

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on August 12, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 6, 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 29, 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 29, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads.

Tom discussed an Interlocal Agreement. This has been sent to the County Attorney for review.

Tom asked the Board if he was okay to look for a truck and belly dump trailer for hauling gravel as replacement to one of the older dump trucks. The Board is okay with this.

An Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury natural gas pipeline from the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 5-8-5 crossing County Road 324 to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 8-8-5 crossing County Road V to the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 9-5-8. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to approve the easement as requested. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury natural gas pipeline from the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 10-8-5 crossing County Road X to the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 11-8-5. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to approve the easement as requested. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury natural gas pipeline from the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1-8-5 crossing County Road Y to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 2-8-5. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to approve the easement as requested. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury natural gas pipeline from the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 35-9-5 (Hamilton County) crossing County Road 325 and County South X Road to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 3-8-5. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to approve the easement as requested. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury natural gas pipeline from the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 35-9-5 (Hamilton County) crossing County Road 325 to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 2-8-5. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Mohnike to approve the easement as requested. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury natural gas pipeline from the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 32-9-5 (Hamilton County) crossing County Road 325 to the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 5-8-5. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the easement as

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

An Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury natural gas pipeline from the NE ¼ of 10-8-5 crossing County Road 324 to the SE ¼ of 3-8-5. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Becker to approve the easement as requested. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to open tractor bids at 9:15 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bids received:

- *Landmark Implement for 2012 John Deere 7280R Tractor \$136,792.24*

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to accept the bid from Landmark Implement for a 2012 John Deere 7280R Tractor in the amount of \$136,792.24 less trade value of \$25,500.00 for the 1990 John Deere 8760 Tractor owned by Clay County for a total cost to Clay County of \$111,292.24. 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, discussed an Interlocal Agreement with the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN). This has been sent to the County Attorney for review.

The July Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of July 2025: County Clerk \$8,698.00; County Court \$4,928.74; Clerk of District Court \$8,518.28; Sheriff \$1,552.77; County Health Department \$1,949.50 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 25060094 and 25070001 through 25070059 in the amount of \$376,806.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Surplus requests were presented from the Assessor and Building & Grounds. Motion by Becker and seconded by Mohnike to approve the following items for surplus:

Blower, 58v backpack – doesn’t work	6 gallon air compressor – doesn’t work
Bissell upright vacuum – doesn’t work	Gas powered lawn edger – doesn’t work
Leaf blower – doesn’t work	Riccar standup cordless vacuum – doesn’t work
Think chair – burgundy	Think chair – gray
Chair – gray/black	Steelcase chair – black
ViewSonic flatscreen 24” (x8)	Dehumidifier

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

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to send a letter of support for the Little Blue Natural Resources District’s grant application for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for recycling events in our communities. 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 10:25 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for August 19, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.