

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on September 23, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on September 17, 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.

The Budget Summary hearing was held prior to the regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to open the public hearing for the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 at 9:00 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The public hearing on the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 was held. The notice was published in the Clay County News. Those present during the public hearing: Colby Jensen and Brenda Hansen. No written or oral comments or objections were received from the public. Copies of the proposed budget were given to the board members as well as three copies were available for viewing by the public.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to close the public hearing on the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 at 9:02 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 Becker and seconded by Bitterman to open the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax request for fiscal year 2025-2026 at 9:03 A.M. (immediately following the proposed budget hearing). Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

No written or oral comments or objections were received from the public.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to close the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax request for fiscal year 2025-2026 at 9:04 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors meeting began at 9:04 A.M.

Minutes of the meeting held September 16, 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 September 16, 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.

Cheryl Malone and Holli Alley provided the Board with information regarding the County Government Day activities and asked for the Board's participation and support. County Government Day will be hosted on Monday, October 27th with student participation from all three schools: Harvard Public School, Sutton Public School and Sandy Creek Public School. The Board agrees to cover up to \$1,000 in expenses for County Government Day. Expense receipts are to be turned in at the County Clerk's office for reimbursement.

Colby Jensen attended the meeting to discuss 911 radio communications. Due to Mr. Jensen’s lack of professionalism and decorum in his presentation to the Board, he was asked to leave the meeting.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, presented her monthly report.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer, presented a claim for School Creek Township from the Clay County News in the amount of \$77.50 for publication of the budget hearing. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike 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; Abstain: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to approve the following inventory: Sheriff/Jail 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.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Bitterman to approve Cost Allocation Plan as provided by WJE Consulting and authorize the Chairman to sign the Certification Statement. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the Clay County Health Department Professional Liability Insurance Statement and authorize the Chairman and the Clerk to sign the same. 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 approve Agreement with First Concord for the Clay County FSA Plan for the plan year. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to approve proposal from Eakes for the copier lease agreements. 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 Bitterman to adopt Resolution #25-12 to dissolve Marshall Township, effective September 23, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk’s Office)

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to adopt Resolution #25-13 to accept the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Copy of Resolution on file in the Clerk’s office)

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #25-14 to set the final 2025-2025 proposed tax request at \$6,575,000.37. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Mohnike, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Copy of Resolution on file in the Clerk’s office)

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$140,668.63
Adams County District Court, Mental Health Board	\$625.00
Adams County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$6.50
Aflac, Insurance	\$205.20
A & L Plumbing and Heating, Replace Water Fountain	\$2,624.77
Alley, Holli, Mileage Reimbursement	\$382.20
Applied Connective Technologies, IT, Surveillance & Computers	\$7,675.04

AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$1,007.10
Barnett, Barb, Mileage Reimbursement	\$37.94
Baumert, Dan, Mileage Reimbursement	\$20.30
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$64.12
Big G Ace, Grounds Supplies	\$40.50
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$280.01
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$82,521.36
Business World Products, Supplies	\$120.99
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$87.80
Carey's Pest Control, Spraying	\$121.00
Carrot-Top Industries Inc, US Flags	\$303.43
CASA of South Central NE, 4th Qtr Services	\$3,345.13
Cash-WA Distributing, Food Supplies	\$1,085.94
Chase, Paige, Witness Fees	\$54.30
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$435.93
Clay County Court, Filing Fees	\$242.00
Clay County News, Advertising	\$1,693.03
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road & Bridge	\$161,594.55
Clearly, Phone System	\$429.59
Colonial, Insurance	\$130.42
CPI, Fuel	\$3,014.42
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,081.37
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions, HRA, Checks	\$76,043.21
Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment	\$388.26
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$67.95
DAS State Accounting, Services	\$1,132.80
Dollar General, Supplies	\$78.20
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$1,175.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$957.53
Election Systems Software, Edgar Special Election	\$1,139.94
Ellis, Mary Lynne, Mileage Reimbursement	\$61.60
Fairfield Inn & Suites, Lodging	\$809.70
Felber, Cara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$336.00
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,054.17
First Wireless Inc, Monitors & Speakers	\$4,056.60
Galls, Uniforms	\$212.99
Gilbert, Robin, Mileage Reimbursement	\$39.62
Goding Law LLC, Attorney Fees	\$678.50
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage Reimbursement	\$100.80
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Ives, Michelle, Mileage Reimbursement	\$95.20
Johnson, Keith, Mileage Reimbursement	\$20.30
Lieske Lieske & Ensz PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$10.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$311.76
MDM Pest & Termite Control, Treatment	\$110.00
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$812.50
Memorial Community Health, Inmate Visit	\$485.00
Menards, Supplies	\$198.30
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
Mid Nebraska Individual Services Inc, 2nd Qtr Billing	\$1,526.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,309.52
Murray Law PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$1,354.00
Mutual of Omaha, Insurance	\$1,119.58
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,775.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Testing	\$105.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, NWCA Training Lodging	\$250.00
Nunnenkamp, Brett, Mileage Reimbursement	\$32.20
Physicians Laboratory, Autopsy Service	\$3,515.00
PIP Marketing, Ballot Envelopes	\$4,871.98

Point C Health, Employee Benefits	\$424.00
Professional Choice Recovery, Garnishment	\$302.64
Quality Healthcare Clinic, Drug Screening	\$20.00
Sayler Screenprinting, Uniforms	\$264.00
Secretary of State, Reproduction & Certification	\$20.00
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$1,906.70
Smith Lawn Care, Sprinkler Repair	\$702.50
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$2,943.81
Southern Title LLC, Title Search	\$625.00
Stoner, Nicole, Mileage Reimbursement	\$112.70
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sunset Law Enforcement LLC, Ammunition	\$1,902.95
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$282.60
Sutton Electric, Generator Repair	\$198.00
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$103.83
Theobald Law Office, Attorney Fees	\$2,255.55
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$345.68
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Supplies & Subscriptions	\$627.88
US Cellular, Phones	\$251.92
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$568.51
Waegli, Lyn, Mileage Reimbursement	\$11.20
Wangila, David, Mileage Reimbursement	\$213.22
Wharton, Heather, Mileage Reimbursement	\$16.80
Windstream, Service	\$741.90
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$387.50
York County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$19.00
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,634.40

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$68,408.30
A Street Auto Parts Inc, Parts	\$25.74
Aflac, Insurance	\$924.70
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$114.35
Big G Ace, Supplies	\$26.52
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$409.88
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$1,723.80
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$3,638.39
Carey's Pest Control, Spraying	\$72.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$93.60
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$72.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$133.78
Clay County Treasurer, Trailer Registration	\$10.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$264.60
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$33,430.24
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$10,675.65
Dollar General, Supplies	\$12.45
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$640.00
Dowhy Towing & Recovery, Container	\$4,600.00
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Fleetpride, Supplies	\$11.38
Floyd's Truck Center, Repair	\$216.13
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$2,137.60
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$21,742.84
Glenwood, Internet	\$209.70
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$109.12
John Deer Financial, Service	\$1,101.03
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$10.77

Menards, Supplies	\$399.39
Mid-America Truck Sales LLC, 2009 Kenworth	\$43,500.00
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$45,836.35
Midwest Service & Sales, Parts	\$28,787.20
Miller Tire & Service Point S, Repairs	\$1,694.00
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Mutual of Omaha, Insurance	\$462.69
Nationwide, Retirement	\$250.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$2,161.37
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc, Fuel	\$421.02
Olsson Inc, Asphalt Overlay	\$4,718.75
Overland Sand and Gravel, Gravel	\$9,171.52
Platte Valley Communications, Parts	\$147.45
Rush Truck Centers of NE Inc, Parts	\$400.36
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$487.46
Southern Public Power District, Utilities	\$124.72
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$2,700.17
Sutton Lumber, Parts	\$11.94
Trausch Dynamics Inc, Parts	\$329.39
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$310.43
US Bank, Supplies	\$75.21
Vestis, Uniforms	\$484.90
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$200.22
Werner Construction, Asphalt Overlay	\$226,610.75
Windstream, Internet	\$287.93
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00

ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

MIPS Inc, Program costs	\$538.81
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INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Security Equipment Inc, Fire Alarm Replacement	\$8,890.50
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HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$9,122.90
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$49.76
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$721.96
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$39.07
Clay County News, Advertising	\$54.25
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$3,794.41
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$36.76
First Concord, Insurance	\$475.00
Marshall, Sara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$464.10
Mertens, Sara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$189.00
Rongo, Maria, Mileage Reimbursement	\$31.50
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$210.96
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$106.30
US Bank, Supplies	\$246.93
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$51.15

911 FUND

Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$102.81
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$104.02

E911 HOLDING FUND

Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,666.62
GovWorx Inc, Subscription	\$8,800.00

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson 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 Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 11:01 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for September 30, 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