

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on July 22, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 16, 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, Eric Samuelson, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; Absent: Glen Becker.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held July 15, 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 July 15, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads. Tom requested permission to advertise for bids for a tractor. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to advertise for bids for a tractor, bids to be opened on August 12, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Holli Alley and David Wangila with the UNL Extension Office provided the summer narrative and program reports to the Board. The Extension Office was able to secure two grants this summer to provide a disaster preparedness class for youth and a sunshade for livestock during the Clay County Fair.

Timothy Anderson introduced himself as a Clay County resident, current Mayor for the City of Sutton and a candidate for the District 38 Legislative Seat. Mr. Anderson was eager to learn about the operations of Clay County government and was open to comments from the Board of Supervisors about what concerns or issues Clay County may be facing.

Candace Meredith, Deputy Director of the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) provided the Board with NACO updates.

Sara Mertens, Clay County Health Department Director, presented the quarterly report.

Barb Barnett, Planning & Zoning Administrator, presented the quarterly report.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer, presented Resolution #25-09 for a Pledge Release on CUSIP #61768U2A4. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution #25-09 as presented by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Congressman Adrian Smith's representative Jerad Reimers provided the Board with an annual update from the Congressman's office. Chairman Johnson requested that Mr. Reimers remind the Congressman that our taxpayers are absorbing the tax burden of approximately 40,000 acres of untaxed/undertaxed land in Clay County, of which approximately 35,000 acres are owned by the Federal Government. The Clay County Board of Supervisors have and will continue to put the issue in front of our State representatives.

A request was made from the Emergency Manager for a promotion in the Dispatch Center. The Board will discuss this further with the Emergency Manager at the next meeting.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Mohnike to adjourn this meeting at 11:14 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for July 29, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman