Commissioners, attended the meeting to discuss options for utilization of the Adams County Jail Facility. Clay County Sheriff Jeff Franklin and Chief Deputy Sean Julich were also present. All parties openly discussed the

Adams County Jail Facility and if it would be a feasible option for Clay County to utilize. The Board would like to continue the discussion with Lee and Michael but also asked that Adams County Sheriff John Rust be able to attend the next meeting on February 13th. It was also asked that Sheriff Franklin and Deputy Julich attend on February 13th and that prior to that meeting, that they come up with some questions / concerns they may have and provide the same to Adams County Sheriff Rust to review prior to the meeting on February 13th. Lee Hogan will keep Clerk Aksamit informed as to whether they can all make the meeting or not.

Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator, presented her 2023 4th Quarter Report & Year End Summary Report. Chairman Johnson asked if there was an update on the revision of the Clay County Comprehensive Plan. Barb advised that she had received a draft that she had some areas of disagreement with and is working with the vendor on adjustments.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk, presented the Board with options from Wellness Partners regarding the Wellness Clinic for employees. Cassie has also spoken with the Clay County Health Department Director to see if this is a clinic that their Department could handle – she will gather information for the Board to review at the first meeting in February.

The Board discussed the request for a Sub-Committee for the Health Department operations. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Becker to appoint Scott Bitterman and Ivan Fintel to act as the Health Department Sub-Committee for 2024. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

All Supervisors and Clerk Aksamit made the quarterly visit to the Jail.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 11:54 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for February 13, 2024. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on February 13, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on February 7, 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: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; absent: Fintel.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held January 30, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 30, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his road report. Tom will provide the Board with a list of items for surplus for the next meeting.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to open the One & Six Year Road Plan public hearing at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Maps of the 1 and 6 Year Plan were handed out and discussed.

There was no one else present during the hearing. There were no written or oral comments, suggestions or objections received.

There being no other discussion on the 1 & 6 Plan, other agenda items were dealt with during the hearing time.

Joni Bitterman, Clerk of the District Court, requested permission from the Board to replace the carpet in her office. An estimate was presented in the amount of \$3,897.13. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to approve the replacement of the carpet in the District Court office as presented. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None; Abstain: Bitterman. Motion carried. Joni is going to also get an estimate for a workspace update in her office through Eakes.

The Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of January 2024: County Clerk \$23,693.51; County Court \$9,058.01; Clerk of District Court \$62,005.14; Sheriff's fees \$1,388.51; County Health Department \$2,044.99 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 24010001 through 24010054 in the amount of \$2,251,971.42. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk presented information to the Board regarding options for continuing the Wellness Clinic for County employees. Information gathered between various providers indicates that Wellness Partners is the best option for the County Employee Wellness Clinic. Cassie recommended that the Board move forward with hosting the clinic through Wellness Partners at the cost of \$150.00 per employee and allowing spouses to participate at their own expense of \$150.00. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to host the Wellness Clinic with Wellness Partners for all County employees at the County's expense of \$150.00 per employee and allowing spouses to participate at their own expense of \$150.00. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Clerk Aksamit also presented the Board with two Applications for County Burial Assistance. The County Attorney has reviewed these and made a recommendation that the Board either table or deny said applications due to possible assets being available to the estate of said decedents. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to deny the two Applications for County Burial Assistance as recommended by the County Attorney. On roll call, yea: On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Richard Shaw, member of the Clay County Health Board, presented a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for the hiring of the Health Department Director. The Health Department Board would like to offer the Director position to an applicant today but needed to get wage information from the Board of Supervisors. Wage and benefits were discussed, along with the transition timeframe between the current and new Directors. Motion by Becker and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the Health Department Board to move forward with their offer of employment as discussed. Zelle HR will make the offer to the applicant. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to close the One & Six Year Road Plan hearing at 10:25 A.M. On roll call, yea: On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to approve the 1 & 6 Year Road plan as presented, with no changes, by Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent, and adopt Resolution #24-02. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, 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 to him today.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 10:55 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for February 20, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on February 20, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on February 14, 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 February 13, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 13, 2024. 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 Tom Preissler was presented to the Board to bury an electric line for an irrigation well from the SW ¼ of Section 30, Township 8 North, Range 7 West across Road 321 to the NW ¼ of Section 19, Township 8 North, Range 7 West. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney provided her monthly report.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff provided his monthly report and gave the Board an update on the open positions at the Sheriff's Office and Jail. Another vehicle will be prepared for surplus upon the Board's approval next week.

Mark Johnson, Building and Grounds provided his monthly report and notified the Board that the plumbers have begun the plumbing upgrade in the Courthouse.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent provided his monthly report along with his Reports and Requirements Summary from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture for Clay County. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to accept the Report 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.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager provided her monthly report. Haley reported that there was a bit of water in the basement of the Dispatch/911 Center recently. The Board advised her to contact Thrasher for a site review.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, read a list of surplus items from Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent. Items requested for surplus: 2010 Chevrolet 1500 Suburban, 2012 Chevrolet 2500 4x4 Crew Cab Pickup, Bobcat 6' Angle Blade, Wacker RT 4' Remote Sheepsfoot Compactor, Shop-made Tilt Top 4-Wheeler Trailer, King Cutter 72" 3-Point Springtooth, and 2005 Ford F150 Ext Cab Pickup. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to approve the list for surplus as presented. 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 adjourn this meeting at 10:51 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for February 27, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on February 27, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on February 21, 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 James 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, Ivan Fintel, Richard Shaw and James Pavelka; absent: L. Wayne Johnson, Eric Samuelson, Glen Becker.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held February 20, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 20, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Fintel, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided his roads report. Tom presented the Board with a Construction & Maintenance Agreement for the Railroad Bridge Project on County Road W with BNSF. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the Agreement as presented and authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Easement requests from Sara Hemberger were presented.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the easement request of Sara Hemberger to bury electric line for pivot from the NE ¼ of 21-6-8 across Road 310 to the SE ¼ of 16-6-8, Clay County, Nebraska. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Fintel and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement request of Sara Hemberger to bury electric line for pivot from the NE ¼ of 21-6-8 across Road D to the NW ¼ of 22-6-8, Clay County, Nebraska. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Fintel, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 9:15 A.M. the gravel bids were opened. Representatives from Deweese Sand & Gravel were present. The proposals were:

Mid-Nebraska Aggregate:

PROJECT #1-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Leicester, Harvard, Inland, and Lynn Townships.

Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$19.50 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #2-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Eldorado, Lewis, School Creek and Sutton Townships.

Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$20.25 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #3-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Glenvil, Lone Tree, Spring Ranch, and Fairfield Townships.

Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$23.00 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #4-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Marshall, Sheridan, Edgar, and Logan Townships. Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$27.50 per cu. yd

PROJECT #5-36,000 cu. yds. more or less, for the entire Clay County.

Delivered for Clay County. No bid.

Bid for Class "A" gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for the Clay County Pit – no bid.

Bid for Class "A" gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for the Hall County Pit - \$12.00 per cu. yard.

Bid for Class "A" oversized road gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for Clay County Pit and Hall County Pit – no bid.

Island Landhandlers:

PROJECT #1-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Leicester, Harvard, Inland, and Lynn Townships.

Delivered for Clay County – no bid.

PROJECT #2-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Eldorado, Lewis, School Creek and Sutton Townships.

Delivered for Clay County – no bid.

PROJECT #3-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Glenvil, Lone Tree, Spring Ranch, and Fairfield Townships.

Delivered for Clay County – no bid.

PROJECT #4-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Marshall, Sheridan, Edgar, and Logan Townships. Delivered for Clay County – no bid.

PROJECT #5-36,000 cu. yds. more or less, for the entire Clay County.

Delivered for Clay County – no bid.

Bid for Class "A" gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for the Clay County Pit – no bid.

Bid for Class "A" gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for the Hall County Pit - \$16.20 per cu. yd. (\$12.00 Ton).

Bid for Class "A" oversized road gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for Clay County Pit and Hall County Pit – no bid.

Deweese Sand & Gravel Inc:

PROJECT #1-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Leicester, Harvard, Inland, and Lynn Townships.

Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$18.30 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #2-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Eldorado, Lewis, School Creek and Sutton Townships.

Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$18.70 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #3-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Glenvil, Lone Tree, Spring Ranch, and Fairfield Townships.

Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$20.15 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #4-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Marshall, Sheridan, Edgar, and Logan Townships. Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$20.66 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #5-36,000 cu. yds. more or less, for the entire Clay County.

Delivered for Clay County – no bid.

Bid for Class "A" gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for the Clay County Pit - \$15.25 per cu. yd. AND the Hall County Pit - \$11.00 per cu. yd.

Bid for Class "A" oversized road gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for Clay County Pit and Hall County Pit – no bid.

The gravel bids were discussed. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to accept all bids to supply gravel to Clay County from March 15, 2024 to March 15, 2025; with the option to purchase from either company. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, requested for surplus a 2017 Ford Explorer. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the surplus request. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Fintel and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Matheus Ribeiro, Extension Educator & Lead Educator, submitted candidates for the 2024 Extension Board. Recommended candidates are Ryan Ochsner, Karla Fehr and Jessie Anderson. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to appoint Ryan Ochsner, Karla Fehr and Jessie Anderson to serve on the Clay County Extension Board, term beginning January 2024 – January 2027. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Fintel, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 9:30 A.M. the On-Call Engineering Services bids were opened. Representatives from Oak Creek Engineering were present. The proposals were:

Olsson, Inc:

Federal Mileage Rate:	\$0.67/mile
Principal:	\$220.00
Project Manager:	\$170.00
Project Professional:	\$135.00
Assistant Professional:	\$115.00
Designer:	\$100.00
CAD Operator:	\$75.00
Administrative/Clerical:	\$75.00
Surveyor:	\$115.00
Construction Services:	\$85.00

Oak Creek Engineering:

Professional Engineer:	\$140.00
Bridge Inspection Team:	\$110.00
Registered Land Surveyor:	\$120.00
Project Manager:	\$110.00
Design/Survey Technician:	\$85.00
Bridge Inspection Tech:	\$85.00
CAD Drafter:	\$70.00
Observation Resident:	\$70.00
Lab Testing:	Direct Expense
Mileage:	Prevailing IRS Rate
Reproduction:	At cost

The on-call engineering services bids were discussed. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to accept all bids for January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; with the option to contract services from either company. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The claims were distributed for review and discussion.

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

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$140,693.26
Adams County Sheriff	\$18.50
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Aksamit, Cassie, Mileage	\$99.83
ARL Credit Services, Garnishment	\$527.26
Aspegren Repair, Repairs	\$2,182.34
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$470.89
Barnett, Barb, Mileage	\$76.38
Beyke Signs, Inc., Lettering	\$200.00
Big G Ace, Supplies	\$18.95
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,738.86

Blome, Cheryl, Supplies	\$75.98
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,663.58
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$87.47
Carey's Pest Control, Service	\$110.00
Cash-Wa Distributing, Supplies	\$863.46
Central Nebraska Assessor's Assoc., Dues	\$25.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$380.43
Clay County News, Advertising	\$1,289.88
Clay County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$329.60
Clay County Treasurer, Postage	\$198.00
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road Fund	\$138,674.61
Clearly, Phone System	\$433.46
Colonial, Insurance	\$643.65
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,231.00
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$70,146.96
CPI, Fuel	\$3,579.33
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$83.20
DAS, Services,	\$1,425.55
Diode Technologies, Service	\$305.96
Dollar General, Supplies	\$74.40
Eakes, Supplies	\$1,618.85
Felber, Cara, Mileage	\$37.52
First Concord, Insurance	\$602.50
Flatwater Technologies, Service	\$6,805.25
Friesen Ford, Repairs	\$72.48
Grace's Locksmith, Keys	\$7.00
Hamilton County Treasurer, Vet Services	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage	\$118.59
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Integrated Security Solutions, Inspections, Fees	\$240.00
Lancaster County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$9.50
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$253.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$320.97
Medica, Health Ins.	\$68,591.42
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$762.50
Menards, Supplies	\$75.12
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., Rent	\$49.00
Mid-America Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$2,711.35
Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, 2nd Qtr.	\$3,052.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$2,998.79
MMC Contractors, Maintenance Agreement	\$1,965.35
NACEB, Dues	\$100.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,525.00
NE Assoc of County Treasurers, Dues	\$50.00
NE Assoc of Emergency Managers, Conference	\$110.00
NE Assoc. of County Clerk, ROD & Elections, Dues	\$50.00
NE District Court Clerks Assoc., Dues	\$50.00
NE Public Health Environmental Lab, Testing	\$105.00
NE State Patrol, License Fees	\$532.00
NE Weed Control Assoc., Training	\$150.00
Nebraska Panning & Zoning Assoc., Membership, Registration	\$270.00
Nebraska.gov	\$8.50
Newmyer, Mariah, Mileage	\$40.20
NextLink, Internet	\$28.50
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, Lodging	\$218.98
Pavelka, James, Mileage	\$134.67
Phelps County Sheriff, Inmate Holding	\$395.00
Pitney Bowes, Lease agreement	\$801.78
Platte Valley Communications of Hastings, Supplies	\$16,815.63
Quality Sound & Communications, Rental	\$147.00

Quill Corporation, Supplies	\$162.96
Ribeiro, Matheus, Mileage	\$99.16
Robbins, Isaiah, Supplies	\$34.96
Secretary of State, Title 177	\$20.00
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$2,458.32
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$1,990.45
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Supplies	\$71.23
Sutton Electric, Repairs	\$140.00
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$31.40
Sutton Memorial Chapel, Transfer	\$425.00
Sutton Pharmacy, Supplies	\$31.99
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,606.00
US Bank, Supplies	\$149.19
US Cellular, Phones	\$127.78
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$499.28
Webster County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$50.00
Windstream, Service	\$658.63
Wood/Aitkens, Attorney Fees	\$1,161.00
Woodward's, Garbage	\$382.50
Wurdeman, Terrance, Reimbursement	\$77.40
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,759.96

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$66,923.81
Action Auto Supply-Sutton, Supplies	\$285.71
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,696.74
American Fence Co, Repairs	\$248.36
Auca, Supplies	\$693.84
Aurora Cooperative, Fuel	\$5,806.93
Barbee Hills Farms Corporation, Right of Way	\$1,080.00
Bauer Built Inc., Repairs	\$2,222.27
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$5,176.62
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$2,507.13
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$283.86
C & M Supply Inc., Fuel	\$771.00
Card Services, Supplies	\$145.51
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$111.03
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$87.22
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$153.71
Clay County News, Advertising	\$61.51
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.40
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$34,135.17
Cornhusker Cleaning, Supplies	\$937.22
CPI, Fuel	\$12,461.99
Deweese Sand & Gravel, Gravel	\$7,733.08
Dollar General, Supplies	\$41.25
Eakes, Supplies	\$513.09
Extreme Transfer LLC., Parts & Labor	\$986.95
Fastenal Company, Supplies	\$84.00
Filter Care of Nebraska, Supplies	\$175.65
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Flatwater Technologies, Service	\$118.75
Fleetpride, Repairs	\$115.05
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$7,866.43
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$25,271.22
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$2,849.73
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Island Landhandlers, Inc., Gravel	\$19,515.76

Island Supply Welding Co., Supplies	\$1,536.96
John Deere Financial (Landmark), Parts & Labor	\$985.22
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc., Supplies	\$3,391.40
LCL Truck Equipment, Parts	\$784.95
Lindberg Family Trust, Right of Way	\$2,000.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$23.76
Matheson Tri-Gas, Supplies	\$819.66
Medica, Insurance	\$1,800.00
Menards, Supplies	\$473.50
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc., Gravel	\$6,001.34
Miller Tire Pro's & Service, Repairs	\$3,427.97
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Moore Electric, Repairs	\$100.00
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc., Parts	\$1,385.05
Napa Auto Parts, Supplies	\$579.32
Nationwide, Retirement	\$350.00
Nebraska Truck Center, Parts	\$294.27
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$3,066.05
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Fuel	\$361.55
Olsson, Engineer Services	\$4,004.14
Onken, Benjamin, Snow Removal	\$9,787.50
Pavelka Truck & Trailer Repair, Parts	\$20.16
Petro Plus Inc., Service	\$135.00
Plains Excavating LLC, Snow Removal	\$6,112.00
Platte Valley Communications, Service	\$1,403.55
Platte Valley Equipment, Equipment	\$12,500.00
R& K Service, Fuel	\$3,396.45
Richweld Fabrication, Repairs	\$110.00
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
Sidump'r, Supplies	\$929.77
Sioux City Tarp, Supplies	\$125.80
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$620.83
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$139.97
Superior Implement Inc., Supplies	\$607.00
Surplus Property, Supplies	\$500.00
Sutton Auto, Parts, Supplies	\$1,805.85
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$29.01
Theis Inspection Services LLC, Inspection	\$2,372.76
Truck Center Companies, Repairs	\$2,709.56
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$247.50
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$600.05
Woodward's, Garbage	\$75.00

ROD PM FUND

Aksamit, Cassie, Supplies	213.98
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$499.66

HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$9,095.90
Anderson, Leslie, Mileage	\$59.63
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$50.46
Clay County News, Advertising	\$142.67
Colonial, Insurance	\$190.59
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$3,925.04
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
First Concord, Insurance	\$250.00
Esmeralda Flores, Interpreter	\$100.00
Jensen, Donna, Mileage	\$206.36
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$14.20
Sara Marshall, Mileage	\$89.78
Medica, Insurance	\$400.00

Nationwide, Insurance		\$100.00
NRG Media - Grand Island, Advertising		\$6,720.00
US Bank, Supplies		\$435.66
	911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities		\$184.35
Glenwood, Internet		\$127.11
Nemaha County Sheriff, SE 911 Insurance		\$55.44
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities		\$87.53
Superior iNet, Internet		\$89.99
	E911 FUND	
GEOComm, Service		\$3,952.00
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet		\$1,154.75
Windstream, Service, Internet		\$1,217.64
	MISCELLANEOUS SINKING FUND	
Andrew Malone , Painting		\$11,113.00
Sutton Electric, Remodel		\$2,182.35

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 10:40 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for March 12, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Fintel, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

James Pavelka, Vice-Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on March 12, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on March 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: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held February 27, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 27, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Bitterman; Abstain: Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his road report. Tom discussed the need to advertise for box culverts bids. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to advertise for box culvert bids, bids to be opened on April 16, 2024 at 9:15 am. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tom presented the Board with the 2024 gravel bid contracts with Deweese Sand & Gravel, Mid-Nebraska Aggregate and Island Landhandlers, as approved in the February 27, 2024 meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Ann Giebler, representative with Legal Shield, presented information to the Board regarding legal assistance and identity theft programs for County employees as a payroll deduction. The Board will take these into consideration and contact Ann if they wish to discuss them further.

Robin Gilbert, Clay County Treasurer presented a claim for School Creek Township for payment.

School Creek Township Claim

Clay County Highway Department, 2023 Road Maintenance \$3,000.00

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the School Creek Township claim due to the Clay County Highway Department in the amount of \$3,000.00 as presented and authorize the Treasurer to pay the claim from the appropriate funds. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Robin also presented the Board with the sales results of delinquent real estate taxes. There were no bidders present which resulted in \$0 in delinquent tax sales for Clay County. Last year Clay County was able to collect approximately \$50,000.00 in delinquent tax sales. Having no bidders or sales is unusual for Clay County.

Allen Harpham with Flatwater Technologies was present to provide the Board with an update on the fiber upgrade and cable cleanup projects.

The Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of February 2024: County Clerk \$7,842.64; County Court \$8,050.88; Clerk of District Court \$41,985.50; Sheriff's fees \$3,602.51; County Health Department \$10,905.56 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 24020001 through 24020060 in the amount of \$333,797.40. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw,

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

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, advised the Board that the two Applications for County Burial Assistance that were denied in February 2024 are being requested to be reconsidered. No further action was taken at this time.

Cassie presented the Board with a proposal from Kidwell for a Verkada Access Control System for the Courthouse. There are three proposals for 3-year, 5-year and 10-year licenses. No action was taken at this time.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 11:25 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for March 19, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on March 19, 2024 at 9:16 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on March 13, 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, Glen Becker, Jim Pavelka, Ivan Fintel, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; Absent: Eric Samuelson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held March 12, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 12, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tom Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent provided his road report. The vehicles and machinery items that were approved for surplus are expected to be available on Big Iron Auction on April 10th or April 17th.

An Easement Request from Hamilton Telephone was presented to the Board to bury fiber/conduit along County Road 324 between Highway 14 and Road N; also along County Road O between Roads 324 and 325; also along Road N between Roads 324 and 325; also along Road 325 for approximately 1,270 feet west of Road N; also along Road N for approximately 1,658 feet south of Road 324. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An Easement Request from City of Sutton was presented to the Board to bury electrical line from the NW ¼ of 11-7-5 across Road 318 to the SW ¼ of 2-7-5. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tom presented the Board with a quote for security cameras at all the Clay County Roads Department shops. The quote was provided through Certified Sound & Security estimated at \$24,000. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff provided his monthly report.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager provided her monthly report.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent provided his monthly report.

Michael Ude did not attend the meeting.

Isaac Stutesman with Integrated Security Solutions (I.S.S.) was present to answer questions the Board had regarding the Courthouse security systems and services. Moving forward the Board would like to get a proposal from I.S.S. for the entire Courthouse safety services. Isaac will work on this and come back to the Board in April with information.

Mark Johnson, Courthouse, provided his monthly report.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, presented the Board with a renewal on the Clearly phone services contract. This contract would lock in the phone line monthly rates for 24 months. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the renewal contract

as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie presented the Board with the renewal quote for the Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance, coverage period of April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, renewal rate of \$8,035.44. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to approve the renewal contract as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk's office found information on the Bicentennial Plaque for Clay County that was presented to the Clay County Courthouse on August 17, 1978. The Presentation states that the Bicentennial Plaque one day passed along to the Clay County Historical Museum. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Becker to authorize the Clay County Clerk's Office to present the plaque to the Clay County Historical Museum. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie presented Resolution #24-03, as prepared by the County Attorney, for the Clay County Board to submit the question of discontinuance of township organization to the voters of Clay County, Nebraska at the 2024 General Election. After review and discussion, it was decided that the Board would like the County Attorney to make a few revisions to the Resolution.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 11:16 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for April 16, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on March 26, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on March 20, 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 March 19, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 19, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Abstain: Samuelson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided his roads report.

An easement request from Paul Althouse was presented to bury electric line from the SW ¼ of 7-8-5 across County Road 323 to the NW ¼ of 18-8-5, Clay County, Nebraska. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the easement request of Paul Althouse as presented. 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 Sean Ablott was presented to bury electric line to pivot/well from the NE ¼ of 28-8-8 across County Road D to the NW ¼ of 27-8-8, Clay County, Nebraska. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement request of Sean Ablott as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, presented an estimate from Smith Lawn Care for a 3 Step Program for the Courthouse Lawn. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the estimate of Smith Lawn Care as presented in the amount of \$1,875.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jennifer Fleischer was present to discuss the Title Search of the Midstate Industrial Co. Area B-2 ("NAD") roads. The Board would like to move forward with the process to vacate the roads. Attorney Fleischer will start working through this.

Jennifer presented a revised Resolution to submit the question of discontinuance of township organization to the voters of Clay County, Nebraska at the 2024 General Election. Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to adopt Resolution #24-03 to submit the question of discontinuance of township organization to the voters of Clay County, Nebraska at the 2024 General Election. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jennifer discussed an Agreement with the Lancaster County Youth Services Center for juvenile detention services. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement with the Lancaster County Youth Services Center for juvenile detention services. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent presented information on the 2024 NAISMA Conference. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to authorize the Clay

County Weed Superintendent to attend the 2024 NAISMA Conference in Montana. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed correspondence received from Ken Spray regarding the items of surplus from the Courtroom technology upgrade. Chairman Johnson will reach back out to Ken Spray to discuss the items.

The claims were distributed for review and discussion.

GENERAL FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$133,900.93
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Alley, Holli, Mileage	\$65.66
ARL Credit Services, Garnishment	\$449.92
Aspegren Repair, Repairs	\$1,098.35
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$649.89
Barnett, Barb, Mileage, Meals	\$117.85
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$169.22
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,137.95
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,663.58
Bockstader & Glen Law LLC. Service	\$961.40
BTS Communications, Service	\$3,941.48
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$89.70
Charter Title & Escrow Services Inc., Service	\$800.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$381.44
Clay County News, Advertising	\$1,357.00
Clay County Treasurer, Postage	\$5,019.70
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road Fund	\$66,553.17
Clearly, Phone System	\$423.14
Colonial, Insurance	\$643.65
Contryman Associates PC, Audit	\$11,000.00
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,388.97
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$66,477.77
CPI, Fuel	\$3,650.68
Crown Plaza, Lodging	\$434.85
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$51.45
DAS, Services,	\$1,193.55
Dollar General, Supplies	\$240.75
Eakes, Supplies	\$1,165.36
Felber, Cara, Mileage	\$66.58
First Concord, Insurance	\$802.50
First Light Child Advocacy Center, Testing	\$351.00
Flatwater Technologies, Service	\$5,909.59
Gilbert Robin, Mileage	\$62.98
Hall, Dillon, Meals, Fuel	\$297.62
Hamilton County Treasurer, Vet Services	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage	\$183.58
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Julich, Sean, Meals, Fuel, Lodging, Postage, Tolls, Supplies	\$381.92
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$584.82
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$356.03
MDM Pest & Termite Control, Service	\$100.00
Medica, Health Ins.	\$68,591.42
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$762.50
Menards, Supplies	\$263.18
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., Rent	\$49.00
Mid-America Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$12,557.38
Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, 3rd Qtr.	\$1,526.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$2,954.26

NAISMA, Conference	\$400.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
NE Public Health Environmental Lab, Testing	\$105.00
Newmyer, Mariah, Mileage	\$105.93
Patino King & Yost LLC, Service	\$857.48
Phelps County Sheriff, Inmate Holding	\$330.00
Platte Valley Communications of Hastings, Supplies	\$1,039.90
Professional Choice Recovery	\$406.96
Ribeiro, Matheus, Mileage	\$30.82
Secretary of State, Title 177	\$60.00
Sirchie Command Every Scene, Supplies	\$102.90
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$1,437.84
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$1,585.55
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Supplies	\$19.94
Sutton Pharmacy, Supplies	\$52.65
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,606.00
US Bank, Supplies	\$613.82
US Cellular, Phones	\$129.24
University of Nebraska, Computer	\$2,526.90
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage	\$99.29
Van Diest, Chemicals	\$1,314.75
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$499.28
Windstream, Service	\$667.25
Woodward's, Garbage	\$370.00
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,500.00
4H Showworks Billing, Supplies	\$175.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$61,608.83
Action Auto Supply-Sutton, Supplies	\$56.16
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,696.74
Auca, Supplies	\$451.12
Aurora Cooperative, Fuel	\$87.75
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Repairs	\$680.00
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$163.12
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,364.68
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$283.86
BTS Communications, Service	\$890.41
C & M Supply Inc., Fuel	\$263.30
Carey's Pest Control Inc., Service	\$65.00
Certified Trust & Trailer Repair Inc., Parts & Labor	\$601.74
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$105.91
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$82.42
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$122.89
Clay County News, Advertising	\$203.06
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.40
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$30,988.02
Cornhusker Cleaning, Supplies	\$100.61
CPI, Fuel	\$9,668.18
Eakes, Supplies	\$186.87
Extreme Transfer LLC., Parts & Labor	\$216.38
Farrallbuilt LLC, Parts & Labor	\$6,921.00
Fast-Break, Parts	\$60.00
Fastenal Company, Supplies	\$63.00
Filter Care of Nebraska, Supplies	\$124.35
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Flatwater Technologies, Service	\$180.41
Fleetpride, Repairs	\$192.40

Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$3,446.04
Geneva Tire & Auto Inc., Parts	\$115.35
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$15,606.79
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$223.51
Gerhold Concrete Company Inc., Concrete	\$262.48
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Hays Land Surveying LLC, Surveying	\$1,225.19
Interstate Battery Center, Supplies	\$26.10
Island Landhandlers, Inc., Gravel	\$34,576.52
Island Supply Welding., Supplies	\$650.73
LCL Truck Equipment, Parts	\$3,254.06
Mach, Gale, CDL	\$31.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$41.40
Medica, Insurance	\$1,800.00
Menards, Supplies	\$1,448.88
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc., Gravel	\$3,817.20
Midwest Service & Sales, Supplies	\$6,630.00
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Moore Electric, Repairs	\$7,600.00
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc., Parts	\$1,818.10
Napa Auto Parts, Supplies	\$393.01
Nationwide, Retirement	\$350.00
Nebraska Truck Center, Parts	\$15.30
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$9,504.06
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Fuel	\$227.37
Oak Creek Engineering, Service	\$7,800.00
Olsson, Engineer Services	\$2,029.91
Pad LLC, Landfill Fees	\$3,767.40
Protex Central, Inspection	\$280.00
R& K Service, Fuel	\$98.88
Richweld Fabrication, Repairs	\$165.00
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$440.72
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$98.44
Sutton Auto, Parts, Supplies	\$81.37
Theis Inspection Services LLC, Inspection	\$300.00
Trausch Dynamics, Parts	\$44.94
Truck Center Companies, Repairs	\$1,910.43
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$247.50
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$600.34
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00
	ROD PM FUND
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$499.66
	INHERITANCE FUND
Certified Sound & Security LLC, Cameras	\$16,000.00
Friesen Auto, 2 Police Crusers	\$88,972.00
Ziamba Roofing, 911 Roof	\$23,637.00
	HEALTH FUND
Employees, Wages	\$9,269.62
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$50.46
Clay County News, Advertising	\$97.00
CLIA Laboratory Program, Renewal	\$248.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$190.59
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$4,048.15
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$30.34
First Concord, Insurance	\$250.00
Flores, Esmeralda, Interpreter	\$121.00
Jensen, Donna, Mileage	\$76.38

Madison National Life, Insurance	\$14.20
Sara Marshall, Mileage	\$320.93
Medica, Insurance	\$400.00
Nationwide, Insurance	\$100.00
911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$184.35
Glenwood, Internet	\$127.11
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$76.21
Superior iNet, Internet	\$89.99
E911 FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$1,154.75
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$1,217.64
MISCELLANEOUS SINKING FUND	
Andrew Malone, Painting	\$720.00

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

There was a pre-construction meeting for the Road W Bridge Replacement over BNSF near Sutton, NE held on March 20, 2024 for the County Highway Superintendent, Project Managers and Utility companies involved. A copy of the full Agenda was provided to the Clerk to keep on file.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to adjourn this meeting at 11:14 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for April 16, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on April 16, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on April 10, 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 March 26, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Becker to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 26, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his roads report. Tom has been working on getting an estimate for asphalt overlay throughout the County. At this time, Clay County has approximately 56 total miles of asphalt. Records show that about eleven (11) years ago it cost Clay County approximately \$6 million to do an asphalt overlay on 47 miles. Today's estimated cost for the 47 miles of asphalt overlay is approximately \$16.6 million. Of these 47 miles, about 11 miles of them are the roads to and through the U.S. MARC, in which many representatives of Clay County have been trying to express concerns, to several parties on the State and Federal levels, of the cost to overlay these 11 miles. Tom and the County Clerk will work on gathering information on the miles in most need of an overlay at this time as well as reaching out to the road bond company to see what a bond would look like for an overlay project.

An easement request was presented from South Central Public Power District to bury an electrical line starting at a point 540 East of the NW corner of the NW ¼ of 9-7-6 crossing County Road 318 to the SW ¼ of 4-7-6. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An easement request was presented from Brad Shuck to bury an electrical line from the SW ¼ of 15-5-5 crossing County Road 304 to the NW ¼ of 22-5-5. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tom presented the Engineering Agreement for Box Culvert Project #C-18(345). Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the Agreement as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to open bids for Box Culvert Project #C-18(321) at 9:15 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Engineer estimate for the project came out to \$266,872.50. Bid received: Van Kirk Bros Contracting: Total Bid Price: \$240,542; Contingency Bid (not included in Total Bid Price) for crushed rock for base: \$5,074.00.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to accept the bid for Box Culvert Project #C-18(321) from Van Kirk Bros Contracting. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Donna Jensen, Health Department Director, introduced Sara Mertens as the new Health Department Director. Donna will work on training Sara into the Director position and transitioning out in a few weeks.

Bob Stutsman with Integrated Security Solutions presented the Board with options for security at the Courthouse. Bob will provide the County Clerk with itemization of his estimates.

The Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of March 2024: County Clerk \$5,334.50; County Court \$10,703.76; Clerk of District Court \$15,575.63; Sheriff's fees \$4,147.84; County Health Department \$1,902.70 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 24030001 through 24030080 in the amount of \$447,057.71. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, prior to the meeting provided the Board with an updated County Credit Card Use Policy that was prepared by Zelle HR. Cassie presented the Board with Credit Card Requests of department heads as follows: Tom Roemmich for the Roads Department; Haley Malone for Emergency Management / Dispatch; Sara Mertens for the Health Department; Jeff Franklin for the Sheriff's Department (2 cards: 1 for Sheriff Franklin and 1 for Chief Deputy Julich); Cassie Aksamit for the entire Courthouse. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to approve the requests for County Credit Cards. Each card will have a \$1,000.00 limit with the chance for a department head to come to the Board for preapproval for an increase in the limit if needed. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. Clerk Aksamit will notify all department heads and get into the account to make the card requests and/or changes to limits.

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

Clerk Aksamit presented the inventory of the Courtroom technology from the recent upgrade done by the State of Nebraska. The Board would like additional information on the assumed liabilities of the equipment, the details of the contract with CTI and insurance on such equipment. Clerk Aksamit will work on gathering the same for a future meeting.

A request to approve items for surplus was presented from Joint Planning & Zoning. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Becker to approve the following for surplus: HP DesignJet T520 with stand and cover. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 11:00 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for April 23, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on April 23, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on April 17, 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: Eric Samuelson, Glen Becker, Jim Pavelka, Ivan Fintel, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; Absent: Scott Bitterman.

Minutes of the meeting held April 16, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 16, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

An easement request was presented from Hamilton Telephone to bury fiber optic cable and conduit beginning 129 feet North of County Road 324, at the SE corner of 1-8-9 (Adams County), thence North for 1 mile to the NE corner of 1-8-9 (Adams County), along the East side of 1-8-9 on the West side of County Road A. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Becker to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An easement request was presented from Timothy A. Nuss to bury an electrical line to power a center pivot from the NE ¼ of 12-8-6 crossing County Road T to the NW ¼ of 7-8-5. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney was present and advised the Board that at this time, there is no update on the process for vacating the roads in the NAD area.

Mark Johnson, Courthouse Building & Grounds, presented his monthly update.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly update and advised the Board that the tire recycling event will be scheduled for July 31, 2024.

A request to approve items for surplus was presented from the Clerk of the District Court. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the following for surplus: metal file cabinet; computer desk and two IBM electric typewriters. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Clerk Aksamit presented additional information regarding the inventory of the Courtroom technology from the recent upgrade done by the State of Nebraska. Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Statement of Acceptance of Possession and Future Responsibility of the inventory listing provided by CTI Complete of courtroom technology items that the Nebraska Administrative Office of Courts and Probation (AOCP) has purchased and installed for the County, which is accompanied by a five (5) year service agreement with CTI. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Matheus Ribeiro, Nebraska Extension Lead Educator, asked the Board for additional storage, conference and project spaces. Matheus will discuss options with his office staff and visit with the Board at a future meeting.

Sara Mertens, Health Department Director, along with Donna Jensen, presented the Director's Report for the 3rd Quarter (January – March 2024).

The claims were distributed for review and discussion.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$136,402.26
Adams County District Court, Mental Health Hearing	\$156.25
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Aksamit, Cassie, Mileage	\$162.14
ARL Credit Services, Garnishment	\$486.87
Aspegren Repair, Repairs	\$2,798.46
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$845.06
Barnett, Barb, Mileage, Software	\$172.30
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$5.04
Big G Ace, Supplies	\$11.37
Bitterman, Joni, Mileage	\$158.12
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,075.25
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,718.16
Bockstader & Glen Law LLC. Service	\$465.00
Boeka, Donna, Meals	\$19.47
BTS Communications, Service	\$174.30
Business World, Supplies	\$28.99
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$100.10
Cash-Wa Distribution, Supplies	\$1,398.54
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$381.64
Clay Center Dental Clinic, Exam	\$225.00
Clay County Court, Court Costs	\$406.00
Clay County News, Advertising	\$1,616.15
Clay County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$220.40
Clay County Treasurer, Postage	\$2,000.00
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road Fund	\$44,947.84
Clearly, Phone System	\$422.13
Clerk of the District Court, Court Costs	\$241.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$643.65
Comfort Inn, Lodging	\$359.85
Cooney Refrigeration, Filters	\$19.00
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,400.23
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$67,463.56
CPI, Fuel	\$3,788.81
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$76.20
DAS, Services,	\$1,193.55
Dollar General, Supplies	\$140.30
Eakes, Supplies	\$4,348.23
Election Systems Software, Election	\$5,027.99
Fairfield Non-Stock Coop, Supplies	\$33.10
First Concord, Insurance	\$602.50
Flatwater Technologies, Service	\$8,362.42
Gilbert Robin, Mileage	\$162.14
Hamilton County Treasurer, Vet Services	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage	\$163.48
Hastings Ford, Supplies	\$600.00
Holiday Inn, Lodging	\$269.90
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Integrated Security Solutions, Service	\$16.00
J.J. Keller & Associates Inc., Supplies	\$152.95
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$84.50
Lynn Peavey Co., Supplies	\$771.12
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$325.47
Malone, Haley, Mileage	\$104.52
Medica, Health Ins.	\$70,384.52
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$775.00

Meininger Fire, Inspection	\$340.00
Menards, Supplies	\$309.38
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., Rent	\$98.00
Mid-America Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$4,114.96
Midwest Card & ID Solutions LLC, Supplies	\$181.06
Midwest Radar & Equipment, Recertification	\$205.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$2,954.26
NACT, Workshop	\$150.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
NE Dept of Revenue, Training	\$150.00
Nebraska.gov, Subscription	\$101.00
NESCA, Training	\$250.00
Newmyer, Mariah, Mileage	\$27.74
OTA-PlatePay, Tolls	\$5.25
Phelps County Sheriff, Inmate Holding	\$550.00
Platte Valley Communications of Hastings, Supplies	\$917.50
Professional Choice Recovery	\$511.25
Protex Central, Supplies	\$170.11
Region 3 Behavioral Health Services, 4th Qtr.	\$3,991.89
Riberio, Matheus, Mileage	\$48.24
Scott Friend, Safety Meal	\$1,770.00
Secretary of State, Title 177	\$60.00
Shirt Shack, Uniforms	\$434.66
Greg Shuck, Plane Ticket	\$555.20
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$2,145.14
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$1,607.35
Spray Electric LLC	\$243.93
Stephen-Peck, Inc., Subscription	\$125.00
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Summit Fire Protection, Inspection	\$303.00
Sutton Pharmacy, Supplies	\$31.68
Terwey Law Office, Attorney Fees	\$935.14
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporting, Copies	\$192.27
TK Elevator Corp., Maintenance	\$377.52
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,606.00
US Bank, Supplies	\$492.52
US Cellular, Phones	\$129.14
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage	\$173.40
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$518.52
Wellness Partners, Clinic	\$2,400.00
Windstream, Service	\$669.94
Woodward's, Garbage	\$460.00
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,500.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$68,402.16
Action Auto Supply-Sutton, Supplies	\$209.59
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,696.74
Aspegren Repair, Repairs	\$483.91
Auca, Supplies	\$739.04
Aurora Cooperative, Fuel	\$142.90
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Repairs	\$1,040.00
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$620.02
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,226.01
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$283.86
Card Services, Supplies	\$702.00
C & M Supply Inc., Fuel	\$582.50
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$109.64
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$87.22
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50

City of Sutton, Utilities	\$118.14
Clay County News, Advertising	\$458.30
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.40
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$35,228.38
Cornhusker Cleaning, Supplies	\$96.36
CPI, Fuel	\$3,998.33
Dollar General, Supplies	\$5.25
Eakes, Supplies	\$51.52
Extreme Transfer LLC., Parts & Labor	\$486.23
Fast-Break, Parts	\$60.00
Filter Care of Nebraska, Supplies	\$410.20
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Fleetpride, Repairs	\$93.69
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$2,314.83
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$19,564.11
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$327.45
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Island Supply Welding., Supplies	\$99.20
Jarzynka, Addison, CDL	\$31.00
John Deer Financial, Service	\$1,473.12
Krieger Electric Co., Service	\$117.00
Lawson Products, Supplies	\$120.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$23.76
Medica, Insurance	\$1,800.00
Menards, Supplies	\$351.35
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc., Gravel	\$35,618.49
Midwest Infrastructure, Bridge	\$193,969.75
Midwest Service & Sales, Supplies	\$9,672.58
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc., Parts	\$32,334.54
Napa Auto Parts, Supplies	\$122.20
Nationwide, Retirement	\$350.00
Newman Traffic Signs, Supplies	\$9,698.66
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$35,105.55
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Fuel	\$343.49
Pad LLC, Landfill Fees	\$948.48
Protex Central, Inspection	\$1,236.19
R& K Service, Fuel	\$1,545.00
Raynor Garage Doors, Service	\$25.00
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$450.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$469.66
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$104.13
Sutton Auto, Parts, Supplies	\$237.14
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$116.83
Todd's Feed Supply & Trailer Sales, Supplies	\$3,248.80
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$247.50
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$600.05
Winzer, Supplies	\$97.04
Woodward's, Garbage	\$55.00
ROD PM FUND	
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$499.66
ARPA FUND	
Flatwater Technologies, Service	\$5,104.57
INHERITANCE FUND	
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road Fund	\$267,741.11
HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$10,544.46
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$50.46
Clay County News, Advertising	\$62.00

Colonial, Insurance		\$190.59
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions		\$4,610.76
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent		\$36.00
Eakes, Supplies		\$96.75
First Concord, Insurance		\$250.00
Flores, Esmeralda, Mileage		\$20.10
Jensen, Donna, Mileage		\$126.63
Madison National Life, Insurance		\$14.20
Sara Marshall, Mileage		\$345.05
Medica, Insurance		\$400.00
Nationwide, Insurance		\$100.00
Schwenk, Judy, Mileage		\$18.76
Sherman, Alyce, Mileage		\$16.75
US Bank, Supplies		\$79.96
	911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities		\$86.35
Echo Group Inc., Tower Maintenance		\$900.00
ERC Communications, Rent		\$1,080.00
Glenwood, Internet		\$127.11
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities		\$77.33
Superior INet, Internet		\$89.99
	E911 FUND	
GEOComm, Maintenance		\$3,614.00
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet		\$1,154.75
	MISCELLANEOUS SINKING FUND	
The Paint Paper Place, Carpet		\$2,483.13
Todd Boman Carpet Service, Service		\$1,222.50

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

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 10:32 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for April 30, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on April 30, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on April 24, 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, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; Absent: Ivan Fintel.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held April 23, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 23, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his roads report. The Agreement with Van Kirk Bros Contracting for Box Culvert Project #C-18(321) is not ready for review.

Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator, presented her 2024 1st Quarter Report.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, presented her monthly update.

Board member Ivan Fintel joined the meeting at 9:34 A.M.

Nicholas Andrews with City County Solutions (CC Solutions) presented a Workforce Housing Program to the Board. Nicholas informed the Board that CC Solutions is looking for two Nebraska counties to contract with for bringing in a Workforce Housing taskforce and hoped Clay County would be interested in being one of the two counties. The Board of Supervisors did not feel this program was a fit for Clay County at this time and thought CC Solutions would be better fit to work directly with the cities and villages of Clay County.

Beth Ferrell with Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) provided the Board with NACO and Legislative updates.

Mandy and Kyle with Applied Connective presented options for IT services for all Clay County Departments as well as discussed fiber network options and other services they can provide to Clay County. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to accept the Master Services Agreement between Clay County and Applied Connective for a term of twelve (12) months 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 Application for County Burial Financial Affidavit and Agreement was presented to the Board as received from the Sutton Memorial Chapel. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the Application as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Laurie Kohmetscher was present to ask if the Health Department Subcommittee would be willing to start meeting with the Health Department Board. Meetings will begin in June.

Board member Scott Bitterman left the meeting at 11:32 A.M.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 11:36 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for May 14, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on May 14, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on May 8, 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, Ivan Fintel, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Jim Pavelka.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held April 30, 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 April 30, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

An easement request was presented from B6 Farms, LLC to bury an electrical line from the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 4-7-6 crossing County Road 319 to the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 33-8-6. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An easement request was presented from Ardyth Anderson to bury an electrical line for a pivot from the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 3-6-6 crossing County Road 312 to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 10-6-6. Motion by Becker and seconded by Samuelson to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tom presented the contract with Van Kirk Bros Construction for Box Culvert Project #C-18(321). Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the contract as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Applied Connective presented quotes for Security Enhancement Options for the Clay County Courthouse and monitoring services for Clay County Departments. Applied will gather information from the County Clerk to prepare another option and present at a future meeting.

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 April 2024: County Clerk \$14,956.50; County Court \$7,501.39; Clerk of District Court \$13,786.40; Sheriff's fees \$4,640.59; County Health Department \$1,691.28 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 24040001 through 24040082 in the amount of \$2,235,158.22. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Blue Cross Blue Shield submitted rates for the 2024-2025 on the current dental plan, there was no increase. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the County Clerk to sign the BCBS Sub-group Application for 2024-2025 and continue with the current dental plan. On roll call yea: Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 10:05 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for May 21, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on May 21, at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on May 15, 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 May 14, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 14, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Abstain: Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tina Nelson was present during Public Input on behalf of the Clay Center Community Club. The Club would like permission to place an item for a scavenger hunt during the 4th of July festivities on the Courthouse lawn. The Board is okay with this but asked that the Club be cognizant of the placement of the item so as to keep the public from scouring the buildings.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his roads report. Andy Forney with DA Davidson was present to provide financing options for Clay County for an asphalt overlay project. Tom is going to gather additional information from our engineering firm for estimates on additional asphalt miles and then bring the information back to the Board for review and consideration. Andy will wait to get the revised estimates from Tom as well to come back to present additional options to the Board.

Sharon Hueftle, Executive Director of South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD) presented their annual report.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney presented her monthly report.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff presented his monthly report.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager presented her monthly report.

Tammy Musgrave was present on behalf of the Village of Ong to discuss zoning procedures within the Village of Ong.

A request for carpet to be replaced in the Zoning Office at the Courthouse was submitted by the Zoning Administrator. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the quote from Todd Boman and Paint & Paper Palace for carpet replacement in the Zoning Office in the amount of \$1,686.52. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Ric Ortmeier, CPA with Ric Ortmeier & Associates LLC, was present to do an overview of the Budget for Clay County.

An invoice from Flatwater Technologies was presented to the Board. The Board advised the Clerk to put the invoice in with the monthly claims for review.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 12:11 P.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for May 28, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on May 28, at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on May 22, 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 May 21, 2024 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 May 21, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his roads report. Discussion was had regarding the temporary access easement that was granted to CPI on North Highway 14. Tom is going to get in touch with CPI to see if there has been any progress between CPI and the State of Nebraska for an access driveway on North Highway 14.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report.

Mark Johnson, Courthouse Building & Grounds, presented his monthly report.

The Fiscal Year 24-25 Budget Request from Region 3 Behavioral Health Services was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve the budget request as presented in the amount of \$16,111.54. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jo Bair, Executive Director for Encourage Center, presented the Fiscal Year 24-25 Budget Request in the amount of \$5,000.00. No action was taken on this request.

Casey Muzic, Midland Area Agency on Aging, presented the Fiscal Year 24-25 Budget Request. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve the budget request as presented in the amount \$1598.00 for membership and to budget \$11,000.00 for the commodity, meal distribution, in home and transit programs. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Applied Connective presented quotes for providing security services and equipment for the Courthouse and other County Departments.

The claims were distributed for review and discussion.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$139,527.94
A & L Plumbing & Heating LLC, Repairs	\$1,046.31
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Alberts, Donna, Election Staff	\$341.25
Alley, Holli, Mileage	\$84.42
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$2,999.65
ARL Credit Services, Garnishment	\$188.34
Aspegren Repair, Repairs	\$677.21
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$845.06
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Repairs	\$305.00
Barnett, Barb, Mileage	\$47.17
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$147.01
Best Western Plus, Lodging	\$107.00
Beyke Signs, Inc., Patrol Car Signage	\$480.00
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$349.44
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,799.12
Bob Barker Co., Inc., Supplies	\$81.68

Business World, Supplies	\$445.61
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$88.22
Carey's Pest Control, Service	\$310.00
Carrot-Top Industries, Inc., Flags	\$344.30
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$453.84
Clay County News, Advertising	\$6,671.39
Clay County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$71.67
Clay County Treasurer, Postage	\$8,234.00
Clearly, Phone System	\$422.13
Colonial, Insurance	\$643.65
Cooney Refrigeration, Service	\$150.00
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,275.17
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$69,609.70
CPI, Fuel	\$3,962.87
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$59.70
Cummins Central Power, LLC., Maintenance	\$1,045.93
DAS, Services,	\$1,193.55
Diode Technologies, Supplies	\$665.30
Dollar General, Supplies	\$193.35
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$1,830.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$1,562.62
Election Systems Software, Election	\$2,066.39
First Concord, Insurance	\$600.00
Flatwater Technologies, Service	\$8,742.44
Furman, Cynthia, Mileage, Meals	\$249.70
gWorks, Subscription, Annual Fee	\$19,630.00
Hamilton County Sheriff's Dept., Inmate Holding	\$50.00
Hamilton County Treasurer, Vet Services	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage, Supplies	\$151.17
Holiday Inn, Lodging	\$214.00
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Hunt Insurance Group, LLC., Inmate Insurance	\$8,035.44
Integrated Security Solutions, Service	\$180.00
Johnson, Shirley, Election Staff	\$277.50
LA Police Gear, Uniforms	\$1,966.84
Larry Baker MD, DDS, PC, Exam	\$1,325.00
Leafy Spurge Working Task Force, Field Days	\$50.00
Lemke, Greg, Election Staff	\$116.25
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$535.00
Lovgren, Kelly, Mileage	\$105.79
Lynn Peavey Co., Supplies	\$134.89
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$317.80
Matt Friend Truck Equipment, Inc., Supplies	\$4,040.66
Medica, Health Ins.	\$74,427.89
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$800.00
MDM Pest & Termite Control, Treatment	\$100.00
Menards, Supplies	\$121.77
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., Rent	\$49.00
Mid-America Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$4,219.85
Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, 4th Qtr.	\$1,526.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,681.69
NENA, Training	\$299.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
NE Dept of Revenue, Garnishment	\$368.30
NACO, Registration	\$275.00
NE Public Health Environmental Lab, Testing	\$210.00
Newmyer, Mariah, Mileage	\$48.24
Deanna Peshek, Election Staff	\$412.50
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services, Lease	\$400.89
Platte Valley Communications of Hastings, Supplies	\$162.50

Professional Choice Recovery, Garnishment	\$321.82
Quality Sound & Communications Inc., Rent	\$147.00
Riberio, Matheus, Mileage	\$36.85
Robbins, Isaiah, Clothing, Fuel	\$94.63
Roemmich, Gayle, Election Staff	\$378.75
Serendipity, Meals	\$99.90
Shirt Shack, Uniforms	\$326.34
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$1,115.50
Small Town Famous, Uniforms	\$1,156.69
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$1,444.41
Stanard Appraisal Service, Inc., Review	\$78,370.00
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sutton Auto, Parts, Supplies	\$97.79
Sutton Electric Inc., Repairs	\$136.37
Sutton Memorial Chapel, Cremation	\$2,000.00
Sutton Pharmacy, Supplies	\$27.95
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,257.61
US Bank, Supplies	\$487.39
US Cellular, Phones	\$129.14
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage	\$33.10
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$508.90
WJE Consulting LLC., Services	\$1,095.00
Windstream, Service	\$669.83
Woodward's, Garbage	\$370.00
Wurdeman, Terrance, Lodging, Meals, Fuel, Postage	\$405.59
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,757.28
3-G Car Wash, Tokens	\$700.00
911 Custom, Supplies	\$7,418.94

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$62,827.03
Action Auto Supply-Sutton, Supplies	\$20.27
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,696.74
Aurora Cooperative, Fuel	\$190.06
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Repairs	\$905.00
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$71.64
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$333.49
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$283.86
Card Services, Supplies	\$433.01
Certified Truck & Trailer Repair Inc., Repairs	\$8,146.16
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$109.64
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$82.42
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$113.82
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.40
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$30,476.98
CPI, Fuel	\$7,113.74
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Supplies	\$508.22
Dollar General, Supplies	\$27.50
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$712.00
DPL Enterprises Inc., Gravel	\$22,444.68
Equipment Blades Inc., Supplies	\$3,816.80
Extreme Transfer LLC., Parts & Labor	\$142.00
Farrallbuilt LLC., Parts & Labor	\$703.74
Fast-Break, Parts	\$120.00
Fastenal Co., Supplies	\$51.34
Filter Care of Nebraska, Supplies	\$104.60
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Fleetpride, Repairs	\$43.60
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$861.33

George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$23,389.63
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$180.62
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Hay's Land Surveying LLC., Surveying	\$639.04
Interstate Battery Center, Supplies	\$83.70
Island Supply Welding., Supplies	\$224.50
John Deer Financial, Service	\$2.03
Johnson, Leroy DBA Diamond Lime, Rock	\$16,651.20
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$23.76
Medica, Insurance	\$2,000.00
Medical Enterprises, Inc., Testing	\$70.00
Menards, Supplies	\$502.13
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc., Gravel	\$29,786.74
Midwest Infrastructure, Bridge	\$405,421.73
Midwest Service & Sales, Supplies	\$27,149.94
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc., Parts	\$649.44
Nationwide, Retirement	\$350.00
Nebraska Truck Center, Parts & Labor	\$2,513.37
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$874.41
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Fuel	\$291.92
Oak Creek Engineering, Service	\$3,350.00
Olsson, Service	\$24,080.90
Pad LLC, Landfill Fees	\$147.81
Railpros Fields Service Inc., Service	\$19,667.50
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
Shirt Shack, Uniforms	\$310.84
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$336.67
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$72.18
Sutton Auto, Parts, Supplies	\$207.05
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$48.04
Universal Hydraulics Inc., Parts	\$84.67
VanKirk Sand and Gravel Inc., Service	\$34,728.78
Vestis, Supplies	\$726.06
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$215.66
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$727.22
Woodward's, Garbage	\$55.00
VISITORS PROMOTION FUND	
Clay Center Innovation Partners, Sign	\$500.00
ROD PM FUND	
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$499.66
INHERITANCE FUND	
Certified Sound and Security LLC	\$9,050.00
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road Fund	\$209,543.69
HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$12,502.47
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$172.42
Clay County News, Advertising	\$80.67
Colonial, Insurance	\$41.63
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$5,446.42
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$28.95
First Concord, Insurance	\$150.00
Jensen, Donna, Mileage	\$34.17
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$14.20
Marshall, Sara, Mileage	\$288.77
Medica, Insurance	\$800.00
Mertens, Sara, Mileage, Ins.	\$236.21
US Bank, Supplies	\$299.92

Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision		\$63.68
	911 FUND	
Emergency Services Marketing Inc., Subscription		\$3,135.00
Glenwood, Internet		\$127.11
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities		\$81.72
Superior INet, Internet		\$89.99
	E911 FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet		\$1,149.33
	ROAD IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND	
BOK Financial Corporate Trust, Int, Principle, Fees		\$507,612.50

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

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 10:41 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for June 11, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on June 18, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on June 12, 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

Minutes of the meeting held June 11, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 11, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Timothy Veenendaal with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (Wildlife Services) was present to introduce Tanner Hagge who will be providing wildlife services for Clay County. Tim also presented the Board with a Work/Financial Plan for the 2024-2025 fiscal year not to exceed the amount of \$8,967.64. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to approve the Work/Financial Plan between Clay County and USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (Wildlife Services) for 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.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, requested the Board consider a quote from Eakes for new office furniture in her office and a quote from Paint & Paper Palace along with Todd Boman for new carpet in her office. No action was taken on the request for new furniture. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the quotes from Paint & Palace and Todd Boman in the total amount of \$2,588.21 to replace the carpet in the County Attorney's Office. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the roads in the NAD area.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to go into executive closed session at 9:27 A.M. to discuss the NAD area. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to go back into open session at 9:51 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the NAD roads and discussions will continue at future meetings.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent was unable to attend the meeting.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to open the public hearing on the amending of the budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at 10:00 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Gene Ulmer, County CPA with Dana F. Cole, presented the amendment to the budget for the purpose of providing additional budget authority for spending to the Health Fund and Road Fund. There was no input from public attendees or additional input.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to close the public hearing on the amending of the budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at 10:15 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to adopt Resolution #24-04 to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget to provide additional budget authority to the Health Fund in the amount of \$25,000.00 and additional budget authority to the Road Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00. No additional property taxes are required due to this amendment. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, discussed the new Fleet Mechanic position and the possible need to transfer budget authority between some functions of the General Fund on Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget if the new position will be held as a General Fund function.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to transfer budget authority from the 607 Function of the General Fund to the 640 Function of the General Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

A draft of the Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Audit was provided to the Board for review. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the Draft Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023, and authorization for the Clerk, Treasurer, and Chairman to sign the Management Representation letter and the Clerk and Treasurer to sign the Draft Financial Statement Transmittal and Approval. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

A recommendation for appointment to the Clay County Health Board was received. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to appoint Raul Franco, D.D.S. to the Clay County Health Board for a term of 3 years. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 10:51 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for June 25, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on June 25, at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on June 19, 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, Jim Pavelka, Ivan Fintel and Richard Shaw; Absent: L. Wayne Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held June 18, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Becker to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 18, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

An easement request was presented from Hamilton Telephone to bury fiber optic and conduit lines starting 60 ft West of the West line of Sec 34-9-8 (Hamilton Co), thence East for 9,420 ft along the North side of Road 325, along the South side of the SW & SE 1/4s of Sec 34-9-8, and along the South side of the SW & SE 1/4s of Sec 35-9-8 (Hamilton Co). Contractor WILL bore every intersection and culvert along meaning that from the grass shoulder line to the buried line will NOT exceed 3 ft. ALL disturbed areas WILL be compacted and restored to previous meaning that from the grass shoulder line to the buried line will NOT exceed 3 ft. ALL disturbed areas WILL be compacted and restored to previous condition. Contractor WILL NOT leave any conduit, utility lines, or bore holes exposed in the roadway during construction. Any damage to the road WILL be repaired at the cost of the utility owner, including gravel, rock and machine costs. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the easement request of Hamilton Telephone as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Shaw, Bitterman and Pavelka; Nay: Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

RuAnn Root, Director for CASA, presented the Fiscal Year 24-25 Budget Request in the amount of \$16,396.00. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to approve the budget request of CASA as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mark Johnson, Courthouse Building & Grounds, presented his monthly report.

Robin Gilbert, Treasurer, presented information on Tax Sales Certificates and parcels of real estate that were not sold at the public tax sale in March 2024. Robin requested that the Board approve a list of parcels of real estate in Clay County on which the 2022 taxes are delinquent and were not sold for want of bidders at the last annual public tax sale. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the list of parcels with tax sale certificates #24-01 through #24-58 as recommended by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Robin also presented information on Tax Sale Certificates which were issued on delinquent taxes. These taxes were unpaid as of June 25, 2024. The Treasurer's office is requesting that the Board of Supervisors instruct the County Attorney to start foreclosure proceedings on the properties. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to direct the County Attorney to start foreclosure proceedings on 2021 County Tax Sales numbered #21-22, #21-28, #21-36, #21-37, #21-38, #21-40, #21-46, #21-60 and #21-64 as recommended by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was discussion on assigning a vendor to print the joint public hearing postcards for 2024. NACO and MIPS are partnering with a new company, CSG, which is an international corporation specializing in mass printing and mailing for public and private sectors and has a facility in Omaha, Nebraska. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Becker to designate CSG as the printing vendor for the joint public hearing postcards in 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Audit was received from Contryman Associates. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to accept the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Audit ending June 30, 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, discussed the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget and the need to transfer budget authority as follows:

FY 2023-2024 Budget Authority Transfers			
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>	<u>Transfer In</u>
GENERAL 0100	970	\$8,500.00	
	619		\$750.00
	652		\$750.00
	693		\$7,000.00
ROAD 0300	705	\$8,500.00	
	640		\$8,500.00
ARPA 2580	991	\$560,469.24	
	693		\$40,621.24
	705		\$516,258.00
	970		\$3,590.00
INHERITANCE TAX 2700	649	\$810,488.34	
	647		\$635,516.34
	651		\$63,500.00
	970		\$111,472.00
MISC SINKING 4600	971	\$72,554.42	
	603		\$20,805.45
	605		\$41,730.62
	621		\$3,705.63
	622		\$2,824.34
	970		\$3,488.38

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Becker to transfer budget authority as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk discussed with the Board the County Medical Insurance Opt Out Cash-in-Lieu Program. Clay County offers full-time eligible employees a monthly benefit of \$450.00 cash-in-lieu if they do not enroll in the Medial Insurance policy provided by the County. The Board asked Cassie to survey other counties to find comparables for our benefits and bring it to a future meeting.

The claims were distributed for review and discussion.

GENERAL FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$141,526.74
A & L Plumbing & Heating LLC, Repairs	\$59.99
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Aksamit, Cassie, Mileage	\$99.16
Alley, Holli, Mileage	\$69.68
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$6,765.70
Aspegren Repair, Repairs	\$862.39
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$845.06
Barnett, Barb, Mileage	\$93.67
Battery Junction, Supplies	\$818.10
Becker, Glen, Mileage	\$176.34
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$7.99
Big G Ace, Supplies	\$89.99
Bitterman, Joni, Mileage, Parking	\$123.00
Bitterman, Scott, Mileage	\$111.09

Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$214.85
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,881.38
Bob Barker Co., Inc., Supplies	\$1,556.50
Bockstadter & Glen Law LLC, Attorney Fees	\$138.00
BTS Communications, Service	\$112.50
Buffalo County, Dues	\$200.00
Candlewoods Suites, Lodging	\$639.80
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$100.49
Carey's Pest Control, Service	\$121.00
CASA, Funding	\$16,000.00
Cash-WA Distributing, Supplies	\$1,921.10
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$405.89
Clay Center American Legion Auxiliary #87, Meals	\$508.55
Clay County Court, Claims	\$417.00
Clay County News, Advertising, Subscription	\$1,910.75
Clay County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$59.38
Clay County Treasurer, Postage, Titles	\$98.00
Clearly, Phone System	\$422.13
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$72.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$643.65
Comfort Inn, Lodging	\$389.85
Consolidated Management, Meals	\$68.35
Cooney Refrigeration LLC. Supplies	\$57.00
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,486.88
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$71,466.26
CPI, Fuel	\$4,090.56
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$114.15
Cummins Central Power, LLC., Maintenance	\$743.91
DAS, Services,	\$1,193.55
Dollar General, Supplies	\$426.70
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$1,030.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$860.32
Embassy Suites, Lodging	\$214.00
Engineered Controls Inc., Maintenance Agreement	\$4,085.00
Fairfield N/S Co-op Association, Supplies	\$32.40
Farmer, Jim, Meals	\$22.34
Felber, Cara, Mileage	\$75.04
Fintel, Ivan, Mileage	\$104.92
First Concord, Insurance	\$600.00
Fujan, Paul, Supplies	\$5.30
Futurity IT, Inc., Agreement	\$1,000.00
Gilbert, Robin, Mileage	\$61.64
Hajny, Brian, Mileage	\$678.04
Hamilton County Treasurer, Vet Services	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage	\$241.20
HD Arms LLC, Supplies	\$2,279.50
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Integrated Security Solutions, Service	\$190.00
Krieger Electric Co., Service	\$506.16
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$616.00
Lynn Peavey Co., Supplies	\$30.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$313.76
Marvin Planning Consultants Inc., Service	\$650.00
Medica, Health Ins.	\$71,612.97
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$762.50
Memorial Community Health, Service	\$330.00
Menards, Supplies	\$130.94
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., Rent	\$49.00
Mid-America Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$10,749.76
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$2,924.33

Murray Law PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$3,218.51
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
NACO, Registration	\$750.00
NE Clerk of the Dist. Court Assoc., Registration	\$75.00
NE County Attorney's Assoc., Registration, Dues	\$550.00
NE Dept of Revenue/Property Assessment Div., Training	\$270.00
NE Public Health Environmental Lab, Testing	\$105.00
NE Weed Control Assoc., Training	\$150.00
NIRMA, Insurance	\$174,095.00
Patino King & Yost, LLC, Attorney Fees	\$494.50
Pavelka, Jim, Mileage	\$84.96
Platte Valley Communications of Hastings, Installation	\$12,128.75
Police Officers Assoc. of NE, Registration	\$200.00
Professional Choice Recovery, Garnishment	\$364.07
Ramada, Lodging	\$214.00
Riberio, Matheus, Mileage	\$38.86
Secretary of State, Supplies	\$20.00
Security Equipment Inc., Monitoring	\$423.72
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$3,316.95
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$1,867.32
Stanard Appraisal Service, Inc., Review	\$78,370.00
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sunset Law Enforcement, Supplies	\$473.70
Sutton Pharmacy, Supplies	\$41.59
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Supplies	\$1,005.83
US Cellular, Phones	\$129.14
US Postal Service, Box Rent	\$308.00
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage	\$66.20
VanDiest, Chemicals	\$5,106.20
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$574.02
Windstream, Service	\$669.83
Woodward's, Garbage	\$370.00
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,500.00
2024 NCRAAO Conference, Registration	\$600.00
911 Custom, Supplies	\$2,650.58

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$71,868.56
Action Auto Supply-Sutton, Supplies	\$188.72
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,696.74
Aspegren Repair, Repairs	\$1,312.68
Aurora Cooperative, Fuel	\$86.28
Bauer Built, Inc., Parts & Labor	\$1,486.77
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$59.78
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$288.47
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$283.86
C & M Supply Inc., Fuel	\$5,737.71
Card Services, Supplies	\$367.21
Carey's Pest Control, Service	\$72.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$110.81
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$87.22
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$106.64
Clay County News, Subscription	\$39.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.40
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$35,678.67
CPI, Fuel	\$4,057.73
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$580.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$122.37

Extreme Transfer LLC., Parts & Labor	\$1,122.77
Fastenal Co., Supplies	\$151.34
Filter Care of Nebraska, Supplies	\$456.95
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$633.88
Geneva Tire & Auto Inc., Tire	\$289.95
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$24,517.65
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$509.61
gWorks, Annual Fee	\$513.00
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Island Supply Welding., Supplies	\$155.60
John Deer Financial, Service	\$83.08
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc., Supplies	\$321.41
Loup Valley Lighting, Inc., Supplies	\$1,374.50
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$23.76
Mary Lanning Health Care, Testing	\$50.00
Medica, Insurance	\$1,800.00
Menards, Supplies	\$491.11
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc., Gravel	\$20,445.03
Midwest Service & Sales, Supplies	\$13,256.30
Midwest Infrastructure, Bridge work	\$448,689.44
Miller Tire Pros & Service, Tires	\$3,900.00
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc., Parts	\$1,374.28
Nationwide, Retirement	\$350.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$11,283.08
Noregon Systems LLC, Computer	\$7,502.32
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Fuel	\$83.02
Olsson, Service	\$24,438.65
Pad LLC, Landfill Fees	\$465.27
Railpros Fields Service Inc., Service	\$61,200.00
Richweld Fabrication, Service	\$55.00
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$375.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$332.07
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$54.36
Superior Outdoor Power, Supplies	\$24.14
Sutton Auto, Parts, Supplies	\$363.46
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$20.98
Truck Center Companies, Parts & Labor	\$7,053.06
US Bank, Supplies	\$10.21
Vestis, Supplies	\$742.48
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$225.35
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$689.50
Winzer, Supplies	\$177.22
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00
	ROD PM FUND
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$499.66
	INHERITANCE FUND
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road Fund	\$158,231.54
	HEALTH FUND
Employees, Wages	\$9,939.55
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$111.44
Carroll, Denise, Supplies	\$43.97
Clay County News, Advertising	\$62.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$41.63
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$4,493.77
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$466.86
First Concord, Insurance	\$150.00

Flores, Esmeralda, Mileage		\$16.75
Madison National Life, Insurance		\$18.70
Marshall, Sara, Mileage		\$455.60
Medica, Insurance		\$600.00
Memorial Health Clinic, Consultant fee		\$100.00
Mertens, Sara, Mileage, Ins.		\$235.84
Schwenk, Judy, Mileage		\$20.10
Sherman, Alyce, Mileage		\$16.75
US Bank, Supplies		\$14.75
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision		\$31.84
	911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities		\$166.75
ERC Communications, Tower rent		\$2,160.00
Glenwood, Internet		\$127.11
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities		\$95.66
Superior INet, Internet		\$89.99
	E911 FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet		\$1,149.33

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

Motion by Becker and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 11:02 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for July 9, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

Jim Pavelka, Vice-Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on July 9, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 3, 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

Minutes of the meeting held June 25, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 25, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, notified the Board that there is a meeting tomorrow between Adams, Clay and Fillmore Counties regarding emergency communications.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer: presented the semi-annual statement. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to accept the semi-annual statement from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024 as presented by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of June 2024: County Clerk \$5,787.25; County Court \$9,706.62; Clerk of District Court \$3,909.29; Sheriff's fees \$1,949.37; County Health Department \$1,463.08 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 24060001 through 24060045 in the amount of \$361,179.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, provided the Board with information from Counties across the State regarding employee Cash-in-Lieu benefit amounts. Cassie will prepare a Resolution for next week's meeting.

Budget preparation options were discussed. Upon their availability, Supervisors will act as a Finance Committee to meet with Department Heads during the beginning of budget preparation to review their budget requests and then to later present the budget requests / recommendations to the entire Board at a later Board meeting; to meet with the Department Heads on a possibly a quarterly basis to review their budget status; and to review the entire County budget possibly in the 3rd quarter to get ready for year end and the next fiscal year. The Clerk was asked to prepare a meeting schedule and send it to all Department Heads.

Aksamit notified the Board that she contacted Cindy Johnson to inquire on availability to prepare the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget for School Creek Township. Cindy Johnson would be willing to prepare the budget at a flat rate of \$225.00. The Board was fine with this and asked the Clerk to provide Cindy with documents needed to prepare the budget.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 10:15 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for July 16, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on July 16, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 10, 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 July 9, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 9, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his roads report and reminded the Board that the tire recycling is July 31st.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, provided his monthly update.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer, presented a Resolution to the Board regarding monies needing moved between funds per the audit of the 2910, 2913 and 2914 funds. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to adopt Resolution #24-05. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Joni Bitterman, Clerk of District Court, discussed the need to replace the computer for her Deputy.

Leah Smillie, Executive Director for First Light Child Advocacy Center was present. Though this was not on the agenda, Leah was able to present information of services provided to children of Clay County in the last year and present a request for the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget. The Board advised Leah that they would consider this budget request at the same time as others that have come in once Clay County is further into their 2024-2025 fiscal year budget preparation.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, discussed the phone line in the DMV room. The line has continuously been down leaving no good communication options for the DMV services while they are in Clay County. The Board is okay with transferring the phone line over to our Clearlyfy line to be managed by BTS. Cassie will notify all parties.

Per the Board's request from the last meeting, Clerk Aksamit presented a Resolution to increase the Cash-in-Lieu benefit. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution #24-06 which increases the Cash-in-Lieu benefit to \$500.00 per month effective with the July 31, 2024 payroll. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk and Chairman presented information from Contryman Associates regarding the federal awards audit options for Clay County. Motion by Becker and seconded by Bitterman to authorize Contryman Associates proceed with the Alternative Compliance Examination Engagement ("ACEE") reporting. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 10:09 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for July 16, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on July 23, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 17, 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, Richard Shaw and Jim Pavelka; absent: L. Wayne Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held July 16, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 16, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his roads report and requested approval to advertise for bids for Project C-18(345) Road X South Box Culvert. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to advertise for bids, Project C-18(345) Road X South Box Culvert, advertisement dates will be July 24, 31 and Aug 7, 2024, bids to be opened on Aug 20, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, provided her monthly report.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, provided his monthly report.

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

Sara Mertens, Health Department Director, presented her Director's report and reminded the Board that the 50th Anniversary of the Health Department will be celebrated with a BBQ on August 8th.

The claims were distributed for review and discussion.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$139,147.21
A Street Auto Parts Sutton, Supplies	\$14.58
Action Auto Supply, Supplies	\$262.99
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$9,009.59
Aspegren Repair, Repairs	\$1,910.22
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$845.75
Axon Enterprises, Tasers	\$8,335.44
Barnett, Barb, Mileage	\$19.77
Best Western Plus, Lodging	\$214.00
Big G Ace, Supplies	\$27.83
Bitterman, Joni, Mileage	\$30.15
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$217.79
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,800.42
Bockstadter & Glen Law LLC, Attorney Fees	\$1,396.89
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$100.49
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$560.66
Clay County News, Advertising	\$1,059.89
Clearly, Phone System	\$423.25
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$72.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$563.80
Contryman Associates PC, Audit	\$5,000.00
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,086.81
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$69,456.82
CPI, Fuel	\$3,341.34

Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$67.95
Dana F Cole & Co., Amend Budget	\$525.00
DAS, Services,	\$1,193.55
Dollar General, Supplies	\$208.05
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$4,754.51
Eakes, Supplies	\$1,100.28
Felber, Cara, Mileage	\$199.66
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,171.66
Fullerton, Brandon, Mileage	\$68.34
Furman, Cynthia, Mileage, Meals	\$274.70
Galls, Supplies	\$109.97
Hamilton County Treasurer, Vet Services	\$2,291.67
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Johnson, L Wayne, Meals	\$68.94
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$639.78
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$284.17
MDM Pest Control, Treatment	\$100.00
Medica, Health Ins.	\$71,340.39
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$800.00
Menards, Supplies	\$586.06
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., Rent	\$49.00
Mid-America Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$2,777.92
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,011.28
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
NACO, Fist 1/2 Dues	\$2,117.40
Patino King & Yost, LLC, Attorney Fees	\$46.00
Platte Valley Communications of Hastings, Service	\$1,417.00
Professional Choice Recovery, Garnishment	\$721.16
Region 3 Behavioral, 1st Qtr. Funding	\$4,027.89
Robbins, Isaiah, Fuel	\$39.45
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$1,249.82
Small Town Famous, Corrections Shirts	\$85.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$2,766.47
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,998.82
Sunset Law Enforcement, Supplies	\$402.00
Superior Industries, Install Cage	\$3,720.00
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$548.02
Sutton Memorial Chapel, Transfer Remains	\$425.00
Sutton Pharmacy, Prescriptions	\$41.59
TK Elevator, Service	\$377.52
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Supplies	\$2,581.61
US Cellular, Phones	\$129.14
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage	\$132.39
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$547.38
Wellness Partners LLC, Clinic	\$1,350.00
Windstream, Service	\$669.97
Winter, Whitney, Fair Help	\$315.00
Woodward's, Garbage	\$400.00
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,629.98
ROAD FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$69,451.22
A Street Auto Parts Sutton, Parts	\$424.49
Action Auto Supply-Sutton, Supplies	\$464.35
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,803.26
Aurora Cooperative, Fuel	\$67.56
Bauer Built, Inc., Parts & Labor	\$7,504.82
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$427.40
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$288.31
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$283.86

C & M Supply Inc., Fuel	\$3,177.12
Cardinal Tool & Die Inc., Materials & Machine	\$850.00
Central Nebraska Equipment, Parts	\$58.10
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$114.16
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$82.42
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$108.27
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.19
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$34,205.98
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$7,062.28
Dollar General, Supplies	\$33.25
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$672.00
DPL Enterprises Inc, Material	\$12,437.30
Eakes, Supplies	\$59.38
Extreme Transfer LLC., Parts & Labor	\$347.89
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Fleetpride, Repair	\$569.26
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$1,147.45
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$23,434.05
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$76.50
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Hastings Ford Lincoln, Parts	\$52.63
Hays Land Surveying, LLC, Surveys	\$7,200.00
Interstate Battery Center, Batteries	\$77.52
Island Landhandlers, Inc., Material	\$21,953.76
Island Supply Welding., Supplies	\$169.52
John Deer Financial, Service	\$62.40
Kimball Midwest, Supplies	\$118.68
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$23.76
Matt Friend Truck Equipment, Repairs	\$518.03
Medica, Insurance	\$1,800.00
Menards, Supplies	\$45.67
Midwest Infrastructure, Bridge work	\$459,330.51
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc., Parts	\$253.03
NAPA Auto Parts, Parts	\$1,023.79
Nationwide, Retirement	\$350.00
Nebraska Peterbilt, Parts	\$7,705.95
Nebraska Truck Center, Parts	\$8.94
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$29,264.61
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Fuel	\$62.99
Oak Creek Engineering, Design, Bidding, Permitting	\$11,150.00
Olsson, Service	\$7,990.33
Pad LLC, Landfill Fees	\$876.72
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
Sioux City Tarp, Tarps	\$1,342.90
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$400.46
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$67.25
Straight-Line Striping, Inc., Striping	\$40,972.55
Sutton Auto, Parts, Supplies	\$520.81
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$11.98
US Bank, Supplies	\$257.91
Vestis, Supplies	\$594.10
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$244.59
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$689.50
Woodward's, Garbage	\$75.00
	ROD PM FUND
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$501.66

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Clay County Treasurer, Transfer		\$278,249.97
	HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages		\$9,498.59
Anstine Fire Equipment Co, Inspection		\$30.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance		\$111.44
Clay County News, Advertising		\$173.67
Colonial, Insurance		\$41.63
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions		\$4,234.33
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent		\$36.00
First Concord, Insurance		\$125.00
Flores, Esmeralda, Mileage		\$16.75
Madison National Life, Insurance		\$14.20
Marshall, Sara, Mileage & Insurance		\$614.80
Medica, Insurance		\$600.00
Mertens, Sara, Mileage, Ins.		\$170.18
Pens.com, Pens		\$196.34
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision		\$31.84
	911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities		\$90.27
Glenwood, Internet		\$127.11
RapidSOS, Inc., Premium		\$3,988.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities		\$128.69
Superior INet, Internet		\$89.99
	E911 FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet		\$1,149.33
	MISC SINKING FUND	
The Paint and Paper Palace, Carpet		\$2,840.15

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

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to adjourn this meeting at 9:59 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for July 30, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

Jim Pavelka, Vice-Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on July 30, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 24, 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, Jim Pavelka, Ivan Fintel, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Glen Becker.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held July 23, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 23, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel and Shaw; Abstain: Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Jerad Reimers, District Coordinator for Congressman Adrian Smith presented updates from Mr. Smith's office. Chairman Johnson asked Mr. Reimers to forward the following concerns of the Board to Mr. Smith: Clay County is forced to absorb the expense to provide roads and services to the US MARC and Greenlief Training site due to no funding assistance from the federal government as all acres owned are exempt from property taxes which leaves a large burden on our Clay County property owners to fund these roads and services to governmental properties, which is unrealistic. Additional acres causing a loss in tax revenue for Clay County are the federal wetlands. Clay County has continuously made efforts to put these concerns in front of our Congressmen and Senators, which has continued to seem to get pushed to the side and forgotten. Our roads are in need of repaving and these miles of pavement would yet again place a lot of weight on our county taxpayers if the federal government does not step up to assist with the expenses of the roads and services in which they rely on for their operations.

Pam Maynard presented the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Requests for the Visitor Promotion Fund and the Visitor Improvement Fund as prepared by the Tourism Committee. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Request for the Visitor Improvement Fund for \$4,000.00 and Visitor Promotion Funds for \$2,150.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

A Letter of Agreement between Region 3 Behavioral Health Services and Clay County was discussed. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the Agreement as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Request of the District #10 State Probation Office in the amount of \$2,683.20. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Request of the District #10 State Probation Office as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft Resolution to place the Dissolution of Townships on the 2024 General Election Ballot. The Board has asked that this be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 10:34 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for August 13, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on August 13, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 7, 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 and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Richard Shaw.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held July 30, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 30, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Abstain: Becker; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Laurie Kohmetscher was present during public input to notify the Board that the 50-year celebration of the Health Department had around 125 attendees.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his roads report. A renewal lease with NMC CAT was presented. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the lease agreement with NMC Cat for a skid steer and mini excavator and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An easement request was presented from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to construct and bury a 2" HDPE cable/line from the SE ¼ of Section 22-7-5 crossing Road X to the SW ¼ of Section 23-7-5. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Easement requests from Trailblazer CO2 Pipeline, LLC were discussed. The Board would like to do more research on the project and reconsider the easements at a later date.

Robin Gilbert, Clay County Treasurer, provided her report on distress warrants returned from the Sheriff's Office.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to open the Public Hearing at 9:30 A.M. on the Conditional Use Permit of Industrial Tower West, LLC. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The following were present: Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator and Rick on behalf of Industrial Tower West, LLC. Barnett presented the Recommendation to the Governing Body from the Clay County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission. Said recommendation is for APPROVAL of Industrial Tower West, LLC Conditional Use Permit for a 150 foot tall self-supporting wireless telecommunications tower, shelter, generator, and buried fuel tank and fencing located in part of the NW ¼ of Section 10-7-8 in Inland Township, Clay County, Nebraska, zoned as AG. All parties present had discussion on concerns regarding this project. The Board asked for verification of the location of the proposed tower and Clay County's possible use of the tower for emergency services communications.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to close the Public Hearing at 9:58 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to approve the Conditional Use Permit of Industrial Tower West, LLC as recommended by the Clay County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission with the added condition that Clay County may require an appropriate space, for its operational emergency services communication equipment at no cost to the County, as negotiated between the tower owner and the County Board of Supervisors. And, if the tower is utilized for Clay County's emergency services equipment, they shall also allow Clay County access, and a limited space for ground equipment, if needed. The County may be charged for a one-time engineering assessment/study fee, as needed. All negotiations shall be between Clay County Board of Supervisors and the tower owner. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to open the budget hearing and budget summary hearing for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for School Creek Township at 10:00 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Representatives from Applied Connective presented quotes for upgraded security options for the Clay County Courthouse.

Chairman Johnson asked the Board if there were any questions or concerns regard the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget of School Creek Township, as prepared by Cindy Johnson. Nothing noted.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to close the budget hearing and budget summary hearing of School Creek Township at 10:28 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to approve the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 School Creek Township budget as the audit waiver and to increase the budget request by an additional 1% allowance. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Fintel to approve and adopt the 2024-2025 School Creek Township budget for the fiscal year. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Review of quotes from Applied Connective for security options for Clay County continued. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Johnson to approve the quote to enhance the security of the Courthouse with a Door Access Control system as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: Samuelson, Becker and Fintel. The motion has failed to receive sufficient votes for passage.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Fintel to approve the quote to upgrade the duress alert system as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve the quote to upgrade the camera security system as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Aaron Semm, security consultant with SEI was present to review a quote to handle all services for the fire protection of the Courthouse which would allow the Board to reduce the number of vendors that oversee the fire protection services. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Becker to approve the quote for services as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; 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 July 2024: County Clerk \$8,231.33; County Court \$5,719.21; Clerk of District Court \$5,956.81; County Health Department \$8,760.12 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 24070001 through 24070056 in the amount of \$599,550.10. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. A note will be placed in the records that the July Fee Reports were not received by the Clay County Sheriff.

A renewal Maintenance Agreement from MMC Contractors was presented. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to approve the Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$5,436.00 which shall become effective upon the date of acceptance and shall remain in effect for one year. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Resolution #24-07 to submit to the Voters the Question of Discontinuance of Township Organization and the Creation of Ballot Language was discussed. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #24-07 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried (Resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office).

Motion by Becker and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 12:06 P.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for August 20, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on August 20, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 14, 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, Richard Shaw and Jim Pavelka; absent: L. Wayne Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held August 14, 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 August 13, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel and Pavelka; abstain: Shaw; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Douglas Frank and Melissa Sauder spoke during public input about elections.

Bids for Project C-18(345) Road X South Box Culvert were opened at 9:15 A.M.

Bids received:

- Saul Ramos Construction, Shelton, NE \$207,552.50
- Wilke Construction, Kearney, NE \$227,230.00
- VanKirk Bros, Sutton, NE \$161,621.75

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

Recommendation of appointment to the Clay County Board of Adjustments was reviewed. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to reappoint Lori Samuelson, DudLee Brennforder for another 3-year term effective September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2027 and appoint Sharon Ryan as Alternate Member, as recommended. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney was present to provide the Board with an update on the status of the decision for the NAD roads. There has been no additional correspondence received. Jennifer presented a revised quote from Eakes for office furniture. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to approve the quote as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tom Roemmich reentered the meeting after reviewing all received bids and verification that all the figures presented were accurate as bid. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to accept the bid from VanKirk Bros for Project C-18(345) Road X South Box Culvert in the amount of \$161,621.75. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin asked to surplus a deputy vest. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to approve for surplus the deputy vest as requested. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Sara Mertens, Health Department Director presented an updated budget request which included a request for permission to hire a part-time nurse. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to authorize the Clay County Health Department Director to advertise for a part-time nurse. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Sara also requested for keeping on record, an official motion to her appointment as Clay County Health Department Director. Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to appoint Sara Mertens as the Clay County Health Department Director effective her date of hire April 15, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was noted that the first strategic plan meeting took place between the Clay County Board Health Department Subcommittee and members of the Health Department Board on August 14, 2024.

Dan Schwartzkopf with Jones Insurance was present to review renewal rate options for Clay County's medical insurance plan. The Board will review further.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 11:40 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for August 27, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

Jim Pavelka, Vice-Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on August 27, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 21, 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 August 20, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 20, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Scott Prestidge with Tallgrass Energy was present to answer questions the Board had regarding the proposed CO2 pipeline project and easement requests.

An easement request was presented from Trailblazer CO2 Pipeline, LLC to bury pipeline from the SE ¼ of Sec 12-8-9 (Adams Co) crossing Road A to the SW ¼ of Sec 7-8-8 (Clay Co). Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Becker to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An easement request was presented from Trailblazer CO2 Pipeline, LLC to bury pipeline from the NE ¼ of Sec 7-8-8 crossing Road 324 to the SE ¼ of Sec 6-8-8. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Becker to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An easement request was presented from Trailblazer CO2 Pipeline, LLC to bury pipeline from the SE ¼ of Sec 6-8-8 crossing Road B to the SW ¼ of Sec 5-8-8. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Becker to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mathius Ribierio, Extension Lead Educator was present to give the Board an update for the Extension office.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer, presented a Resolution to the Board regarding reversing the transfer of monies from the 2913 fund to the 2914 fund via previously adopted Resolution #24-05 and moving monies from the 0100 fund to the 2914 fund to satisfy the audit of accounts. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #24-08. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's Office)

Haley Malone, Emergency Manger, presented her monthly report.

Mark Johnson, Building and Grounds, presented his monthly report.

The requests from the townships, fire districts and Ag society for preliminary levy requests were presented and discussed. The levy requests were: **Fire Districts:** Clay Center Rural General \$54,027.00; Edgar Rural General \$44,000.00 Sinking \$19,000.00; Fairfield Rural General \$41,091.00 Sinking \$19,485.00; Harvard Rural General \$40,908.38; Sutton Rural General \$71,238.64; Trumbull Rural General \$35,500.00 Sinking \$23,200.00; Bond \$32,320.00. **Townships:** Edgar \$12,341.13; Eldorado \$6,785.00; Fairfield \$6,445.00; Glenvil \$11,823.84; Harvard \$9,712.44; Inland \$8,340.03; Leicester \$11,500.00; Lewis \$10,504.22; Logan \$10,514.27; Lone Tree \$3,536.60; Lynn \$5,892.36; Marshall \$7,700.00; School Creek \$4,140.00; Sheridan \$10,098.00; Spring Ranch \$12,399.20; Sutton \$13,512.96. **Clay County Ag Society** \$84,352.50.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the preliminary requests for levy allocation from the Fire Districts, Townships and the Clay County Agricultural Society. Upon

roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the additional 1% increase in Budget Restricted Funds Authority for the 2024-2025 County Budget Year. 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 Bitterman to advertise the Notice of Budget and Budget Summary Hearing for 2024-2025, the hearing to be held September 24, 2024, at 9:00 am. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to advertise the Notice of Special Hearing to set Final Tax request at a different amount than the prior year's tax request. Hearing to be held September 24, 2024, immediately following the conclusion of the budget hearing which will be held September 24, 2024, at 9:00 am. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to approve the following inventories: Supervisor districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7: County owned property: Board of Supervisor's Board Room, Clerk, Assessor, Treasurer, County Court, Clerk of District Court, County Attorney, Veteran Service Officer, Zoning, Custodian, Emergency Manager, Communications Center, Health Department, Weed Department, Sheriff's Department and Highway Department and place on file in the County Clerk's office. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Johnson left the meeting at 10:12 A.M.

Judd Allen from the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) presented medical insurance renewal options for Clay County. The Board will review all health insurance renewal options that have been presented and place the renewal on a future meeting agenda.

Brad Slaughter, Managing Director with Northland Securities was present to discuss road bond options to the Board and discuss the impact of the recently passed legislative bill LB34. The Board will review the bond options with the County CPA while reviewing the County budget.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$136,042.06
A Street Auto Parts Sutton, Supplies	\$56.23
Adams County District Court, Hearings	\$625.00
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$8,601.70
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$845.75
Barnett, Barb, Mileage	\$41.60
Big G Ace, Supplies	\$18.28
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$212.37
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,984.73
Bockstadter & Glen Law LLC, Attorney Fees	\$235.75
Brian's Repair, Tire Repair	\$25.86
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$78.08
Carey's Pest Control, Spraying	\$121.00
Cash-WA Distributing, Food & Paper Goods	\$1,295.84
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$516.17
CJIS Operational Protection Services, Protection Package	\$2,412.50
Clay County News, Advertising	\$1,048.38
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer	\$194,196.10
Clay County Tree Service, Tree Trimming	\$875.00
Clearly, Phone System	\$423.25
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$38.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$563.80
Consolidated Management Co., Lunch	\$11.35
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,132.95
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$68,293.92

CPI, Fuel	\$4,199.98
Credit Management Services, Inc., Garnishment	\$271.20
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$89.40
Cunningham, Jill, Attorney	\$52.50
DAS, Services	\$1,193.55
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$1,000.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$3,914.29
Farmer, Jim, Meals	\$22.98
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,116.66
Fleischer, Jennifer, Attorney	\$300.00
Gilbert, Robin, Mileage	\$60.30
gWorks, Subscription Fees	\$9,450.00
Hall County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$12.30
Hamilton County Treasurer, Vet Services	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage	\$325.62
Holiday Inn Kearney, Lodging	\$269.90
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Kearney County Clerk, Bailiff	\$14,322.05
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$260.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$354.22
Medica, Health Ins.	\$73,228.16
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$787.50
Menards, Supplies	\$70.42
Mid-America Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$5,233.79
Midland Area Agency on Aging, Membership and Meal Program	\$6,299.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,037.16
MIS, Inc, Imaging	\$49.00
MMC Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Labor	\$802.50
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, Course Series	\$270.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, NCIC Training	\$255.00
Norris, Justin, Lights	\$4,000.00
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services, Lease	\$400.89
Platte Valley Communications of Hastings, Service	\$1,732.80
Professional Choice Recovery, Garnishment	\$370.66
Quality Sound & Communications Inc, Rental	\$147.00
Ribeiro, Matheus, Mileage	\$268.67
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$1,622.50
Smith Lawn Care, Lawn Applications	\$1,250.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$2,976.48
Stoner, Nicole, Extension Educator	\$109.88
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$963.82
Sutton Auto Supply, Inc, Parts	\$22.80
Sutton Electric, Inc, Lights	\$1,130.07
Tim Messenger Construction, Windows and Siding	\$9,174.00
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Supplies and Training	\$1,213.32
US Cellular, Phones	\$132.31
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage	\$66.20
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$623.66
Windstream, Service	\$672.01
Woodward's, Garbage	\$370.00
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,634.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$72,123.57
A Street Auto Parts Sutton, Parts	\$232.97
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,803.26
Aurora Cooperative, Fuel	\$68.97
Bauer Built, Inc., Parts & Labor	\$95.80
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$547.50

Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$286.98
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$283.86
Brown's Thrift Store Inc, Supplies	\$737.98
C & M Supply Inc., Fuel	\$2,599.08
Carey's Pest Control, Spraying	\$72.00
Central Nebraska Equipment, Parts	\$58.10
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$117.95
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$82.42
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$125.01
Clay County News, Advertising	\$1,938.02
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.19
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Supplies	\$96.36
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$35,696.61
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$11,943.84
Deweese Sand & Gravel, Rock	\$135.07
Dollar General, Supplies	\$88.70
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$672.00
DPL Enterprises Inc, Material	\$9,891.91
Eakes, Supplies	\$41.22
Farm & Home Publishers LTD, Maps	\$570.00
Filter Care of Nebraska, Cleaning	\$66.00
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Fleetpride, Repair	\$471.25
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$921.87
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$20,675.77
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$323.20
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Inland Truck Parts & Service, Parts	\$138.38
Island Landhandlers, Inc., Material	\$27,605.88
Island Supply Welding., Supplies	\$229.77
John Deer Financial, Service	\$1,221.90
Kimball Midwest, Supplies	\$319.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$23.76
Medica, Insurance	\$1,800.00
Medical Enterprises, Inc, Testing	\$35.00
Menards, Supplies	\$888.99
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc, Gravel	\$53,982.10
Midwest Infrastructure, Bridge work	\$241,869.90
Midwest Service & Sales, Culvert Bands	\$28,654.50
Miller Tire Pros & Service, Repair	\$557.93
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Nationwide, Retirement	\$350.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$2,191.28
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Fuel	\$271.32
Olsson, Service	\$15,218.14
Railpros Fields Services, Inc, BSNF Bridge	\$33,340.00
Royston, Inc, Repair	\$200.00
Rush Truck Centers of NE, Inc, Parts	\$2,661.06
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$475.15
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$89.54
Sutton Auto, Parts, Supplies	\$2,796.90
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$27.96
Trausch Dynamics, Parts	\$200.19
Truck Center Companies, Parts	\$95.13
US Bank, Supplies	\$93.13
Vestis, Supplies	\$604.72
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00

Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$234.97
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$737.90
Winzer, Supplies	\$100.16
VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Clay County Historical Society, Advertising	\$800.00
Edgar Community Club, Advertising	\$300.00
Fairfield Community Club, Advertising	\$202.53
Pay Maynard, Stamps	\$73.00
VISITORS PROMOTION FUND	
Clay County Historical Society, Advertising	\$1,000.00
ROD PM FUND	
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$526.66
INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer	\$241,869.90
HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$10,559.98
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$60.98
Clay County News, Advertising	\$139.50
Colonial, Insurance	\$41.63
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$4,840.62
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$51.75
First Concord, Insurance	\$125.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$2.25
Marshall, Sara, Mileage & Insurance	\$365.15
Medica, Insurance	\$400.00
Mertens, Sara, Mileage, Ins.	\$165.49
Shared Service Systems, Supplies	\$66.51
US Bank Card, Supplies	\$108.85
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$31.84
911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$83.72
Glenwood, Internet	\$209.17
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$147.88
E911 FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$15,657.75
MISC SINKING FUND	
A & L Plumbing and Heating LLC, Plumbing Upgrades	\$14,193.15

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

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 12:05 PM; next regular meeting scheduled for September 10, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk
L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman
Jim Pavelka, Vice-Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on September 10, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on September 4, 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, Jim Pavelka, Ivan Fintel, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Glen Becker.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held August 27, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 27, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

The County Annual Certification of Program Compliance presented. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2024 and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Resolution #24-09 for the Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2024 was presented. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #24-09 for the Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

The Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Execution between Olsson and Clay County for 42996, BRO-7018(26), Deweese NW was presented. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Execution and authorize the Chairman to sign the same and adopt Resolution #24-10. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

The NEPA Agreement for execution between Olsson and Clay County for 42996, BRO-7018(26), Deweese NW was presented. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the NEPA Agreement for execution and authorize the Chairman to sign the same and adopt Resolution #24-11. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Tom discussed the following easement requests of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury 2" HDPE as follows:

- #1: From NE ¼ NE ¼ of 5-7-5 crossing Road V to the NW ¼ NW ¼ of 4-7-5
- #2: From NE ¼ of 8-7-5 crossing Road V to the NW ¼ of 9-7-5
- #3: From SE ¼ SE ¼ of 11-8-7 crossing Road M to the SW ¼ SW ¼ of 12-8-7
- #4: From NE ¼ NW ¼ of 15-8-7 crossing Road KL to the NW ¼ NE ¼ of 15-8-7
- #5: From SE ¼ SE ¼ of 12-8-7 crossing Road 323 to the NE ¼ NE ¼ of 13-8-7
- #6: From SE ¼ SE ¼ of 32-8-5 crossing Road 319 to the NE ¼ NE ¼ of 5-7-5
- #7: From SE ¼ SE ¼ of 5-7-5 crossing Road 318 to the NE ¼ NE ¼ of 8-7-5
- #8: From NE ¼ of 17-7-5 crossing Road V to the NW ¼ of 16-7-5
- #9: From NE ¼ NE ¼ of 15-8-7 crossing Road L to the NW ¼ NW ¼ of 14-8-7 & from NW ¼ NW ¼ of 14-8-7 crossing Road 323 to the SW ¼ SW ¼ of 11-8-7
- #10: From SE ¼ SE ¼ of 13-8-7 crossing Road N to the SW ¼ SW ¼ of 18-8-6 & from SE ¼ SW ¼ of 18-8-6 crossing Road 322 to the NE ¼ NW ¼ of 19-8-6
- #11: In Road V ROW on the West Side approx. 175' running North/South approx. 1,660' South of Road 317
- #12: In Road 323 ROW on the North Side approx. 335' running East/West South of Parcel 000066300

Barb Barnett, Planning & Zoning Administrator, presented her quarterly report.

Brenda Hansen, County Treasurer, provided the Board with an update on the open position in her office.

Brad Slaughter, Managing Director with Northland Securities was present to discuss road bond options to the Board. Brad met recently with the finance committee and the County CPA to discuss budget impacts of the bond and LB34. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to adopt Resolution #24-12 for the issuance of a bond for an asphalt road project. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Mike Boden with the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) and Dan Schwartzkopf with Jones Insurance were present to discuss health insurance renewal options for Clay County employees. No action was taken.

The Glenvil Fire District preliminary levy request was presented and discussed. The levy request was: General \$8,100.00 Sinking \$2,500.00 Bond \$35,000.00. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the preliminary request for levy allocation from the Glenvil Fire District as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the inventory of the Extension office and place on file in the County Clerk's office. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of August 2024: County Clerk \$10,711.25; County Court \$7,707.39; Clerk of District Court \$43,621.34; County Health Department \$2,928.37 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 24080001 through 24080047 in the amount of \$695,859.87. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. A note will be placed in the records that the August Fee Reports were not received by the Clay County Sheriff.

A Letter of Engagement was provided by Dana F. Cole & Co, LLP for budget services for Clay County for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the Letter of Engagement between Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP and Clay County for budget services for July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 which is not to exceed \$8,400.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to appoint the County Clerk as the budget making authority for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

A request to have access to the Cornerstone Bank account of the Health Department was made for the purposes of receipting fees and then transferring collected fees to the Clay County Treasurer. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to authorize Sara Mertens, as Director, and Alicia Schutte, as Office Manager to have access to the Cornerstone Bank account for the Health Department. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

A request was made to appoint Janice Sherman of Glenvil, Nebraska, as the Board of Health Representative as a replacement to Alyce Sherman. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to appoint Janice Sherman to replace Alyce Sherman as the Board of Health Representative. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to approve Easement request #1 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: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to approve Easement request #2 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: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to approve Easement request #3 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: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve Easement request #4 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, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve Easement request #5 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: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve Easement request #6 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: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve Easement request #7 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: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to approve Easement request #8 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: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve Easement request #9 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, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve Easement request #10 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: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to approve Easement request #11 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: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to approve Easement request #12 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: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 12:05 P.M. Next regular meeting scheduled for September 17, 2024. On roll call, Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Board Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on September 17, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on September 11, 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 September 10, 2024 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 September 10, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Abstain: Becker; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

An Easement request from Windstream Nebraska, LLC was presented to bury copper cable. Motion by Becker and seconded by Bitterman to approve the Easement request of Windstream Nebraska, LLC to bury copper cable 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 Randy Harms was presented. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the Easement request of Randy Harms as presented 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 Engineering Agreement for the asphalt overlay project was presented. Tom and the Board discussed possible revisions to the map of possible asphalt overlay miles. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the Master Agreement Work Order No. 1 Olsson Project No. 024-00564 between Clay County, NE and Olsson, Inc for the asphalt overlay project in the amount of \$135,430.00 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.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney provided her monthly report.

The Board will do the quarterly jail visit.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 9:52 A.M. Next regular meeting scheduled for September 24, 2024. On roll call, Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Board Chairman

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

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

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on October 22, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on October 16, 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, Jim Pavelka, Ivan Fintel, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Glen Becker.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held October 15, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 15, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel; Abstain: Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his roads report. The Railroad Bridge on Road W is near completion. Tom will work Olsson to get the paperwork done and submitted back to the Railroad for the final issue of payment to Clay County for the Railroad Bridge Project. Tom advised the Board of a need for a change order or amendment to the Road X bridge/culvert project. After review, current conditions of the North Road X bridge make it necessary to change/amend the South Road X bridge project to the North Road X bridge project.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager presented her monthly report.

Karin with Cornerstone Bank was present to discuss requested changes to ACH processes between Cornerstone Bank and Clay County. Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer, was also present for the discussion. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Fintel to approve the revisions for the ACH processes and authorize the County Treasurer to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Sara Mertens, Health Department Director, presented her quarterly report. Sara also requested permission to remove the previous office manager and add the new office manager to the Cornerstone Bank Account. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the removal of Alicia Schutte and addition of Maria Rongo to the Cornerstone Bank Account of the Health Department. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk presented the Board with a Resolution to Participate in Operation Green Light for Veterans this year. Aksamit explained to the Board the plan for participation which includes illuminating the Courthouse in green from November 4th through November 11th in honor of our Veterans. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution #24-16 Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$126,997.10
A Street Auto Parts Sutton, Supplies	\$17.46
Adams County Sheriff, Fees	\$18.50
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Alley, Holli, Mileage	\$69.52
APCO International, Membership	\$391.00
APCO/NENA, Dues & Training	\$380.00
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$7,459.75
Aspegren Repair, Tire Repairs	\$810.23
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$846.22

Axon Enterprises, Inc., Course	\$2,500.00
Barnett, Barb, Mileage	\$34.77
Becks Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$25.48
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$200.56
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,646.66
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$100.81
Carey's Pest Control, Pest Control	\$280.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$498.92
Clay County Clerk, Court filings	\$40.00
Clay County Court, Case costs	\$302.00
Clay County News, Advertising	\$2,289.81
Clay County Treasurer, Postage	\$2,000.00
Clay County Treasurer, Road Transfer	\$40,458.11
Clearly, Phone System	\$424.03
Colonial, Insurance	\$563.80
Comfort Inn, Lodging	\$344.85
Corner Market, Supplies	\$422.57
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$63,040.70
CPI, Fuel	\$3,224.09
Credit Management Services, Inc., Garnishment	\$29.85
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$92.45
DAS, Services	\$1,040.80
Dana F Cole Company LLP, Budget Assist	\$6,725.00
Dollar General, Supplies	\$169.15
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$925.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$3,965.88
Election Systems Software, Voting supplies	\$8,582.57
Fairfield NS Co-op Association, Supplies	\$27.00
Felber, Cara, Mileage	\$105.86
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,266.66
Friesen Chevrolet, Tires & Repair	\$1,294.26
Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, Inmate holding	\$150.00
Hamilton County Treasurer VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hastings Tribune, Subscription	\$200.00
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Jackson, Jeannine, Mileage	\$140.17
Johnson, Cindy, Budget Preparation	\$225.00
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$1,560.50
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$339.62
Medica, Health Ins.	\$103,379.54
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$787.50
Menards, Supplies	\$199.73
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	\$49.00
Mid-America Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$5,543.97
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,954.12
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
NE Planning & Zoning Association, Registration Fee	\$20.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Testing	\$105.00
NWCA Region 4, Dues	\$15.00
Platte Valley Communications of Hastings, Service	\$403.98
Positive Concepts, Paper	\$210.00
Professional Choice Recovery, Garnishment	\$1,050.51
Region 3 Behavioral Health Services, 2nd Qtr Tax Match	\$4,027.89
RR Donnelley, Permits	\$76.41
Secretary of State Rules & Regulations Division, Reproduction/Certification	\$20.00
Shuck, Greg, Lodging	\$638.72
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$3,373.50
Small Town Famous, Shirts	\$177.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$2,393.33
Southern Title LLC, Title Search	\$1,200.00

Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,738.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Inc, Parts	\$5.66
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$36.41
TK Elevator Corporation, Service	\$377.52
Tru by Hilton, Lodging	\$214.00
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Supplies and Repairs	\$1,751.49
US Cellular, Phones	\$129.34
USDA APHIS, Personnel	\$2,240.75
Van Diest, Chemicals	\$4,714.05
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$529.65
WJE Consulting LLC, Services	\$1,095.00
Windstream, Service	\$671.92
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$382.50
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,522.50

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$63,049.31
A & L Electric Plumbing & Heating, Parts	\$10.92
A Street Auto Parts Sutton, Parts	\$418.23
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,571.67
Aurora Cooperative, Fuel	\$85.17
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Glass	\$460.00
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$88.79
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$319.36
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$222.88
BNSF Railway Company, Overpass	\$65.06
C & M Supply Inc., Fuel	\$565.64
Central Nebraska Equipment, Parts	\$132.30
Certified Sound & Security LLC, Parts	\$85.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$116.81
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$114.95
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.19
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Supplies	\$367.92
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$30,638.24
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$3,106.67
Diamond Mowers Inc., Parts	\$506.61
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$382.00
DPL Enterprises Inc, Material	\$2,913.52
Eakes, Supplies	\$525.39
Fastenal Company, Supplies	\$60.05
Filter Care of Nebraska, Cleaning	\$789.90
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$365.87
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$23,339.95
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$550.47
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Inland Truck Parts & Service, Parts	\$77.71
Island Supply Welding., Supplies	\$233.33
John Deer Financial, Service	\$2,234.36
Kimball Midwest, Parts	\$117.84
LCL Truck Equipment, Parts	\$408.25
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$23.76
Medica, Insurance	\$1,600.00
Menards, Supplies	\$151.71
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc, Gravel	\$20,731.77
Midwest Infrastructure, Road W Bridge	\$182,952.12
MIPS, Service	\$131.92

Murphy Tractor & Equip. Co. Inc., Parts		\$703.76
Nationwide, Retirement		\$350.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs		\$1,064.30
Nebraska Truck Center, Parts		\$55.61
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc., Fuel		\$56.02
Olsson, Service		\$11,505.87
Pad, LLC, Landfill fees		\$54.60
Petro Plus Inc., Repair		\$382.80
Rush Truck Centers of NE, Inc, Parts		\$569.65
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning		\$300.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities		\$417.09
Southern Power Dist., Utilities		\$76.47
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts		\$1,011.34
Sutton Lumber, Supplies		\$29.37
Van Kirk Bros. Contracting, 30-C-3 321 Project		\$31,107.65
Village of Trumbull, Utilities		\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision		\$203.13
Windstream, Service, Internet		\$738.06
Woodward's, Garbage		\$65.00
	ROD PM FUND	
MIPS Inc., Program costs		\$526.66
	INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer		\$182,952.12
	HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages		\$8,434.69
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance		\$182.94
City of Clay Center, Utilities		\$38.76
Clay County News, Advertising		\$62.00
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions		\$3,754.22
Culligan of Hastings, Supplies		\$36.00
Eakes, Supplies		\$151.75
Madison National Life, Insurance		\$33.25
Marshall, Sara, Mileage & Insurance		\$432.15
McKesson, Supplies		\$478.04
Medica, Insurance		\$800.00
Mertens, Sara, Mileage, Ins.		\$113.23
Pens.com, Advertising		\$106.44
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision		\$95.52
	911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities		\$81.44
Glenwood, Internet		\$209.17
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities		\$140.89
	E911 FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet		\$2,659.79
	MISCELLANEOUS SINKING FUND	
Applied Connective, Surveillance System		\$18,602.41

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

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 10:32 A.M. Next regular meeting scheduled for October 29, 2024. On roll call, Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on October 29, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on October 23, 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 and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Richard Shaw.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held October 22, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 22, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Abstain: Becker; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

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

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report.

Mark Johnson, Building & Grounds presented his monthly report.

Chairman Johnson and County Clerk Aksamit presented the 2024 NIRMA Dividends check received at last week's NIRMA Self-Defense Conference. Clay County was awarded \$11,436.00.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff and Kreighton Baxter, Chief Deputy Sheriff had discussion with the Board regarding retention and recruitment for the Clay County Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 9:57 A.M. Next regular meeting scheduled for November 12, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

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 3rd Quarter report. The County Comprehensive Plan workplan meeting is scheduled for December 9th.

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

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on November 19, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on November 13, 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 advanced 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 November 12, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 12, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff provided his monthly update. Franklin stated that one new deputy had been hired.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney provided her monthly update.

Brad Slaughter with Northland was present to provide the Board with an update on the bond issue for the County Road Asphalt Overlay Project.

The Finance Committee met before this meeting to discuss the remaining funds in the COVID / ARPA Fund. The Finance Committee provided discussion on options for designation of the remaining funds.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 9:50 A.M. Next regular meeting scheduled for November 26, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Bitterman, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on November 26, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on November 20, 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 advanced 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, Glen Becker, Jim Pavelka, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Eric Samuelson and Ivan Fintel.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held November 19, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 19, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his roads report. Roemmich presented the Year-End Certification for the State of Nebraska. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Becker to adopt Resolution #24-17 authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification and approve the Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent presented his monthly report.

Mark Johnson, Building & Grounds presented his monthly report.

Katie Kulhanek, Program Director at Diversion of South Central Nebraska was present to discuss the Community Based Aid Interlocal Agreement. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to approve the Community Based Aid Interlocal Agreement as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Shaw, Bitterman, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Designation of the ARPA funds was discussed among the Supervisors, Treasurer and Clerk. The Clay County Board of Supervisors feel the best benefit to all Clay County taxpayers would be to utilize the remaining ARPA funds for the road asphalt overlay project. Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to designate the remaining ARPA funds to be applied towards the upcoming road asphalt overlay project to reduce the bond issue on the taxpayers by the remaining amount if applicable. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager presented her monthly report. Malone also provided the Board with information on some dispatching upgrades that she is looking into for Clay County.

Kreighton Baxter, Chief Deputy Sheriff provided the Board with some updates within the Clay Sheriff's Department and discussed some necessary safety equipment upgrades.

The Finance Committee met before this meeting to discuss the county health insurance plan options. The Board will discuss further at the next meeting.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$143,764.43
Adams County Sheriff, Fees	\$72.60
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Aksamit, Cassie, Meal for General Election	\$74.89
Alberts, Donna, Election Worker	\$660.00
Alley, Holli, Mileage	\$146.06
American Security Cabinets, Kiosk Cover	\$289.08
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$7,218.79
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$961.16

Barnett, Barb, Mileage	\$21.57
Beyke Signs, Signs	\$320.00
Bitterman, Joni, Mileage	\$117.92
Bitterman, Scott, Mileage	\$115.24
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$548.52
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,749.42
Barker, Bob, Inmate Clothing	\$211.50
Bockstadter & Glen Law LLC, Attorney Fees	\$143.75
Business World Products, Supplies	\$12.99
C & M Supply Inc., Repairs	\$25.00
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$91.96
Cash-WA Distributing, Supplies	\$1,185.71
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$479.25
Clay County Clerk, Court filings	\$30.00
Clay County News, Advertising	\$6,339.93
Clay County Treasurer, Postage	\$153.11
Clay County Treasurer, Road Transfer	\$113,201.70
Clearly, Phone System	\$424.03
Colonial, Insurance	\$563.80
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,225.06
CPI, Fuel	\$3,369.64
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$73,414.67
Credit Management Services, Inc., Garnishment	\$419.30
Crowne Plaza, Lodging	\$867.65
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$96.15
Cunningham, Jill, Attorney Fees	\$562.00
DAS, Services	\$2,008.85
Dollar General, Supplies	\$146.50
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$500.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$2,365.10
Elite Court Reporting, Depositions	\$2,193.38
Farmer, Jim, Food Costs	\$50.55
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,396.66
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$3,001.33
Friesen Chevrolet, Supplies	\$145.28
Fujan, Paul, Storage Lockers	\$75.00
Fullerton, Brandon, Notary Reimbursement	\$30.00
Gilbert, Robin, Mileage	\$100.50
Goding Law LLC, Attorney Fees	\$713.00
Hamilton County Treasurer VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage	\$202.34
Harvard Rod & Gun Club, Membership	\$50.00
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Johnson, Shirley, Election Worker	\$527.40
Lemke, Greg, Election Worker	\$67.50
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$1,472.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$358.58
Medica, Health Ins.	\$86,605.13
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$800.00
Menards, Supplies	\$406.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., Rental	\$49.00
Mid-American Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$2,996.12
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,791.82
Murray Law PC, Attorney Fees	\$2,058.00
Napa Auto Parts, Supplies	\$38.47
National Association of Counties, Membership Dues	\$450.00
NENA, Dues & Course	\$899.00
NAEM, Membership Dues	\$50.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
NACO, Dues	\$2,117.40

Nelson, Tina, Mileage	\$62.44
Peshek, Deanna, Election Worker	\$661.20
Physicians Laboratory Services, Inc., Testing	\$370.00
PIP Marketing, Ballot & Return Envelopes	\$198.57
Pitney Bowes, Lease	\$400.89
Professional Choice Recovery, Garnishment	\$194.00
Quality Healthcare Clinic LLC, Testing	\$20.00
Quality Sound Communications, Rental	\$147.00
Roemmich, Gayle, Election Worker	\$566.25
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$2,839.28
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$1,523.27
Spray Electric LLC, Labor	\$33.41
Stryker, AED	\$2,236.11
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Inc, Parts	\$166.75
Sutton Memorial Chapel, Testing	\$1,025.00
The Back Building, Dog Boarding	\$180.00
The Radar Shop, Repairs	\$495.25
Tru by Hilton, Lodging	\$214.00
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Subscriptions & Supplies	\$289.10
US Cellular, Phones	\$223.11
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage	\$66.20
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$526.67
Windstream, Service	\$674.98
WJE Consulting LLC, Services	\$893.65
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$382.50
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,813.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$70,491.39
A Street Auto Parts Sutton, Parts	\$159.97
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,571.67
Aurora Cooperative, Fuel	\$109.69
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$633.48
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$424.77
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$222.88
Brown's Thrift Store Inc., Water	\$295.99
C & M Supply Inc., Fuel	\$2,998.17
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$112.35
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$88.56
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$113.88
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.19
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Supplies	\$96.36
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$35,356.47
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$7,416.64
Diamond Mowers Inc., Parts	\$506.61
Dollar General, Supplies	\$9.50
DPL Enterprises Inc, Material	\$3,434.30
Eakes, Supplies	\$16.50
Fastenal Company, Supplies	\$55.58
Filter Care of Nebraska, Cleaning	\$237.10
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$2,902.66
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$19,040.70
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$85.11
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Independent Salt Company, Highway Treat	\$3,942.10
Inland Truck Parts & Service, Parts	\$1,941.08

Island Landhandlers Inc., Material	\$4,513.08
Island Supply Welding., Supplies	\$165.52
John Deer Financial, Service	\$836.12
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc., Material	\$438.49
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$23.76
Medica, Insurance	\$1,600.00
Menards, Supplies	\$150.35
Midwest Infrastructure, Road W Bridge	\$58,337.92
Midwest Service & Sales, Material	\$13,962.81
Miller Tire Pro's & Service, Repairs	\$12,908.51
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Moore Electric, Labor	\$152.00
Murphy Tractor & Equip. Co. GI, Parts	\$2,700.00
Murphy Tractor & Equip. Co. Inc., Parts	\$596.84
Nationwide, Retirement	\$350.00
Nebraska Truck Center, Parts	\$3,084.90
Newman Traffic Signs, Signs	\$310.93
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$5,798.53
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc., Fuel	\$79.98
Oak Creek Engineering, Road U & Road 302	\$7,229.70
Olsson, Service	\$35,727.40
Rush Truck Centers of NE, Inc, Parts	\$2,058.60
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$332.78
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$62.99
Superior Outdoor Power, Supplies	\$619.80
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$1,206.94
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$177.40
Todd's Feed Supply & Trailer Sales, Supplies	\$721.94
US Bank, Posts	\$229.00
Vestis, Uniforms	\$1,541.27
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$203.13
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$739.23
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

Fairfield Community Club, Triple F Days	187.44
Harvard Community Foundation, Harvard Car Show	389.96

ROD PM FUND

MIPS Inc., Program costs	\$526.66
--------------------------	----------

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Clay County Treasurer, Transfer	\$58,337.92
---------------------------------	-------------

HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$9,783.07
Bert's Pharmacy, Supplies	\$309.38
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$121.96
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$38.75
Clay County News, Advertising	\$165.23
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$4,113.60
Culligan of Hastings, Supplies	\$36.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$114.82
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$17.75
Marshall, Sara, Mileage	\$385.25
Medica, Insurance	\$600.00
Mertens, Sara, Mileage	\$139.36
Ramirez, Maria Del Carmen, Interpreter	\$237.50
Rongo, Maria, Mileage	\$78.39
US Bank, Supplies	\$143.61
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$63.68

	911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities		\$87.08
Glenwood, Internet		\$209.17
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities		\$93.95
	E911 FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet		\$2,667.17
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, Fees		\$63.00
	E911 HOLDING FUND	
GeoComm, Licensing		\$6,028.00
	MISCELLANEOUS SINKING FUND	
Todd Boman Carpet Service, Carpet Installation		\$1,123.98

Motion by Shaw 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, Shaw, Bitterman, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Becker to adjourn this meeting at 11:13 A.M. Next regular meeting scheduled for December 17, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on December 10, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice posted throughout Clay County in the city and village offices and post office lobbies. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advanced 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, Ivan Fintel, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Jim Pavelka.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held November 26, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 26, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Abstain: Samuelson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

The Clerk explained the need to wire funds to make the interest payment on the Road Improvement Bond before December 15th. The claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND	
Cornerstone Bank, Wire fee	\$18.00
ROAD IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND	
BOK Financial Corporate Trust, Interest and Fees	\$3,987.50

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

The Board, Clerk and Treasurer discussed the designation of the ARPA Funds for Clay County.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 9:43 A.M. Next regular meeting scheduled for December 17, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on December 17, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 11, 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, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Ivan Fintel.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held December 10, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 10, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented the mechanic's report for November and the roads report.

An Easement request was received by Windstream Nebraska, LLC to bury copper cable/line starting at a point 2750' of Road 305, depending on location of cable trouble, on the West side on Q Road, placing 620' of 12 pair buried cable North from pedestal 1032/832CA or placing 690' of 12 pair buried copper cable from pedestal 1032/801CA to new pedestal 1032/815CA, along the East side of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9-5-6. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An easement request was received by Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury 4" steel gas pipeline crossing Road K approx. 50 feet South of North Ave Intersection from the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 9-7-7 to the NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 10-7-7. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An easement request was received by Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury 4" steel gas pipeline crossing North Ave approx. 75 feet West of Road L Intersection from the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 10-7-7 to the SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 3-7-7. Motion by Becker and seconded by Samuelson to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An easement request was received by Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury 4" steel gas pipeline crossing North Ave approx. 364 feet East of Road K Intersection from the NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 10-7-7 to the SW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 3-7-7. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An easement request was received by Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury 4" steel gas pipeline crossing North Ave approx. 95 feet West of Road K Intersection from the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 9-7-7 to the SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 4-7-7. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney was unable to attend the meeting.

Kreighton Baxter, Chief Deputy Sheriff, provided the Board with the quote for the safety equipment for the Sheriff's Department from Axon Enterprises, Inc in the amount of \$116,783.60. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the purchase of the equipment as presented on a 5 year payment plan. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff presented his monthly report.

Mike Boden, Judd Allen and Greg Mooney were present from the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) to continue discussion of the County's health insurance option plans. The County Board will continue to review the options presented at future meetings.

The Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of November 2024: County Clerk \$6,404.25; County Court \$5,926.56; Clerk of District Court \$39,387.96; County Sheriff \$11,193.65; County Health Department \$2,285.11 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 24110001 through 24110046 in the amount of \$413,243.99. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, presented requests of the Clerk of the District Court and County Attorney for items to surplus. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to approve the following for surplus: purple desk chair removed from the District Court Office, desk, credenza, 2 desks and 2 reception chairs removed from the County Attorney's Office. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion of the ARPA Funds reiterated that in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025, the County Board approved expenditures from the Road Fund 0300 of the box culvert project #321 on County Road U and part of the County's fiscal responsibility of the railroad bridge project on County Road X, with the intention that upon completion of said road projects, the Road Fund would be reimbursed by obligation of the remaining ARPA Funds. The projects were completed in the Fall of 2024. Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution #24-18 which authorizes the Clay County Treasurer to make a journal entry to reassign \$497,999.63 of expenditures of the Road Fund 0300 for the box culvert project #321 on County Road U and part of the County's fiscal responsibility of the railroad bridge project on County Road X over to the ARPA Fund 2580. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office)

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk, advised the Board of a new payment process for the County Employee HRA Claims that is being activated by Mid-American Benefits. All claims will still go through the monthly claims process; however, an ACH account will be 'pre-loaded' to assist with quicker payment to providers. Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to authorize Cassie Aksamit, the Clay County Clerk, to open an ACH Account at Cornerstone Bank for the purposes of managing the Clay County Employee HRA claims. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Becker to adjourn this meeting at 11:02 A.M. Next regular meeting scheduled for November 26, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on December 26, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 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.

Minutes of the meeting held December 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 December 17, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

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

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, was unable to attend the meeting.

Dan Schwartzkopf with Jones Insurance Group discussed the county health insurance plan with the Board.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to open the public hearing for the Amendment of the School Creek Township Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 at 10:30 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion continued on the county health insurance plan.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, had provided the Board with the proposed amended budget as prepared by the budget preparer. The amendment is to correct the error of omission of necessary expenditures for School Creek Township for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Bitterman to close the public hearing for the Amendment of the School Creek Township Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 at 10:41 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to adopt the amended budget for School Creek Township for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board wrapped up the discussion regarding the county health insurance plan and advised Dan Schwartzkopf that the Board would continue discussion after the 1st of the year.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$137,194.96
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Alley, Holli, Mileage	\$187.60
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$8,728.91
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$992.30
Barnett, Barb, Mileage	\$250.78
Baumert, Don, Mileage	\$19.43
Big G Ace, Ice Melt	\$1,812.50
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,426.58
Blue 360 Media LLC, Manual	\$99.95
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,722.13
Barker, Bob, Supplies	\$55.28
BTS Communications, Phones	\$1,112.50

Business World Products, Supplies	\$65.99
C3 Pathway Inc., Supplies	\$995.00
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$91.96
Carey's Pest Control, Spraying	\$121.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$349.00
Clay County Court, Court Costs	\$287.00
Clay County News, Advertising	\$253.50
Clay County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$348.69
Clay County Treasurer, Postage & Checks	\$8,240.46
Clay County Treasurer, RE Taxes	\$16,210.08
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer	\$337,541.54
Clay County Tree Service, Tree Trimming	\$225.00
Clearly, Phone System	\$424.03
Collection Associates, Service	\$313.21
Colonial, Insurance	\$563.80
Comfort Inn, Lodging	\$374.85
Cooney Refrigeration, Service	\$75.00
Corner Market, Supplies	\$423.95
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$77,452.10
Cornerstone Bank, Safe Deposit Box	\$10.00
CPI, Fuel	\$2,184.63
Credit Management Services, Services	\$90.04
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$59.70
DAS, Services	\$1,132.80
Dollar General, Supplies	\$284.80
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$275.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$1,791.46
Ellis, Mary Lynne, Mileage	\$29.48
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,396.66
Godtel, Lonny, Mowing	\$600.00
Hall, Dillon, Fuel	\$45.38
Hamilton County Treasurer VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage	\$84.42
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Jill Cunningham, Attorney Fees	\$1,225.00
Johnson, Keith, Mileage	\$19.43
Justice Data Solutions Inc., Software Support	\$5,525.00
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$721.46
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$392.94
Medica, Health Ins.	\$85,484.44
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$812.50
Menards, Supplies	\$118.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., Rental	\$49.00
Mid-American Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$4,478.82
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,563.82
National Association of Counties, Membership Dues	\$450.00
NE Public Health Environmental Lab, Testing	\$105.00
NE State Fire Marshall, Boiler Certificates	\$108.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
Newmyer, Mariah, Mileage	\$56.01
NSA/POAN, Memberships	\$230.00
Nunnenkamp, Brett, Mileage	\$15.41
NWCA, Conference	\$150.00
Platte County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$19.40
Quality Healthcare Clinic LLC, Testing	\$20.00
Shuck, Greg, Mileage	\$93.80
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$2,054.82
Smith Trenching, Spraying	\$900.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$1,419.12
Stanard Appraisal Services, Permit Work	\$1,156.00

Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Inc, Parts	\$31.96
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$67.74
The Radar Shop, Service	\$448.00
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	\$225.00
US Bank, Subscriptions & Supplies	\$717.29
US Cellular, Phones	\$177.75
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage	\$33.10
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$548.89
Windstream, Service	\$674.70
Woods Aitken LLP, Attorney Fees	\$10,386.32
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$352.50
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,500.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$67,765.63
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,571.67
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$132.40
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,304.80
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$222.88
C & M Supply Inc., Fuel	\$2,392.64
Carey's Pest Control, Spraying	\$72.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$108.83
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$101.47
Clay County Treasurer, Vehicle Registration	\$10.00
Clay County Weed Control, Spraying	\$18,458.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.19
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$33,862.91
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$4,743.51
DPL Enterprises Inc, Material	\$13,389.97
Fastenal Company, Supplies	\$8.60
Filter Care of Nebraska, Cleaning	\$174.25
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Fleetpride, Parts	\$107.82
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$169.43
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$13,597.41
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$375.11
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Inland Truck Parts & Service, Parts	\$336.11
Island Supply Welding., Supplies	\$105.60
John Deer Financial, Service	\$2,161.19
Kimball Midwest, Parts	\$112.55
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc., Material	\$164.50
LCL Truck Equipment, Parts	\$106.54
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$23.76
Medica, Insurance	\$1,600.00
Medical Enterprises Inc., Drug Test	\$6.25
Menards, Supplies	\$25.14
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc., Gravel	\$33,557.61
Midwest Service & Sales, Material	\$34,600.00
Miller Tire Pro's & Service, Repairs	\$1,187.00
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equip. Co. Inc., Parts	\$1,423.46
Nationwide, Retirement	\$350.00
Napa Auto Parts, Parts	\$112.50
Nebraska Truck Center, Parts	\$153.01
Newman Traffic Signs, Signs	\$146.89

NMC Exchange, Repairs		\$4,091.01
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc., Fuel		\$207.40
Oak Creek Engineering, Project C-18 345		\$5,342.75
Olsson, Service		\$28,611.22
Raynor Garage Doors, Service		\$50.00
Royston inc., Parts		\$797.00
Rush Truck Centers of NE, Inc, Parts		\$764.68
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning		\$375.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities		\$372.78
Southern Power Dist., Utilities		\$63.94
Superior Implement Inc., Parts		\$660.56
Superior Outdoor Power, Supplies		\$48.15
Surplus Property, Pickup		\$31,000.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts		\$819.34
Truck Center Companies, Parts		\$1,346.23
US Bank, Parts		\$691.12
Van Kirk Bros Contracting, Project 30-C-4		\$161,062.88
Vestis, Uniforms		\$781.11
Village of Trumbull, Utilities		\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision		\$203.13
Windstream, Service, Internet		\$740.39
Winzer, Parts		\$150.42
Woodward's, Garbage		\$65.00
	ROD PM FUND	
MIPS Inc., Program costs		\$526.66
	HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages		\$9,929.80
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance		\$121.96
City of Clay Center, Utilities		\$38.73
Clay County News, Advertising		\$62.00
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions		\$4,100.34
Culligan of Hastings, Supplies		\$72.00
Madison National Life, Insurance		\$17.75
Marshall, Sara, Mileage		\$331.65
Medica, Insurance		\$600.00
Mertens, Sara, Mileage		\$154.77
Ramirez, Maria Del Carmen, Interpreter		\$287.50
Rongo, Maria, Mileage		\$42.88
US Bank, Supplies & Postage		\$94.71
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision		\$63.68
	911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities		\$139.00
Glenwood, Internet		\$204.95
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities		\$71.81
	E911 FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet		\$2,667.17
Justice Data Solutions Inc., Software Support		\$3,970.00
Platte Valley Communications, Repairs		\$516.95
	MISCELLANEOUS SINKING FUND	
Eakes, Office Furniture		\$13,920.36

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

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 11:02 A.M. Next regular meeting scheduled for December 31, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on December 31, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 25, 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 December 26, 2024 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 26, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Michele Bever with South Heartland District Health Department was present and provided the Board with information regarding a Resolution that the department passed in November regarding social media and electronic usage awareness.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented the roads report requested permission to advertise for on-call engineering services for 2025. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to advertise for bids for on-call engineering services for 2025; bids to be opened on January 21, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mark Johnson, Building & Grounds presented his monthly report.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager presented her monthly report.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report, the Trailblazer Annual Report of 2024 and Request for Sponsorship for 2025 in the amount of \$400.00. Shuck did notify the Board that grants have been submitted for the annual hazardous household waste and electronic recycling events for the year 2025; however, there is no status update on the applications yet. Shuck is also unsure if the tire recycling event will occur in 2025. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to approve the 2025 Sponsorship for Trailblazer in the amount of \$400.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to recess as the Board of Supervisors at 9:38 A.M. and enter session as the Weed Control Board. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Copies of the Weed Control Board Roster Report, Activity Report, Weed Infestations Report, Budget Report and the Weed Control Plan for 2025 were provided to the board prior to the meeting for their review. Motion by Becker and seconded by Fintel to authorize the chairman to sign the Weed Control Board Roster Report, Activity Report, Weed Infestations Report, Budget Report and the Weed Control Plan for 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to adjourn at 9:42 A.M. as the Weed Control Board and resume session as the Board of Supervisors. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Recommendation for appointments to the Joint Planning and Zoning Commission was received and reviewed. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to reappoint Andrew Leichter, Keith Johnson and Lyn Waegli to the Joint Planning and Zoning Commission to serve for three years, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Auto Fleet, Inland Marine, and Building & Contents Schedules were received from Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA). The Clerk has provided these schedules to the Highway Superintendent, Emergency Manager, Board of Supervisors,

and Sheriff for review and received feedback on necessary changes. The Clerk will complete the process on the NIRMA website.

The farm lease of the County Farm identified as the East Half (E ½) of Section Five (5), Township Six (6) North, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Clay County, Nebraska ('Marshall Township') is due for advertising for bids. Motion by Bitterman and second by Samuelson to advertise for bids for the farm lease of the County Farm identified as the East Half (E ½) of Section Five (5), Township Six (6) North, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Clay County, Nebraska ('Marshall Township'). Said lease term is to run from March 1, 2025 through February 29, 2028. Bids will be opened January 28, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors took time to present a gift of recognition to Supervisor Ivan Fintel for his 18 years of service to Clay County, Nebraska as he prepares to part ways with the Clay County Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 10:59 A.M. Next regular meeting scheduled for January 14, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman