

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on August 26, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 20, 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 and L. Wayne Johnson; Absent: Richard Shaw.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public input.

Minutes of the meeting held August 19, 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 August 19, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Joint Application to the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) was reviewed by the County Attorney. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Joint Application to the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) between Hamilton County and Participating Counties and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tyler McNitt, Key Account Manager for NMC CAT presented renewal lease agreements for the Roads Department. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the lease agreement renewals with NMC CAT for a skid steer and mini excavator and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report.

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

The Interlocal Agreement with the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) was reviewed by the County Attorney. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to adopt Resolution #25-10 to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (*Resolution on file in the County Clerk's Office*)

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to open the Public Hearing on the Conditional Use Permit for Olson Land and Cattle Company, Inc at 10:00 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Barb Barnett, Clay County Zoning Administrator, presented the Recommendation to the Governing Body from the Clay County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission. Said recommendation is for APPROVAL of Olson Land and Cattle Company, Inc Conditional Use Permit for a medium sized CAFO Feedlot located in part of the SW ¼ of Section 5-5-5 in Logan Township, Clay County, Nebraska, zoned as AG. No other parties were present.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to close the Public Hearing at 10:06 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to approve the Conditional Use Permit of Olson Land and Cattle Company, Inc as recommended by the Clay County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to approve the following inventories: Supervisor districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7: County owned property: Board of Supervisor's Board Room, Clerk, Assessor, Treasurer, County Court, Clerk of District Court, County Attorney, Veteran Service Officer, Zoning, Custodian, Weed Department and Highway Department and placed on file in the County Clerk's office. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. Inventories have not been received by the following departments: Emergency Manager, Communications Center, Health, Extension, Sheriff and Jail. Additional notices have been provided to said departments.

Robin Gilbert, Clay County Treasurer, provided her report on distress warrants returned from the Sheriff's Office.

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Becker to open the budget hearing and budget summary hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for School Creek Township at 10:15 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Robin Gilbert presented the Board with claims for payment from School Creek Township as follows: Cindy Johnson for preparation of the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget request in the amount of \$225.00. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Becker to approve the claim as presented and authorize the County Treasurer to pay from the appropriate funds. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Security Equipment, Inc (SEI) representative Aaron Semm presented their proposal for replacement of the fire systems at the County Sheriff / Jail Departments. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to approve the quote from Security Equipment, Inc in the amount of \$17,781.00 and monthly monitoring in the amount of \$142.00 and authorize the County Clerk to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Mohnike, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Johnson asked the Board if there were any questions or concerns regard the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget of School Creek Township, as prepared by Cindy Johnson. Nothing noted.

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Samuelson to close the budget hearing and budget summary hearing of School Creek Township at 10:57 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 School Creek Township budget as the audit waiver and to increase the budget request by an additional 1% allowance. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 School Creek Township budget as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The requests from the Fire Districts, Townships and Ag Society for preliminary levy requests were presented and discussed. The levy requests were: **Fire Districts:** Clay Center Rural General \$46,950.00 Sinking \$9,000.00; Edgar Rural General \$44,000.00

Sinking \$19,000.00; Fairfield Rural General \$42,259.00 Sinking \$20,166.00; Harvard Rural General \$42,296.15; Sutton Rural General \$73,731.99; Trumbull Rural General \$36,750.00 Sinking \$24,050.00; Bond \$31,872.50. **Townships:** Edgar \$12,747.58; Eldorado \$6,955.00; Fairfield \$6,670.00; Glenvil \$12,219.73; Harvard \$10,052.38; Inland \$8,630.35; Leicester \$11,500.00; Lewis \$10,863.15; Logan \$6,545.34; Lonetree \$3,652.72; Lynn \$6,039.67; School Creek \$4,275.59; Sheridan \$10,450.00; Spring Ranch \$12,774.50; Sutton \$13,982.75. **Clay County Ag Society** General \$70,940.00 Sinking \$15,300.00 Building \$1,060.00.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to approve the preliminary requests for levy allocation from the Fire Districts, Townships and the Clay County Agricultural Society as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to advertise the Notice of Budget and Budget Summary Hearing for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Samuelson to advertise the Notice of Special Hearing to set Final Tax request at a different amount than the prior year’s tax request. Hearing to be held September 23, 2025, immediately following the conclusion of the budget hearing. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$135,131.90
Adams County District Court, Mental Health Board	\$1,093.75
Aflac, Insurance	\$205.20
Aksamit, Cassie, Mileage & Parking Reimbursement	\$264.28
A & L Plumbing and Heating, Plumbed Drain & Parts	\$622.04
Applied Connective Technologies, IT, Surveillance & Computers	\$17,626.47
Aspegren Repair, Vehicle Repairs	\$663.25
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$988.93
Barnett, Barb, Mileage Reimbursement	\$66.64
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$9.58
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$220.45
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$82,419.90
Business World Products, Supplies	\$38.29
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$86.06
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$440.53
CJIS Operational Protection Services, Audit Package	\$2,880.00
Clay County News, Advertising & Subscription	\$875.50
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road & Bridge	\$245,303.00
Clearly, Phone System	\$429.59
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$153.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$130.42
CPI, Fuel	\$3,181.78
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,276.17
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions & HRA	\$79,002.07
Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment	\$840.88
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$59.70
DAS State Accounting, Services	\$1,132.80
Dana F Cole & Company LLP, Budget Amendment	\$525.00
Dollar General, Supplies	\$19.60
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$995.00
Eakes, Supplies & Copies	\$5,890.09
First Advantage Infinite ID LLC, Fingerprint Services	\$1,200.00
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,054.17
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$39.90

Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage Reimbursement	\$205.80
Holdrege Soft Water Service, Salt	\$360.00
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Intoximeters Inc, Supplies	\$373.00
Ives, Michelle, Registration Fee Reimbursement	\$75.00
Kearney County Clerk, Bailiff Payment	\$12,723.70
Lieske Lieske & Ensz PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$1,550.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$293.90
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$800.00
Memorial Community Health, Inmate Visit	\$520.00
Menards, Supplies	\$221.60
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
Midland Area Agency, Meal Program and Dues	\$6,299.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,309.52
Mutual of Omaha, Insurance	\$1,102.52
NACO, Registration	\$50.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,775.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, Course Registration	\$1,430.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, Test & Training Fees	\$299.00
Nebraska.gov, Filing Fee	\$24.00
Peshek-Kiolbasa, Carmen, Mileage & Parking	\$141.00
Pitney Bowes, Lease	\$400.89
Point C Health, Employee Benefits	\$424.00
Quality Healthcare Clinic, Drug Screening	\$60.00
Quality Sound Communications, Water System Rental	\$147.00
Secretary of State, Reproduction & Certification	\$20.00
Sirchie Acquisition Company LLC, Supplies	\$44.61
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$2,348.70
Smith Lawn Care, Spraying	\$625.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$2,986.66
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,807.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$15.00
Sutton Lumber, Parts	\$8.99
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$62.65
Theobald Law Office, Attorney Fees	\$1,422.00
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$345.68
UNL Printing & Copy Services, Poster	\$96.32
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Supplies & Subscriptions	\$873.72
US Cellular, Phones	\$283.84
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage Reimbursement	\$69.16
Van Diest, Chemicals	\$1,238.85
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$517.05
Wangila, David, Mileage Reimbursement	\$296.17
Windstream, Service	\$728.15
Woods Aitken LLP, Services	\$73.00
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$357.50
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,500.00
ROAD FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$70,635.04
A Street Auto Parts Inc, Parts	\$51.99
Ace Irrigation and Mfg Co, Culvert	\$5,027.50
Aflac, Insurance	\$924.70
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$62.39
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$4.88
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$434.53
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$1,723.80
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$4,966.65
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$93.15

City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$72.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$130.23
Clay County News, Subscription	\$23.34
Colonial, Insurance	\$264.60
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$34,591.16
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$3,258.57
Del Ray, Parts	\$445.00
Deweese Sand & Gravel, Gravel	\$26,137.41
Dollar General, Supplies	\$146.90
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$640.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$124.17
Filter Care of Nebraska, Filters	\$292.90
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$7,943.46
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$22,881.33
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$396.01
Glenwood, Internet	\$232.25
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Inland Truck Parts & Service, Parts	\$419.03
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$109.12
John Deer Financial, Service	\$34.64
Landmark Implement Inc, Tractor	\$111,292.24
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$10.77
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Drug Testing	\$75.00
Medical Enterprises Inc, Drug Testing	\$144.00
Menards, Supplies	\$102.91
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$1,997.60
Miller Tire & Service Point S, Repairs	\$583.00
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equip Co Inc, Parts	\$1,802.29
Mutual of Omaha, Insurance	\$462.69
Nationwide, Retirement	\$250.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$3,181.48
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc, Fuel	\$314.29
Olsson Inc, Asphalt Overlay	\$3,894.75
Overland Sand and Gravel, Gravel	\$18,149.81
RAKA, Sweeper Rental	\$1,906.17
Rush Truck Centers of NE Inc, Parts	\$1,215.52
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$375.00
South Central Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$508.88
Southern Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$107.19
Straight Line Striping Inc, Paint Lines	\$34,189.35
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$1,019.57
Sutton Lumber, Parts	\$479.96
Trailer Sales & Service of KS Inc, Dump Trailer	\$17,700.00
Truck Center Companies West, Parts	\$685.79
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$310.43
Van Kirk Sand & Gravel Inc, Crushed Concrete	\$14,172.16
Vestis, Uniforms	\$645.99
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$200.22
Windstream, Internet	\$416.16
Winzer, Parts	\$293.49
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00

#### VISITOR PROMOTION

Edgar Community Club, Grant for EdgarFest	\$400.00
Maynard, Pam, Postage Reimbursement	\$78.00

#### VISITOR IMPROVEMENT

Edgar Lions Club, Grant for Welcome to Edgar Sign	\$1,400.00
ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND	
MIPS Inc, Program costs	\$538.81
HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$9,722.67
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$46.99
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$721.96
Clay County News, Advertising	\$54.25
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$4,122.52
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
First Concord, Insurance	\$475.00
Marshall, Sara, Mileage Reimbursement & License Renewal	\$743.90
Mertens, Sara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$168.00
Ramirez, Maria Del Carmen, Interpreter	\$30.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$236.61
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$106.30
US Bank, Supplies	\$170.72
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$51.15
911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$98.56
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
South Central Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$106.31
E911 HOLDING FUND	
Applied Connective Technologies, New Computer-Dispatch	\$5,766.00
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,669.80

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker 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 and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to adjourn this meeting at 11:20 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for September 16, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman