

# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, August 16, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met August 16, 2016, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 10, 2016. A copy of the proof of publication is 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, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Minutes of the meeting held July 26, 2016 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 July 26, 2016 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

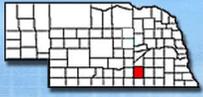
During Public Input time, Ron Bohlen discussed closing some of the streets in Spring Ranch. A map of the streets was used to show the areas of discussion. The Highway Supt. asked for a letter from the township requesting the closings. Landowners will be contacted and a public hearing will be scheduled at a later date.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to direct the Highway Superintendent to start the engineering study for closing some of the Spring Ranch streets. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on bridge work. The wiring on the new building in Trumbull should be completed this week. A list of surplus property was presented.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to declare the Road Departments equipment consisting of 7- Evercraft Air Compressors, 2 - 500 Gallon Fuel Tanks, 1 - 1000 Gallon Fuel Tank w/pump, a Gledhil, 10' 4-way Snow Plow and a Henderson 11' 6-way Snow Plow as surplus property. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Schmidt and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

An easement request to fix an existing water line that was leaking by replacing a steel pipe with two plastic pipes was presented for approval. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to approve the easement requested by Skalka Bros. Inc. to repair an



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existing water line across Road L from the NE ¼ Sec. 15-T5N-R7W to NW ¼ Sec. 14-T5N-R7W. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Paul Grieger, D.A. Davidson & Co. met with the board to answer questions about the bond money. Tom Roemmich and Gene Ulmer, CPA were also present at this time to hear what the bond money could be used for and how that affected the budget. Paul had checked with legal counsel and the remainder of the bond money can be used for bridge projects. Ideally the remaining money should be spent by June of 2018.

Wages and comp. time were briefly discussed with Tom and Gene present. Tom told the board that their department wanted to keep comp. time and also told the board the amount of money he would like for raises for his department. Tom stayed for the budget discussion with Gene Ulmer.

Gene Ulmer, CPA discussed the bond money, Inheritance Tax Fund, restricted funds and Interlocal agreements and how they affected the budget. Gene will put more concrete figures together and get them to the board later this month. Dates for the budget hearing were discussed.

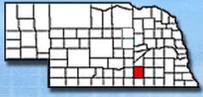
Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Fintel to approve an additional 1% increase in the Budget Restricted Funds Authority for the 2016-2017 County budget year. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to advertise the Notice of Budget and Budget Summary hearing for 2016-2017, the hearing to be held September 13, 2016 at 10:30 A.M. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel 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 13, 2016 at 10:45 A.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

A letter to the State of Nebraska Department of Roads voicing concerns about the closing of the maintenance headquarters in Sutton and how that will affect service to Clay County was presented by the chairman and discussed.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign a letter to the Nebraska Department of Roads concerning the closure of the Sutton maintenance headquarters. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Schmidt and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.



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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 \$21,826.00, Sinking \$17,405.00; Edgar Rural General \$38,984.68 Sinking \$16,974.34; Fairfield Rural General \$41,730.00 Sinking \$18,190.00; Harvard Rural General \$24,976.41; Sutton Rural General \$54,900.40; Trumbull Rural General \$27,840.00 Sinking \$18,110.00 **Townships:** Edgar \$9,531.99; Eldorado \$5,450.00; Fairfield \$7,918.00; Glenvil \$9,068.55; Harvard \$9,105.41; Inland \$6,399.08; Leicester \$7,500.00; Lewis \$7,580.31; Logan \$8,463.59; Lone Tree \$2,749.43; Lynn \$4,518.38; Marshall \$6,025.67; School Creek \$7,038.00; Sheridan \$7,917.00; Spring Ranch \$12,062.00; Sutton \$10,598.15. **Clay County Ag Society** \$176,955.09.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the preliminary requests for levy allocation from the Fire Districts, Townships and the Clay County Agricultural Society. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

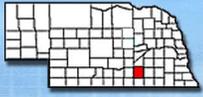
A request for a letter of support for a grant to be sent to the Nebraska Environmental Trust for the Twin Valley Management Area that was submitted by Bruce Rumsey, Weed Superintendent was given to the board prior to the meeting for review. The request is for support of a grant for the funding of projects in the riparian areas.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign the letter of support for the Eastern Republican and Little Blue Riparian Improvement Project for the 2017-2018 funding. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

A budget request from Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center for \$4000.00 was reviewed. Financial assistance continues to be essential in providing valuable services to child victims of abuse, sexual assault, those removed from a drug endangered environment, those recovered from a kidnapping and/or witness of a violent crime. The request for assistance is the same as last fiscal year.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Schmidt to accept the budget request of Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center in the amount of \$4,000.00 for fiscal year 2016-2017. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney discussed a letter that he had received from the chairman of Edgar Township concerning an agreement with Ducks Unlimited. This will be put on the agenda during the Highway Supt.'s time next week for further discussion.



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Ted told the Board that he had reviewed the letter of agreement from the governing board of Region 3 Behavioral Health Services addressing each party's responsibilities for Emergency Protective Custody and he sees nothing that would prevent them from signing.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to authorize the chairman to sign the Letter of Agreement between Regional Governing Board for Region 3 Behavioral Health Services and Clay County effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Samuelson to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of July 2016: County Clerk, \$5,508.15, County Court \$13,031.03, Clerk of District Court, \$58,353.92, County Sheriff, \$8,886.75 and County Treasurer receipts #16070001 through #16070036 in the amount of \$258,692.32. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Schmidt and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 11:58 A.M.; next meeting scheduled for August 23, 2016. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman