

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on January 28, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on January 21, 2025 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 stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room and presided with roll call showing the following present: Scott Bitterman, Eric Samuelson, Glen Becker, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: James Pavelka.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held January 21, 2025 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 21, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads and discussed arrangements with Big Iron for surplus items.

Tom presented an Easement Request from Tallgrass Energy. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tom presented his Preliminary 1 & 6 Year Road Plan.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to open the bids received for the County Farm Lease identified as "Marshall Farm Lease" at 9:30 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bids received: **Grant Ray** at \$270,000 3-years / \$90,000 per year; **1949 Farms LLC** at \$282,000 3-years / \$94,000 per year; and **Quad H Ag, Inc / Lorraine & Bradley Hofmann** at \$285,510 3-years / \$95,170 per year. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to accept the highest bid which was received by Quad H. The County Clerk will provide the County Attorney with a draft Farm Lease for review and to provide to the Tenant. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, presented her monthly report.

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

Sara Mertens, Health Department Director, presented the Director's Report for the 2024 4th Quarter / Year-End.

The vacancy of the Marshall Township Board was brought to the Board's attention.

The Board discussed the various governing boards and committees that they are currently serving on.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to have the governing board and committee appointments be: Eric Samuelson to serve on the Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Inc. board with Scott Bitterman as alternate; Scott Bitterman to serve on the Midland Area Agency on Aging board with Eric Samuelson as alternate; Jesse Mohnike to serve on the Region 3 Behavioral Services board with Jim Pavelka as alternate; Dick Shaw to serve on the South Heartland Health District board with Scott Bitterman as alternate;

Glen Becker to serve as alternate on the Clay County Health Board (Dick Shaw is currently the representative serving a 3 year term); Glen Becker and Jesse Mohnike to serve on the LEPC committee; and Jesse Mohnike and Glen Becker to serve on the Clay County 9-1-1 committee; L. Wayne Johnson to serve on the Veteran's Service committee; Board Chair (L. Wayne Johnson), Jesse Mohnike, James Pavelka and Glen Becker to serve on the Handbook committee; L. Wayne Johnson, Jesse Mohnike and Glen Becker to serve on the HR committee; Glen Becker, Eric Samuelson, Assessor, Attorney, Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, Treasurer, Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, and three employees will be designated as the initial list for the Grievance Board. L. Wayne Johnson will serve as a backup alternate to all governing boards and committees if necessary. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk notified the Board that she has tentatively scheduled the Wellness Clinic for County employees for March 26th. Wellness Partners has agreed to provide the services to the County at the same rates as last year (county to cover the cost of \$150.00 per employee and allow spouses to participate at their own expense of \$150.00). Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to host the Wellness Clinic with Wellness Partners for all County employees at the County's expense of \$150.00 per employee and allowing spouses to participate at their own expense of \$150.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$139,771.73
A Street Auto Parts SW, Parts	\$8.99
Adams County Sheriff, Service Fee	\$6.50
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Aksamit, Cassie, Mileage	\$115.64
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$7,294.27
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$1,031.76
Barnett, Barb, Mileage	\$11.91
Becker, Glen, Mileage	\$176.88
Becks Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$177.89
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC, Meals	\$72.65
Bitterman, Joni, Mileage	\$107.87
Bitterman, Scott, Mileage	\$115.24
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$2,108.66
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,863.68
Boeka, Donna, Prior Service	\$144.00
Business World Products, Supplies	\$39.99
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$95.92
Cash-Wa Distributing, Supplies	\$733.11
Cerris Systems, Boiler Maintenance	\$6,453.92
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$322.89
Clay County News, Advertising	\$877.63
Clearly, Phone System	\$429.87
Clerk of District Court, Filing Fees	\$76.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$563.80
Comfort Inn, Lodging	\$374.85
Corner Market, Supplies	\$982.33
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions & HRA	\$70,588.19
Cox, Jack, Prior Service	\$72.00
CPI, Fuel	\$2,532.81
Crowne Plaza, Lodging	\$139.95
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$59.70
Cummins Sales and Service, Parts	\$761.02
Custer County Sheriff's Office, Inmate Boarding	\$50.00
DAS, Services	\$1,132.80
Diode Technologies, Service	\$97.50

Dollar General, Supplies	\$158.20
Domier, Diana, Tow Bill	\$250.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$3,815.31
Fairfield Inn, Lodging	\$249.90
Fintel, Ivan, Mileage	\$120.60
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,756.66
Flesner, Christine, Prior Service	\$144.00
Friesen Ford, Parts	\$1,022.40
General Collection Company, Garnishment	\$311.15
Gilbert, Robin, Mileage	\$99.29
Goding Law LLC, Attorney Fees	\$1,046.50
Great Plains Reporting Co., Depositions	\$410.20
Griess, Lawrence, Prior Service	\$120.00
Griess, Ted, Prior Service	\$60.00
Hajny, Janet, Prior Service	\$300.00
Hamilton County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$25.70
Hamilton County Treasurer VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage	\$98.49
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Johnson, L. Wayne, Mileage	\$96.21
Kansas Highway Patrol, Car	\$35,175.00
LAPG, Clothing	\$508.99
La Quinta Inn Suites, Lodging	\$1,749.30
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$579.00
LTA Towing LLC, Tow	\$125.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$391.02
Medica, Health Ins.	\$89,503.09
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$825.00
Menards, Supplies	\$423.21
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., Rental	\$49.00
Mid-American Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$544.75
Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Disabled Services	\$1,526.00
MOCIC, Membership	\$100.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$4,048.14
NACO, Annual Conference	\$2,270.00
NACO Planning & Zoning, Dues	\$40.00
Nebraska Association of County Assessors, Dues	\$100.00
Nebraska Association of County Treasurers, Dues	\$75.00
Nebraska District Court Clerks Association, Dues	\$50.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
Pavelka, James, Mileage	\$87.50
Quality Healthcare Clinic LLC, Testing	\$20.00
Redfield Direct LLC, Supplies	\$1,540.19
Region 3 BHS, Program Support	\$4,027.89
Samuelson, Eric, Mileage	\$73.70
Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept, Juvenile Detention	\$3,995.00
Schmidt, Tonya, Prior Service	\$48.00
Secretary of State Election Division, Cards	\$10.00
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$1,035.00
South Central Economic Development District, Dues	\$5,000.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$1,707.12
Stratman, Janice, Prior Service	\$60.00
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sutton Electric Inc., Light Repair	\$168.62
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$187.58
TK Elevator Corporation, Service	\$390.54
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters, Deposition	\$455.17
Trailblazer RCD, Sponsorship	\$400.00
Transfer Treasurer, Road Fund	\$68,905.34
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00

US Bank, Supplies & Software	\$340.52
US Cellular, Phones	\$130.00
USDA-APHIS, Compensation and Support	\$1,822.65
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$568.06
Windstream, Service	\$676.42
Woods Aitken LLP, Attorney Fees	\$6,187.52
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$352.50
York County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$6.00
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,500.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$62,527.24
A Street Auto Parts SW, Parts	\$146.43
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,571.67
Ault, Marty, Supplies	\$64.99
Aurora Coop, Fuel	\$28.43
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$2,564.59
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$2,138.43
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$222.88
C & M Supply Inc., Fuel	\$2,416.69
Certified Power Inc., Parts	\$2,727.05
Cimco Inc., Supplies	\$8.96
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$108.13
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$168.73
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.19
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$30,485.60
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Service	\$55.79
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$6,114.49
Diamond Mowers Inc. Parts	\$417.41
DPL Enterprises Inc, Material	\$3,910.10
Eakes, Supplies	\$213.70
Filter Care of Nebraska, Cleaning	\$274.50
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Fleetpride, Parts	\$57.90
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$799.29
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$14,177.20
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$204.43
Gewecke, Patsy, Prior Service	\$96.00
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Inland Truck Parts & Service, Parts	\$1,975.35
Island Supply Welding., Supplies	\$221.12
John Deer Financial, Service	\$923.05
Kimball Midwest, Parts	\$167.25
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc., Material	\$284.54
LCL Truck Equipment, Parts	\$887.95
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$23.76
Matt Friend Truck Equipment, Supplies	\$712.40
Medica, Insurance	\$1,600.00
Medical Enterprises Inc., Drug Test	\$105.00
Menards, Supplies	\$384.14
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc., Gravel	\$6,231.06
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Nationwide, Retirement	\$250.00
Napa Auto Parts, Parts	\$251.32
Nebraska Truck Center, Parts	\$350.96
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$739.22
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc., Fuel	\$131.02
Oak Creek Engineering, Project 30-C-4	\$4,325.79

Olsson, Service	\$2,125.50
Rush Truck Centers of NE, Inc, Parts	\$542.27
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$587.29
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$126.22
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$692.20
Truck Center Companies, Parts	\$1,361.69
Van Kirk Bros Contracting, Project 30-C-4	\$63,775.87
Vestis, Uniforms	\$915.43
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$203.13
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$739.87
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00

HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$8,776.81
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$121.96
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$38.66
Clay County News, Advertising	\$62.00
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$3,494.33
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$17.75
Marshall, Sara, Mileage	\$338.32
Medica, Insurance	\$600.00
Mertens, Sara, Mileage, License	\$210.38
Schwenk, Judy, Mileage	\$11.20
US Bank, Stamps	\$7.30
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$63.68

911 FUND

Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$176.74
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$74.26

E911 FUND

Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,667.17
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E911 HOLDING

GovWorx, Inc, Subscription	\$8,800.00
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Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the claims that were presented and authorize the County Clerk to pay from the appropriate funds. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Members of the Board will go do the quarterly jail visit.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to adjourn this meeting at 11:34 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for February 11, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman