

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on July 29, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 23, 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, Glen Becker, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held July 22, 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 22, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Abstain: Becker; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cody Jester attended the meeting to discuss cannabis legalization in Nebraska and what it could mean for Clay County. Mr. Jester would like the Clay County Board of Supervisors to consider opening the doors for Clay County farmers to allow production of cannabis if the passing of the law provides local governments the ability to dictate the rules and regulations.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report. Greg gave some updates on the Trailblazer Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) and the Twin Valley Weed Management Area (TVWMA) programs and how they are hoping to continue their programs with further collaboration with the Little Blue Natural Resources District. The Board signed a letter of support for the efforts of the programs in hopes to see a continued collaboration for our region.

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

RuAnn Root, Executive Director of CASA of South Central Nebraska, presented a budget request for fiscal year 2025-2026. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to approve the budget request for CASA of South Central Nebraska for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$18,000.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, presented her monthly report. Discussion was continued regarding Haley’s request to make a promotion in the Dispatch Center. The Board was okay with an employee being designated as a Lead Dispatcher and with hiring for an additional Dispatcher.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Law Enforcement Services by and Among the County of Adams and the County of Clay for Mental Health Board hearings for the term of August 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 with auto annual renewal . Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Fire Alarm System at the Sheriff / Jail Departments was discussed. No action was taken as estimates are being gathered from vendors.

The claims were distributed for review and discussion.

GENERAL FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$135,645.54
Adams County Justice Center, Inmate Holding	\$220.00

Aflac, Insurance	\$205.20
Alley, Holli, Mileage Reimbursement	\$33.60
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$7,618.50
Aspegren Repair, Vehicle Repairs	\$76.65
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$991.77
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Glass	\$400.00
Axon Enterprises Inc, Taser Certification	\$8,335.44
Barnett, Barb, Mileage Reimbursement	\$31.36
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$156.39
Benchmark Government Solutions, Meals	\$13.95
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$198.34
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$77,494.46
Buffalo County, Dues	\$200.00
Business World Products, Supplies	\$221.09
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$86.39
Cash-WA Distributing, Food Supplies	\$1,053.45
Cerris Systems North Central Inc, Pump Repair	\$630.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$441.70
Clay County News, Advertising & Subscription	\$1,713.38
Clay County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$8.25
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road & Bridge	\$57,963.52
Clearly, Phone System	\$429.59
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$75.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$130.42
Cooney Refrigeration LLC, Repairs	\$2,950.45
Corner Market, Supplies	\$503.70
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions & HRA	\$79,352.23
CPI, Fuel	\$2,884.12
Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment	\$350.90
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$99.15
DAS State Accounting, Services	\$1,132.80
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$4,829.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$608.67
Election Systems & Software, Ballot Coding	\$170.55
Engineered Controls Inc, Annual PSA Billing	\$4,200.00
Farmer, Jim, Meals	\$62.95
Felber, Cara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$65.80
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,054.17
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$800.00
Gallant, Cliff, Plexiglass Frames	\$579.35
Galls, Uniforms	\$199.99
Goding Law LLC, Attorney Fees	\$713.00
gWorks, Subscription	\$6,614.99
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Jill Cunningham Attorney, Fees	\$1,140.10
Lieske Lieske & Ensz PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$442.50
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$314.90
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$725.00
Menards, Supplies	\$73.77
MDM Pest Control, Treatment	\$110.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
Mid Nebraska Individual Services Inc, 1st Qtr Service	\$1,526.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,309.52
Mutual of Omaha, Insurance	\$1,304.84
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,775.00
Physicians Lab Services, Autopsy Services	\$2,750.00
Pine Lake Behavioral, Evaluations	\$3,900.00
Platte Valley Communications, License & Repair	\$1,002.50
Point C Health, Employee Benefits	\$376.00

Propio, Interpretation Services	\$28.44
Region 3 BHS, 1st Qtr Match	\$3,997.86
Secretary of State, NCOA Cards	\$10.00
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$2,184.70
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$2,646.80
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$62.18
Sutton Lumber, Parts	\$79.00
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$98.96
TK Elevator Corporation, Elevator Service	\$390.54
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$345.68
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Supplies & Subscriptions	\$919.94
US Cellular, Phones	\$184.22
USDA APHIS, Compensation & Support	\$2,111.18
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage Reimbursement	\$172.90
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$512.56
Wangila, David, Mileage Reimbursement	\$539.63
Windstream, Service	\$728.21
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$382.50
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,500.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$62,122.05
Aflac, Insurance	\$966.82
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$66.97
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$55.27
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$318.73
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$1,723.80
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$4,130.87
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$88.70
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$88.56
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$72.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$116.13
Clay County News, Subscription	\$44.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$264.60
Consolidated Concrete Co, Road B Project	\$2,486.05
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$29,953.46
Cornhusker Cleaning Supply, Supplies	\$648.21
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$8,886.17
Deweese Sand & Gravel, Gravel	\$27,768.84
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$640.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$17.99
Fairfield N/S Co-op Fertilizer, Supplies	\$48.65
Farm & Home Publishers LTD, Publishing	\$587.80
Filter Care of Nebraska, Filters	\$363.95
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Fleetpride, Parts	\$162.17
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$1,004.61
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$12,343.98
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$485.77
Glenwood, Internet	\$139.80
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Hays Land Surveying LLC, Survey Work	\$6,764.40
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$105.60
J and K Fencing, Corner Posts	\$210.00
John Deer Financial, Service	\$223.15
Kohmetscher Feed Service, Project #235	\$352.75
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$10.77
Menards, Supplies	\$609.39

Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$21,963.43
Miller Tire & Service Point S, Repairs	\$677.98
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Moore Electric, Furnace	\$4,000.00
Murphy Tractor & Equip Co Inc, Parts	\$1,654.97
Mutual of Omaha, Insurance	\$425.16
NAPA Auto Parts, Parts	\$346.03
Nationwide, Retirement	\$250.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$1,046.72
NMC-Doniphan, One-way Snow Plow	\$16,650.00
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc, Fuel	\$386.13
Olsson Inc, Asphalt Overlay	\$14,065.09
Rush Truck Centers of NE Inc, Parts	\$186.17
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
Shirt Shack, Uniforms	\$403.75
South Central Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$416.61
Southern Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$64.37
Sunbelt Rentals Inc, Straps	\$115.16
Superior Outdoor Power, Supplies	\$59.95
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$469.67
Sutton Lumber, Parts	\$21.76
Truck Center Companies West, Parts	\$5.48
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$310.43
US Bank, Supplies	\$489.90
Vestis, Uniforms	\$766.88
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$200.22
Werner Construction, Asphalt Overlay Project	\$527,028.61
Windstream, Internet	\$482.20
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00
ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND	
MIPS Inc., Program costs	\$538.81
STOP FUND	
Intoximeters Inc, Intoximeter	\$6,595.00
HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$8,510.02
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$45.35
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$721.96
Clay County News, Advertising	\$116.25
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$3,497.65
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$52.95
First Concord, Insurance	\$475.00
Marshall, Sara, Mileage Reimbursement & Liability Ins.	\$555.90
Mertens, Sara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$78.40
Pens.com, 2026 Calendars	\$111.44
Ramirez, Maria Del Carmen, Interpreter	\$162.50
Rongo, Maria, Mileage Reimbursement	\$43.40
Schwenk, Judy, Mileage Reimbursement	\$10.50
Shiple, Mary, Mileage Reimbursement	\$21.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$190.35
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$142.28
US Bank, Supplies	\$192.87
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$51.15
911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$101.41
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
LP HVAC LLC, A/C Repair	\$2,768.81
South Central Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$97.59

E911 HOLDING FUND

Century Link dba Lumen, Internet

\$2,672.98

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, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to adjourn this meeting at 10:48 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for August 12, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman