

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, December 26, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met December 26, 2023 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 20, 2023 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. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman L. Wayne Johnson presided with roll call showing the following present: Scott Bitterman, Eric Samuelson, James Pavelka, Ivan Fintel, Dick Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Glen Becker. Johnson stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held December 19, 2023 were mailed to the board members. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 19, 2023 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent provided his road report.

Roemmich presented the easement request from Hamilton Telephone, that had been tabled in a prior meeting, to bury fiber starting at the SE corner of the SE ¼ of Sec 19-T8N-R8W, bore South across Road 321, thence South for 1600 feet, on the West side of Road B, along the East side of the NE ¼ of Sec 30-T8N-R8W. The concern with the empty conduit that has been left near the roadway has been resolved. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement request of Hamilton Telephone. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Clerk Aksamit presented the Board with a quote from BTS for phones for the Roads Department now that the fiber line is done. Estimated cost of the phones and installation with BTS would be \$1,220.00. The Clerk will work with BTS to get the phones ordered and installed. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Fintel to approve the quote as presented. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Glen Becker joined the meeting at 9:14 A.M.

Due to the vacancy that occurred in the School Creek Township and the termination of the School Creek Township, the Clay County Board of Supervisors acts as the School Creek Township Board and the Clay County Treasurer acts as the School Creek Township Treasurer.

Robin Gilbert, Clay County Treasurer presented claims for School Creek Township for payment.

### **School Creek Township Claims**

Clay County Clerk, 2022 General Election Costs \$100.00

Dana F. Cole, Co, 2023-2024 Budget Preparation \$1,450.00

Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to approve the School Creek Township claim due to the Clay County Clerk in the amount of \$100.00 as presented and authorize the Treasurer

to pay the claim from the appropriate funds. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Mark Johnson, Building & Grounds, presented his monthly report.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to appoint Barb Barnett to represent Clay County on the South Central Economic Development District board with Glen Becker as alternate for the year 2024. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Allen Harpham and Brad Harpham with Flatwater Technologies were present to provide the Board with an update on the Network Upgrade project. A quote for wireless access points for the Health Department and the Road Department was presented in the amount of \$601.00 per device. A quote for the remaining desktop computers to be replaced throughout the County departments was presented in the amount of \$22,889.00. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to approve the quotes as presented. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Toby Gray with Certified Sound & Security, LLC presented a quote on a security camera system for the Courthouse. Discussion was had regarding the current security system and possible additions to the system. Toby will revise his quote and present it to the Board at a later date.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report, the Trailblazer Annual Report of 2023 and Request for Sponsorship for 2024 in the amount of \$400.00. Shuck did notify the Board that the grant for the annual hazardous household waste and electronic recycling events has been pulled for the year 2024 meaning there will be no hazardous household waste and electronic recycling events in 2024. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the 2024 Sponsorship for Trailblazer in the amount of 400.00. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to recess as the Board of Supervisors at 10:20 A.M. and enter session as the Weed Control Board. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Copies of the Weed Control Board Roster Report, Activity Report, Weed Infestations Report, Budget Report and the Weed Control Plan for 2024 were passed out to the board for their review. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman 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 2024. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Pavelka to appoint Greg Shuck as Weed Superintendent for 2024. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn at 10:23 A.M. as the Weed Control Board and resume session as the Board of Supervisors. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

The Auto Fleet, Inland Marine, and Building & Contents Schedules were received from Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA). The Clerk has provided these schedules to the Highway Superintendent, Emergency Manager, Board of Supervisors, and Sheriff for review. The Clerk will complete the process on the NIRMA website.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$140,560.27
A&L Plumbing & Heating, Repairs	\$622.34
Adams County Sheriff's Dept, Service Fees	\$19.00
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Aksamit, Cassie, Mileage	\$96.94
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$470.85
Barnett, Barb, Mileage	\$187.46
Glen Becker, Mileage	\$186.02
Big G Ace, Supplies	\$578.84
Bitterman, Joni	\$100.22
Bitterman, Scott	\$112.40
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,417.11
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,650.78
Business World, Supplies	\$226.84
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$99.03
Cash-Wa Distributing, Supplies	\$797.05
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$382.47
Clay County Court, Court Costs	\$280.00
Clay County News, Advertising, Supplies	\$1,332.19
Clay County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$97.94
Clay County Treasurer, Postage, Titles, RE Taxes	\$27,421.69
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road Fund	\$159,486.40
Clearly, Phone System	\$421.89
Colonial, Insurance	\$643.65
Comfort Inn, Lodging	\$2,309.05
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,286.63
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions, Safety Deposit Box Rent	\$73,510.21
CPI, Fuel	\$3,700.80
Credit Management Services, Inc., Garnishments	\$324.62
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$36.45
DAS, Services,	\$1,193.55
DNF Associates LLC., Garnishment	\$480.79
Dollar General, Supplies	\$323.55
Eakes, Supplies	\$596.79
First Concord, Insurance	\$602.50
Flatwater Technologies, Service	\$21,736.36
Gilbert, Robin, Mileage	\$101.53
Hall, Dillon, Mileage	\$45.96
Hamilton County Treasurer, Vet Services	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage	\$258.32
Hasting Ford, Service	\$334.35
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48

Johnson, L Wayne, Mileage, Meals	\$446.66
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Service	\$49.06
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$313.12
Marriott Cornhusker Hotel, Lodging	\$870.00
Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc., Service	\$1,500.00
Medica, Health Ins.	\$68,591.42
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$762.50
Menards, Supplies	\$218.28
Midlands Area Agency on Aging, Support, Membership	\$6,299.00
Microfilming Imaging Systems Inc, Equipment Rental	\$49.00
Mid-America Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$4,258.58
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,368.65
Murray Law, Service	\$1,241.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,525.00
NACO Planning & Zoning	\$40.00
NACO, Registration	\$2,150.00
National Assoc. of Counties, Dues	\$450.00
NE Public Health Environmental Lab, Testing	\$105.00
NE State Fire Marshall. Inspection	\$108.00
Newmyer, Mariah, Mileage	\$19.65
NextLink, Internet	\$28.50
PAD, LLC, Fees	\$39.39
Pavelka, Jim, Mileage	\$83.58
Physicians Laboratory, Autopsy	\$2,621.00
Ribeiro, Matheus, Mileage	\$61.57
Robbins, Isaiah, Reimbursement	\$36.02
Samuelson, Eric, Mileage	\$72.05
Shuck, Kimberly, Mileage	\$98.25
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$869.63
South Central Economic Development Dist., Dues	\$5,000.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$1,538.11
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender, Foreclosures	\$3,433.00
Superior Industries LLC., Service	\$3,020.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Supplies	\$76.67
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$40.74
Terwey Law Office, Service	\$1,907.30
Turnbull, Kent, Service	\$547.02
Uline, Supplies	\$403.53
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,606.00
US Bank, Supplies	\$279.98
US Cellular, Phones	\$463.20
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$499.28
Windstream, Service	\$654.34
Woodward's, Garbage	\$370.00
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,625.76

## ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$66,448.86
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,696.74
Action Auto Supply, Supplies	\$193.28
Auca, Supplies	\$554.97
Aurora Cooperative, Fuel	\$130.66
Bauer Built Inc., Parts & Labor	\$2,536.52
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies, Parts	\$240.53
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,094.61
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$283.86
Brown's Thrift Store Inc., Supplies	\$369.99
C & M Supply Inc., Fuel	\$534.10
Card Services, Supplies	\$49.64
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$107.55
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$82.42
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$106.43
Clay County Weed, ROW Spraying	\$16,380.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.40
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$34,437.24
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Supplies	\$79.99
CPI, Fuel, Tires	\$7,119.21
Dollar General, Supplies	\$31.80
Eakes, Supplies	\$161.12
Filter Care of Nebraska, Supplies	\$251.55
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Flatwater Technologies, Service	\$168.00
Fleetpride, Parts	\$360.37
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$4,123.34
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$29,257.29
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$178.49
Gerhold Concrete Co., Inc., Concrete	\$439.06
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Island Landhandlers, Inc., Gravel	\$18,290.44
Island Supply Welding Co., Supplies	\$226.46
John Deere Financial (Landmark), Parts & Labor	\$6,730.38
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc., Supplies	\$261.85
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$23.76
Master Magnetics Inc., Parts	\$177.07
Matt Friend Truck Equip., Parts	\$303.06
Medica, Insurance	\$1,800.00
Medical Enterprises Inc., Testing	\$140.00
Menards, Supplies	\$842.69
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc., Gravel	\$9,646.38

MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc., Parts & Labor	\$4,155.44
NAPA Auto Parts, Parts	\$146.73
NACO, Registration	\$175.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$350.00
Nebraska Peterbilt, Parts	\$1,442.21
NMC Exchange, Motor Grader, Repairs	\$31,209.32
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc, Fuel	\$91.96
Platte Valley Communications, Supplies	\$63.75
Platte Valley Equipment, Rental	\$9,000.00
R& K Service, Fuel	\$48.53
Road Groom MFG LLC, Equipment	\$18,756.00
Roemmich Thomas II, License	\$50.00
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$375.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$388.73
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$87.15
Sutton Auto, Parts, Supplies	\$1,160.93
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$127.98
Truck Center Companies, Parts & Labor	\$9,749.14
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$247.50
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$709.93
Winzer, Supplies	\$167.28
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00

ROD PM FUND

MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$475.04
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INHERITANCE FUND

Kansas Highway Patrol Car Fund, 2 Patrol Cars	\$63,550.00
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HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$9,997.11
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$50.46
Clay County News, Publications	\$62.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$190.59
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$4,880.89
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$139.49
First Concord, Insurance	\$250.00
GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals, Vaccines	\$1,832.23
Jensen, Donna, Mileage	\$108.08
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$14.20
Sara Marshall, Mileage, Reg	\$457.19
Medica, Insurance	\$400.00
NACO, Registration	\$150.00
Nationwide, Insurance	\$100.00
US Postal Service, Stamps	\$117.00

911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$150.17
Echo Group, Repairs, Maintenance Agreement	\$410.59
Glenwood, Internet	\$127.11
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$78.82
Superior iNet, Internet	\$89.99
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$267.87

E911 FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$5,403.95
GeoComm, Maps	\$14,466.00
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$949.72

MISCELLANEOUS SINKING FUND	
Eakes, Furniture	\$692.28

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to approve the claims that were presented and authorize the County Clerk to pay from the appropriate funds. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 10:33 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for January 16,2024. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman