

Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, January 28, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met January 28, 2014 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on January 22, 2014 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 Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present: Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Anderson and Johnson. Minutes of the meeting held January 21, 2014 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, Ivan Fintel 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 Schmidt to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 21, 2014 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel; absent: Anderson and Johnson. Motion carried.

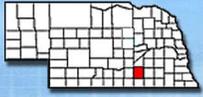
During the time for Public Input, Carrie Brening, Director Clay County Senior Services asked the board about the plans the board had for the move of their office. The board will get back to her when they have more information.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent, reported that the new truck is being wired and the radio installed. They have been working on the insulation of the weed dept. shop and taking out trees. Tom presented the road work report and discussed placing weight limits on county roads. The board asked Tom to check with other counties about how they do the weight limits on their roads. Advertising for a semi-tractor was discussed. Tom gave the board a list of projects that were completed last year as well as new projects for the 1 & 6 year road plan and also a list of equipment that he would like. The equipment included a self propelled roller compactor, a trailer to pull the back hoe, a motor grader and a pickup. Replacing the motor grader maintenance buildings at Harvard and Glenvil next year was also discussed. Tom also said he would like to hire another person before spring work begins.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Nuss to approve the Highway Superintendent's road work report for the month of January 2014. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Anderson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Nuss to advertise for a semi-tractor; bids to be opened at 9:15 A.M. on March 11, 2014. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Anderson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff told the board that the old Explorer is no longer needed. The department has met all required training hours; one more person will go to jail school this year; he needs one more gun and then should have all that is needed to hire another deputy. The building clean up is on the list for this next year.



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Anderson entered the meeting at 9:22 A.M.

Loren Uden, Emergency Management Coordinator presented a report of meetings, trainings and other projects. Some of the projects that Loren discussed in more detail during the planning/work session were work on the Local Emergency Operation Plan, equipment for the 911 center and phone system to meet the Next Gen 911 requirements, advancing his training, would like separate office that includes an EOC and space for training, approval to be a part of a Regional Emergency Response Team, work with the schools to establish standardized response to incidents and bring Radiological training to the county. Loren also discussed new inventory forms and the extra time and work that would be required. A building to replace the wooden structure that houses equipment was also discussed.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Nuss to recess as the Board of Supervisors at 10:40 A.M. and enter into session as the Weed Control Board. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

The Weed Superintendent's reports were accepted as presented; they had been reviewed last week. Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt 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 2014 as presented by the Weed Superintendent. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Bruce also gave his monthly report at this time and discussed the informal bids he had received for heaters in the shop. Bruce told the board that with the insulation that has already been installed there is such a difference that he doesn't feel that a tube heater will be necessary. The pickup is getting a business band radio installed.

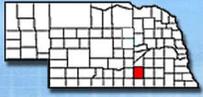
Motion by Nuss and seconded by Samuelson to purchase a 100,000 BTU Modine H.S. heater from Source Gas for the Weed department shop. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw to adjourn at 11:05 A.M. as the Weed Control Board and resume session as the Board of Supervisors. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson and Fintel; absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Mike Carroll, Custodian was not available to meet with the board but left information on replacing the railings for the outside entrances.

Three of the board members went to the Jail for the quarterly visit.

Ted Griess, County Attorney told the board that he still had some concerns with the law enforcement jurisdiction change. This will be discussed again at the next meeting. The lease on the county farm in Leicester township was discussed; this will be discussed again at a later date.



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Jenny Rees, Extension Educator presented an update of 2013 activities which included information on 4-H shooting sports, storm damage and after school workshops. Jenny also told the board about the two interns that worked with her last summer.

The board recessed for lunch and resumed session at 1:00 P.M. Johnson was present for the afternoon session.

Sharon Lavene, County Treasurer answered questions from the board. When asked if she had any plans for her office this year, she said they needed new carpet in the office. The board told her to put the carpet expense in next year's budget and they would discuss it again.

Names were presented for appointment to the South Heartland District Health Board. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Anderson to appoint Dixie Siemsen as the public spirited member of the South Heartland District Health board; to serve a 3 year term beginning in March 2014. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel; abstain: Samuelson. Motion carried.

The information about the outside railings was discussed. Motion by Nuss and seconded by Anderson to allow the custodian to proceed with the purchase of hand rails from Lemonds Siding & Windows for the North, East and West entrances of the courthouse. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

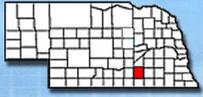
Laurie Smith, Director Clay County Health Department discussed the progress in the preparations to move the health department to the school. Painting and carpeting will be done before they move. Laurie was asked to coordinate with Carrie Brening as far as paint and carpet needs are concerned. Laurie also mentioned some ideas she has for letting people know their new location and keeping people involved. Clean up of the furnace rooms was also discussed.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to have Environment Direct Inc. clean the two furnace rooms in the Service Building. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator discussed the need of a possible replacement on one of her boards. She also discussed the annual planning and zoning conference that is coming in March. Barb told the board that they are all welcome to attend.

Jack Cox, Veterans Service Officer reported that he had helped some veterans apply for the trip for Korean veterans to go to Washington D.C. He will be going along with over 400 other veterans. Jack answered questions about the Veterans Committee and programs through his office.

Joni Skalka, Clerk of the District Court discussed payment of the sound/video system in the courtroom. She also told the board she would like to be included in handbook discussions. The gauges on the benches of the courtroom were discussed. No one really knows how this is happening.



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Linda Whiting, County Assessor told the board that there were problems with their pick up work last fall and suggested that a board member go with them in the future. Personal property changes, storage problems, the GIS progress and rising land values were also discussed.

Julie Bergen, Clerk Magistrate reported that the audio/video system installation has been completed and that it was used today and worked very well. The need for more heat in the public defenders office was discussed.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, Election Commissioner reported that two laptops have been purchased to replace the two old ones. One of the old ones has been given to the custodian. One laptop will be used for the register of deeds program that is used by the public and was purchased with the money from the new Preservation and Modernization Fund. This will be a public access computer that will also have old marriage records, school census records and some death certificate information on. Election poll workers and filing deadlines were also discussed.

Tom Roemmich II was called back in to discuss placing weight limits on roads. Tom had called Adams county to discuss this. A lengthy discussion was held on whether or not to put weight limits on road. Because of the over seven million dollar asphalt project that was completed last year, some felt that the investment should be protected as much as possible. It was acknowledged that placing the limits would be inconvenient for some. Depending on the weather, the limits may not be in place for the whole time.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to adopt Resolution #14-01 concerning Asphalt Road weight limits for limitations and restrictions for operation of vehicles on county roads for 90 days beginning March 1, 2014. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Johnson and Shaw; nay: Schmidt, Nuss and Fintel. Motion carried.
(Resolution on file in Clerk's office)

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Johnson to adjourn this meeting at 3:48 P.M.; next meeting scheduled for February 11, 2014. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman