

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on June 10, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on June 4, 2025 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in 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, Glen Becker, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; Absent: Eric Samuelson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held May 28, 2025 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 28, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads and the May mechanic's report. Roemmich also discussed options for dump trucks that he has seen available at various sites for purchase. No purchase has been made.

Roemmich presented items for surplus. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the following items for surplus: 12' Wilbek Offset Disk, 1999 IH Dump Truck, 500 Gallon Water Trailer, 53' Great Dane Van Trailer, Water/Trash Pump, Generator Trailers, Diesel Space Heater. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An Easement request from Jeremiah Ochsner with 1949 Farms to bury a natural gas line from the NW ¼ of Sec 19-7-5 across County Road T to the NE ¼ of Sec 24-7-6 for the purposes of an irrigation well. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to approve the easement as requested. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the roads in the NAD area. Roemmich provided the Board with an update on the road conditions in the area.

Tanner Hagge, Wildlife Specialist with the USDA was present to discuss services provided in Clay County over the last year. Discussion was had regarding the proposed Cooperative Service Agreement between the Clay County Board of Supervisors and the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services and the Work/Financial Plan for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 20, 2026 in the amount of \$9,889.73. The County Clerk and Chairman had questions regarding the Agreement and Work/Financial Plan. Tanner will advise his supervisor that the Clerk and Chairman would like to discuss these further with them before acting on said Agreements.

The May Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of May 2025: County Clerk \$12,660.50; County Court \$4,243.45; Clerk of District Court \$50,865.14; Sheriff \$1,399.56; County Health Department \$1,485.00 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 25050001 through 25050054 in the amount of \$590,240.92. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The renewal for the NIRMA / NIRMA II insurance policies were presented to the Board prior to the meeting. Chairman Johnson provided input and data on the presented renewal rates and the rates if the deductible were to be increased. Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to increase the deductibles to \$5,000 for Auto Physical Damage, \$5,000 for Mobile/Remote and \$10,000 for Property, Building & Contents lowering the renewal cost to \$175,015.00 for the 2025-2026 Fiscal year. Upon roll call,

the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Julisa Rivera with First Light Child Advocacy was unable to attend the meeting. Their proposed budget request was received via email. The Finance Committee will place this with other budget requests for consideration later in the budget process.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to adjourn this meeting at 10:31 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for June 17, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman