

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on September 16, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on September 10, 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 August 26, 2025 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 26, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None; Abstain: Shaw. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads and the mechanic’s report for August.

An Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury natural gas pipeline from the SW ¼ of 1-8-5 crossing County Road 324 to the NW ¼ of 12-8-5. 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.

Darwin Dimmitt was present to provide an update on what the business owners in the NAD area have worked on with regard to making the roadway passable for county maintenance.

Tim Hajny was present to discuss a waterway on his property that is causing erosion that could encroach on a bridge footing in the future. Information was provided to Mr. Hajny that the waterway is controlled by the Corps of Engineers and it was advised that Mr. Hajny try to make contact with that department for discussion of the concerns and possible permissions to intercept the waterway washouts in the future.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, presented his monthly report.

The August 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 August 2025: County Clerk \$10,961.50; County Court \$6,630.29; Clerk of District Court \$45,524.21; Sheriff \$5,922.10; County Health Department \$5,632.84 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 25080001 and 25080047 in the amount of \$518,214.21. 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 Emergency Manager. Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to approve the following items for surplus from either the Emergency Management or 911 Communications Center inventories:

4 Cardiac Science AEDs and pads	1 Lifepak CR Plus
Items attached to emergency management pickups that were attached to said pickups and sold with said pickups upon their surplus (list available in the Clerk’s office)	2-Tri-Jet Cold Foggers
EM Computer	Deputy EM Computer
Plantcom Phone System / Mapping Equipment	Airbus Vesta 911 psap Console
STREETTREK 3.1 mapping software	5 Lenova Computers

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

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Bitterman to open the public hearing for the updated Comprehensive Plan of Clay County, Nebraska at 10:00 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Barb Barnett, Clay County Planning & Zoning Administrator was joined by John Shephard with Marvin Planning to discuss key notes regarding the updated Comprehensive Plan. The proposed and recommended updated Comprehensive Plan has gone through several meetings and been open for public review and comment.

There being no additional public attendance or comment regarding this public hearing, motion was made by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to close the public hearing at 10:09 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to pass Resolution #25-11 as the Resolution of Adoption of the new Clay County, Nebraska Comprehensive Plan 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, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Ryan Poots, Sr District Manager for EagleView presented a flyover property assessment option for Clay County. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Becker to approve services provided by EagleView as presented for a term of 6 years, flyover every 3 years, at the cost of \$49,833.33 per year. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Mohnike, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Shaw to approve the following inventories: Health, Emergency Management, 911 Communications Center and Extension and placed on file in the County Clerk's office. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. Chief Deputy Baxter will get clarification on the inventories of the Sheriff and Jail and have them for the next meeting.

The Board and County Clerk discussed the proposed 2025-2026 Budget for Clay County. The Clerk will proceed with publication of the proposed budget.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to adjourn this meeting at 11:34 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for September 23, 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