

# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, September 13, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met September 13, 2016, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on September 7, 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, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Minutes of the meeting held August 30, 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 August 30, 2016 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Fintel and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

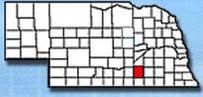
There was no Public Input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that they were still working on Road R. The motor grader that is being rebuilt is almost done. The engineering study for the Spring Ranch streets and alleys is underway, landowners have been contacted and authorization to advertise is needed.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to advertise for a Public Hearing to discuss vacating streets and alleys in Spring Ranch; hearing to be held September 27, 2016 at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney answered questions from the board and reported on the tax sales held last week. Everything was sold except the one that was redeemed. The process was discussed with Ted once again saying there needs to be some legislative changes made.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Anderson and seconded by Johnson to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of August 2016: County Clerk, \$8,611.55, County Court \$11,664.49, Clerk of District Court, \$19,101.18, County Sheriff, \$1,940.14 and County Treasurer receipts #16080001 through #16080043 in the amount of \$158,755.46. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.



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Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to open the budget hearing at 10:30 A.M. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

The public hearing on the proposed County Budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 was held with Gene Ulmer, CPA with Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP, the county budget preparer present. The notice was published in the Clay County News. No other persons attended the hearing. No written or oral comments or objections were received from the public.

Gene went over the spreadsheet and his budget outline. The proposed budget was reviewed with the board. The levy will be set at 0.2235 which is less than a 1 cent increase. This last increase in the levy was the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to close the public hearing on the proposed County Budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 at 10:44 A.M. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to adopt the Resolution to accept the proposed County Budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 as presented. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Fintel and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried. (Copy of Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Schmidt to open the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax request at 10:45 A.M. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Gene Ulmer explained the purpose of the hearing and answered questions. No other persons appeared. No written or oral comments or objections were received from the public.

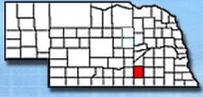
Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to close the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax request at 10:55 A.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to set the final 2016-2017 proposed tax request at \$5,120,314.00. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Comp. time and wages were discussed. The budget was prepared using a 3% increase in wages for employees.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to change comp. time accumulation to 20 hours; the balance to be paid out on December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried. (These changes will be made in the handbook to be effective January 1, 2017.)

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to give all departments a 3% increase for wages for employees, to be dispersed at the discretion of the department head. This



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does not include elected officials salaries. The Road Dept. will be given an additional 1% (one time only) to be used at the discretion of the Highway Supt. in order to make a wage adjustment to some of the wages. The raises would be effective for the pay period beginning November 18, 2016 (paid January 1, 2017). On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Fintel and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 11:50 A.M.; next meeting scheduled for September 20, 2016. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman