

Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, May 19, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met May 19, 2015 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on May 13, 2015 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 Nuss presided with roll call showing the following present: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss. Minutes of the meeting held May 12, 2015 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.

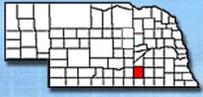
Chairman, Todd Nuss stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 12, 2015 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss; abstain: Anderson. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Chairman Nuss read an email he had received from the Highway Superintendent. The email reported on repair of washed out culverts on Road 323, Road 320 and Road W. Repair will begin on two culverts on Road 319. Rock and gravel are being put on all the spots that washed across the roads. The bridge replacement project with Nuckolls County on the county line has started. The new motor grader should be delivered this Thursday, May 21st.

Stefanie Creech-Will, executive director of ASAAP met with the board to discuss the 2014-2015 programs and request funding for 2015-2016. There were 15 visits each to the Sandy Creek and Harvard Schools for the Peer to Peer program. A conservative estimate for gas, staff time for travel and presentations was \$2,143.50; this does not include any speaker costs or materials. The programs are based on input from students and faculty at the schools. ASAAP offered two free bowling events in December and April during times when all schools were out of school, to give everyone the ability to attend. They have written a grant to bring back the impaired driving and texting while driving simulator, one session of each. If the funding is approved, this service will be offered to area schools at no charge. They continue to promote Red Ribbon Week. A small Alcohol Awareness Month activity for high school students was offered in all four counties. This year a newsletter was started and is given to students at all schools. This highlights student accomplishments, gives information on upcoming events they may attend, as well as drug facts and safety tips. ASAAP (with Region 3 Behavioral Services of Kearney) is offering Trauma Informed Schools free of charge to all school districts it serves. School personnel will receive education about how trauma affects students, what trauma informed care is, how to create a safe environment for all students and ways to avoid re-traumatizing all students. Stephanie's budget request is the same as last year.



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Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Anderson to accept the budget request of ASAAP in the amount of \$5000.00 for fiscal year 2015-2016. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Jaime Manzer, Executive Director SASA Crisis Center presented information on 2014 activity and a budget request for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. SASA provides 24 hour crisis hotline; crisis counseling; emergency financial assistance, including transportation, medical and child care; safe shelter; medical and legal advocacy; support and education group for victims; batterer intervention program; community awareness and education. SASA spends approximately \$1,500.00 on mileage to and from Clay County each year and approximately \$1,000 on direct client services to ensure Clay County residents do not need to leave the county to receive necessary services. The remainder of Clay County dollars go to fund agency cell phones and office phones for the crisis line as well as cover costs associated with rent and utilities for the offices. There were 1,281 face to face case management services in 2014. 1,863 crisis calls on the 24/7 emergency hotline were fielded. SASA provided 1,550 bed nights and 4,931 meals at the shelter, offered women support group to 249 women and 223 children, conducted domestic violence assessments for District and County Court Judges, offered technical assistance and trainings to law enforcement, County Attorney's Office and the Victim/Witness Unit. 369 clients were helped in filing protection and harassment orders. 29 school seminars were held in area public and parochial schools in the four county service area. The budget request is the same as last year.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to accept the budget request of SASA in the amount of \$5000.00 for fiscal year 2015-2016. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.

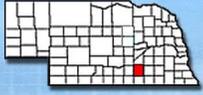
Gary Flesner was unable to meet with the board.

The subgroup application from BlueCross BlueShield was discussed.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to authorize the chairman to sign the BlueCross BlueShield Subgroup Application keeping the \$1500.00 deductible for the Health Insurance and choosing Option 3 Premier for the Dental Insurance. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried.

Discussion on sheriff deputies will be held next week.

The landscaping on the west side of the courthouse was discussed. Linda Whiting and Brenda Hansen were also present. They asked that the bushes not be removed as they add some privacy to the window in the Women's restroom. The board said that they wanted extension educator Jenny Rees to look at the bushes that were planted by Earl May in 2006, and determine if they were too close to the courthouse or posed a threat to the foundation. If it is determined that they will cause problems, they are to be removed. The rest of the plants can stay but the custodian is not to take care of anything in that area; not part of his job. The board said that the courthouse employees would have to take care of the landscaping. The chemicals and supplies can be paid for out of the grounds supplies.



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Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 10:42 A.M.; next meeting scheduled for May 26, 2015. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman