

Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, February 18, 2014 at 9:08 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met February 18, 2014 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on February 12, 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. 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 January 28, 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.

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 Johnson and seconded by Samuelson to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 11, 2014 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Samuelson; abstain: Nuss; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent passed out the new maps for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. He reported that the bridge inspections have been completed and they will be starting on bridge maintenance. There are also some things that need to be done to be in compliance following a NIRMA safety audit. Deweese Sand & Gravel and Mid-Nebraska Aggregate have been hauling gravel for the stock piles. The weigh limit signs have been delivered and will be put up this week.

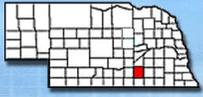
Tom recommended that the board wait to purchase the new motor graders. He had checked on pricing and specs and would rather run the two machines another year. The miles on both are still low enough that there should be no problem keeping them another year plus the re-sale/trade-in won't go down with another year's use. A motion had been made to advertise for the motor graders last week but in light of the discussion and recommendation of the highway superintendent, the board decided not to advertise at this time.

Tom also recommended that they not lease/purchase a vibratory compactor at this time. It will be more cost effective to rent one when needed.

A new fund will need to be set up to handle the money received from the Federal Funds Purchase Program.

At 9:30 A.M. the gravel bids were opened as stated in the Notice to Bidders published in the Clay County News. Representatives from Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc. and Deweese Sand & Gravel, Inc. The proposals were:

Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc.:



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

Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$10.97 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 \$11.37 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 \$12.02 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 \$13.07 per cu. yd.

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

Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$11.39 per cu. yd.

Bid for Class "A" gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for the sum of no bid per cu. yd. Clay County Pit. \$7.25 per cu. yd. Hall County Pit.

Deweese Sand and 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 \$11.34 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 \$11.64 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 \$11.99 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #4-9,000 cu. yds., more or less, for Marshall, Sheridan, Edgar, and Logan Townships.

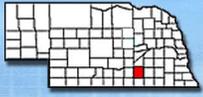
Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$12.82 per cu. yd.

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

Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$11.87 per cu. yd.

Bid for Class "A" gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for the sum of \$10.35 per cu. yd. Clay County Pit. \$7.00 per cu. yd. Hall County Pit.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to accept all bids and to award Projects #1 & #2 to Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc. and Projects #3 & #4 to Deweese Sand & Gravel, Inc. as bid; with the understanding that if there is a shortage in an area, the other



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company can be called on. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Mike Carroll, Custodian reported that the roof leaked in the Southwest corner causing water damage to the table and some of the chairs in the jury room. The problem came from the drain pipes freezing shut so that the moisture on the roof had no where to go. It appears that the leaking has been going on for years but has reached a point where it is now coming through the ceiling. It was recommended that heat tapes be put in the drain pipes in all four corners to keep the water draining. Electricity will need to be installed in all four corners as well. The board told Mike to get some estimates. A call was made to the company that has worked on the roof before and they will check out the leak. Mike also reported on repairs that need to be done in the basement because of ongoing leaking. He will get estimates for those repairs. Mike also discussed repairs that need to be done to the exterior entry on the east side of the courthouse. Mid-Continental Restoration Co. has been contacted to do the repairs; they can remove the granite, fix the problem and re-install the granite. Mike also reported that the chiller in the coal room is leaking badly. The west side of the courthouse sidewalk needs repairs; the board told Mike to go ahead and do the repairs.

Joni Skalka, Clerk of the District Court discussed the cost of the video/sound system with the board. Julie Bergen, Clerk Magistrate was also present. Joni is concerned that since this was not an expense that was known at budget time, she may not have enough in her budget. The board said that money can be transferred if needed at the end of the fiscal year.

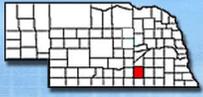
The Board had openings on the agenda and decided to move up the board of equalization time. The agenda states that the scheduled times are tentative and the Board reserves the right to alter the scheduled times for the convenience of the Board and Public within the bounds of the law.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw to recess as the Board of Supervisors at 10:50 A.M. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to resume session as the Board of Supervisors at 11:13 A.M. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Surveyor salaries were discussed at the County Board workshop in Kearney. Clay County has not had a licensed surveyor that resides in the county file for office for the last few decades. In the event that someone would move into the county and want to run for that position, a salary would need to be set in order to determine the filing fee. The board recommended the salary be set at \$1000.00 a year for the elected position of county surveyor for the years 2015 through 2018.

Ted Griess, County Attorney discussed the request for a letter of support to the US Fish & Wildlife Service for the law enforcement jurisdiction change. Because of concerns with county liability and expenses that could be incurred, it was decided to not send a letter of support but instead send a letter to the Governor voicing the county's concerns.



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Ted told the board that he had placed an ad in the paper to re-bid the county farm in Leicester township. Bids will be opened the 25th of March at 10:00 A.M.

Ted also discussed the diversion program for use of individuals 18 years of age or younger. In certain circumstances, a person could go through the program, pay the court costs and not have the infraction on their record. It is a one time only program.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to approve the Clay County Diversion program as recommended by the County Attorney. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

An overall policy for abandoned cemeteries was discussed. Several cemeteries in the county are being maintained by the county since the cemetery boards were dissolved and there were no more funds for the care and maintenance of the cemeteries. Many of the records for these cemeteries cannot be found.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to establish a policy for abandoned cemeteries stating that if proof can be given that plots have been purchased before the cemetery has been abandoned, a burial may take place; otherwise there will be no new burials in an abandoned cemetery. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Samuelson and Nuss; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Anderson to adjourn this meeting at 12:17 P.M.; next meeting scheduled for February 25, 2014. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss; absent: Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Vice-Chairman