

Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, June 19, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met June 19, 2012 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on June 13, 2012 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. Vice-Chairman Nuss presided with roll call showing the following present: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss; absent: Fintel. Minutes of the meeting held June 12, 2012 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.

Vice-Chairman, Todd Nuss stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 12, 2012 with the following corrections: the fee reports motion should have read 'seconded' by Nuss and the E911 claim for GIS Workshop in the amount of \$3,185.00 was for '65%' annual maintenance not 35%. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Shaw, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

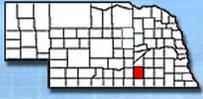
Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that they had two more culverts to do on the county line south of Glenvil and they should be done by today or tomorrow. The rain was the worst by Spring Ranch, Fairfield and Glenvil. They are hauling gravel and plan to get the bad spots fixed today.

The board discussed the current interlocal agreements with the townships. Tom will report to the board on the number of miles in each township at the next meeting. The board would like a letter sent with the reminders the clerk sends to the townships advising them that they are thinking about raising the amount of the interlocal agreements.

Spencer Nelson, USDA-APHIS presented a summary of last years activity in Clay County, a budget request and agreements. The report contained a contract summary, damage and species summary and program development. A total of 366.5 hours were worked in Clay County. These hours plus reporting and training duties had a value of \$15,268.39 in costs of which Clay County paid \$5757.00 and the Wildlife Services paid \$9,511.39. Total damages from wildlife-human conflicts were \$34,823.00. Prairie dogs and starlings were the two species that had the highest damage amounts verified. There was discussion about land owners who establish prairie dogs on their land and the consequences to the surrounding land owners. Mr. Nelson is going to look into this. There is no increase in the budget request for the next fiscal year. Mr. Nelson thanked the board telling them that Clay County has always been a good county to work with.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Johnson to authorize the vice-chairman to sign the agreements between Clay County and USDA-APHIS and accept the budget request for \$5757.00 for fiscal year 2012-2013. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

The Board had openings on the agenda and decided to move up the board of equalization time. The agenda states that the scheduled times are tentative and the Board reserves the right to



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alter the scheduled times for the convenience of the Board and Public within the bounds of the law.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Anderson to recess as the Board of Supervisors at 9:48 A.M. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to resume session as the Board of Supervisors at 9:54 A.M. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk presented the preliminary budget request for the Clerk's office and the Election Commissioner. There is no increase requested for either budget however, it was mentioned that one computer appears to be going bad so that may be an added expense in the near future. Deb did inform the board that a new fund will need to be set up due to passage of LB14. The fund will be to track the money being set aside for preservation and modernization of records in the Register of Deeds office.

Ronnie Sanchez, Fish & Wildlife Service met with the board to re-engage communication and to answer questions regarding the status of the Rainwater Basin WMD Land Protection Plan. Other topics discussed included: the signing of an easement on 80 acre tract of land, updates on restoration projects and other land management activities on Service lands within Clay County. It was reported that the Rainwater Basin WMD Land Protection Plan was still sitting in Washington for review and approval. The plan would increase the number of acres the service would like to acquire from 24,000 to 38,000 in the Rainwater Basin. A wetland/grassland easement with Brian Shaw has been signed with the goal being to restore the grassland and wetland. Mr. Sanchez was asked if there could ever be any modifications made to the perpetual easement. The answer was no. The board was told that the only interest Fish & Wildlife has in the property is that it is restored as grassland and remains grassland and that the wetlands never be drained; otherwise the land owner has the decision whether it is grazed or hayed or used for recreational purposes. Brian Shaw told the board his intention is to make good pasture on the land and run cattle on it. Mr. Sanchez reported that the restoration project on the May Carey property is almost complete. Buildings have been removed, old machinery has been recycled and grasses have been reseeded. Mr. Sanchez said he would keep the board informed on the status of the land protection plan. It was agreed that Mr. Sanchez would meet with the board on a regular basis.

Sharon Lavene, Deputy County Treasurer presented the preliminary budget request for the Treasurer's office. The request included an increase in part time salary and office equipment. The budget request is for \$6600.00 more than last year.

Ted Griess, County Attorney was not able to meet with the board. The topics listed under the county attorney's time as well as the misc. items for discussion will be added to next week's agenda.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 11:45 A.M.; next meeting scheduled for June 26, 2012. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Vice-Chairman