

Clay County Board of Supervisors Minutes from Meeting 8 held on January 27, 2010

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on January 27, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in the boardroom with Chairperson Swanson presiding and with the following other members present: Supervisors Brockshus, Chalstrom, Matthews, Skow and Auditor Marjorie Pitts as clerk for the meeting. Absent: None.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Brockshus, Chalstrom, Matthews, Skow and Swanson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

Motion by Brockshus, seconded by Skow that the Board meeting agenda for January 27, 2010 be received and placed on file with the County Auditor as approved. Motion carried.

The Board met with County Attorney Michael Houchins and Kim Chappas of Spirit Lake regarding a court debt collection program that could be implemented in Clay County. Kim Chappas currently provides this court debt collection service for Dickinson County through the County Attorney's office. Currently Clay County uses the method of Centralized Collection Unit (CCU) which charges a 10% collection fee that is applied only when funds are actually collected. Legislation implemented in SF2428 increased the incentive for county attorneys' collections due to a formula that allows counties to retain 40% of the amount collected up to a threshold then the county retains an additional 12% of the funds collected. Clay County's threshold would be \$50,000 due to our population. Houchins proposed that Chappas could use office space and equipment at his location and she would be considered a part-time county employee working twenty (20) hours per week at a rate of \$10.50 per hour. The Board will take action on this proposal at their next regular board meeting.

Budget Workshop

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m., to convene at the next Auditor's called meeting January 29, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

/s/ Marjorie A. Pitts, County Auditor

/s/ Linda Swanson, Chairperson