

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on January 20, 2026 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on January 14, 2026 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the 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, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: James Pavelka.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held January 13, 2026 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 13, 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

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

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff provided his monthly report.

Barb Barnett, Planning & Zoning Administrator provided her 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and annual report for 2025.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager provided her monthly report. Haley asked the Board if they would consider creating a radio committee to be able to work on an emergency radio solution for Clay County. The Board is open to this and will consider it while making committee appointments.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, provided her monthly report along with a listing of County Court activity for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2025.

Sara Mertens, Health Department Director provided her 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report. Sara brought attention to the Board that Midland Area Agency on Aging is no longer staffing their office space in the County Health Department. Sara has been hearing concerns of the public regarding reduced services in Clay County. The County Clerk will contact Midland AAA and see if they can attend a future board meeting to discuss.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer presented claims for Marshall Township as follows: Cindy Johnson \$225.00 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Preparation; and Clay County \$3,000.00 for 2024 Road Maintenance. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to approve the claims as presented and authorize the Treasurer to pay from the appropriate funds. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to recess as the Board of Supervisors at 10:13 a.m. and enter session as the Weed Control Board. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Copies of the Weed Control Board Roster Report, Activity Report, Weed Infestations Report, Budget Report and the Weed Control Plan for 2026 were provided to the board prior to the meeting for their review. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Bitterman to authorize the chairman to sign the Weed Control Board Roster Report, Activity Report, Weed Infestations Report, Budget Report and the Weed Control Plan for 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn at 10:17 a.m. as the Weed Control Board and resume session as the Board of Supervisors. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Becker to approve the 25-26 fiscal year budget match request from Region 3 in the amount of \$15,991.45. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Samuelson to make the following governing board and committee appointments for 2026 (01/20/2026 through 12/31/2026):

**Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Inc.:** Eric Samuelson to serve with Scott Bitterman as alternate

**Midland Area Agency on Aging:** Scott Bitterman to serve with Eric Samuelson as alternate

**Region 3 Behavioral Services:** Jesse Mohnike to serve with Glen Becker as alternate; **South Heartland Health District:** Dick Shaw to serve with Scott Bitterman as alternate;

**Clay County Local Emergency Planning committee (LEPC):** Glen Becker and Jesse Mohnike

**Clay County Veteran's Service committee:** L. Wayne Johnson

**Clay County 9-1-1 committee:** Glen Becker and Jesse Mohnike

**Clay County Road Department committee:** Dick Shaw, Jesse Mohnike, Jim Pavelka

**Clay County EM / Communications Center committee:** L. Wayne Johnson, Scott Bitterman, Eric Samuelson

**Clay County Employee Handbook committee:** Board Chair, Glen Becker, Jesse Mohnike

**Clay County HR / Finance committee:** L. Wayne Johnson, Glen Becker, Jesse Mohnike

**Clay County Grievance board:** Glen Becker, Eric Samuelson, Assessor, Attorney, Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, Treasurer, Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, and three employees will be designated as the initial list for the Grievance Board.

L. Wayne Johnson will serve as a backup alternate to all governing boards and committees if necessary. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 11:25 a.m.; next regular meeting scheduled for January 27, 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman