

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on January 27, 2026 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on January 21, 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, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held January 20, 2026 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 20, 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

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

An Easement Request from Black Hills was presented to bury a natural gas pipeline crossing Road Q about 1250' North of Road 309. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to approve the easement request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tom provided road maps to the Board and presented the Preliminary 1 & 6 Year Road Report.

Casey Mazic, with Midland Area Agency on Aging was present to provide the Board with some updates on senior services. Sara Mertens, Clay County Health Department Director, was also present for discussion and understanding of services to Clay County seniors.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented a request for the RC&D sponsorship. Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to approve the sponsorship for 2026 in the amount of \$400.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mark Johnson, Building & Grounds Superintendent, provided his monthly report.

Mike Irons, Clay County Veterans Service Officer, provided a report on services provided across Clay County. Mike asked the Board for suggestions on how to get the word out about Veterans services, especially to the younger Veterans. Johnson suggested utilizing social media.

Brad Slaughter, Wealth Advisor with MasonMiskoSlaughter presented an investment proposal for Clay County deposits. Robin Gilbert, Clay County Treasurer was also present for the discussion. Robin presented the board with an application from MasonMiskoSlaughter to be a bank depositor / holding agency for Clay County in 2026. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve MasonMiskoSlaughter as a depositor / holding agency for 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mike Bonifas with Mase Enterprises was present to discuss the County fiber loop in Clay Center. The Board requested that Mr. Bonifas get the loop registered with 811 and be the official locator of the line as needed.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager was present for discussion with the Board regarding the Emergency Management and Dispatch Director role.

An Amended Interlocal Agreement with South Central Economic Development District was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. The amendment is for purposes of amended by-laws and cooperation agreement. Motion by Becker and seconded by Mohnike to approve the Amended Interlocal Agreement as presented and authorize the Chairman 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.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$156,675.88
A & L Plumbing & Heating, Replace Dishwasher	\$271.47
Adams County Justice Center, Inmate Holds	\$110.00
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,129.90
Applied Connective Technologies, IT, Surveillance	\$7,722.28
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$1,023.68
Benchmark, Government Solutions LLC, Meals for Training	\$377.45
Beyke Signs, Lettering on Vehicle	\$280.00
Big G Ace, Supplies	\$39.24
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,999.59
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$73,426.69
Bob Barker Company Inc, Supplies	\$457.55
Brandy VanDewalle, Mileage Reimbursement	\$35.82
Buffalo County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$64.05
Business World, Supplies	\$608.49
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$62.55
CenTec Cast Metal Products Inc, Veteran Markers Freight	\$45.91
Cerris Systems, Courtroom Unit	\$3,710.45
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$390.55
Clay County News, Advertising	\$700.50
Clay County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$174.07
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund	\$12,296.17
Clearfly, Phone System	\$431.19
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$246.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$395.02
Comfort Inn, Lodging for Conference	\$2,748.90
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions/HRA/HAS	\$114,736.25
CPI, Fuel	\$2,858.98
Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment	\$570.33
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$130.65
DAS State Accounting, Services	\$1,132.80
Eakes, Supplies	\$823.93
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,671.67
First Wireless Inc, Microphone & Earpieces	\$623.01
Friesen Ford, Battery & Seat Belt Assembly	\$438.48
Glenwood, Internet Service	\$263.89
Goding Law LLC, Attorney Fees	\$529.00
Great Plains Reporting, Transcription	\$41.50
Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, Body Armor	\$200.00
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,563.56
Integrated Security Solutions, Contract & Fees	\$3,072.00
Lieske Lieske & Ensz PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$87.50
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$346.72
MDM Pest & Termite Control, Pest Treatment	\$110.00
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$800.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
MIPS, Service	\$3,770.16
Murray Law PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$1,438.00
Mutual of Omaha, Insurance	\$1,376.18
Nationwide, Retirement	\$2,075.00
NACO Planning & Zoning, Membership Dues	\$40.00
Nebraska Association of County Assessors, Membership Dues	\$100.00
Nebraska District Court Clerks Association, Membership Dues	\$50.00
NESCA, Membership Dues	\$15.00
NWCA Region 4, Membership Dues	\$15.00

Nebraska.gov, Certified Copies	\$16.00
Physicians Laboratory Services Inc, Autopsy Services	\$55.00
Platte Valley Communications, Service	\$130.00
Point C Health, Insurance	\$400.00
Police Officers Association of Nebraska, Member Dues	\$30.00
Professional Choice Recovery, Garnishment	\$226.81
Propio LS LLC, Interpretation Services	\$11.85
Region 3 BHS, Program Services	\$3,997.86
Samantha Samuelson, Court Transcript	\$1,083.85
Secretary of State, Reproduction & Certification	\$40.00
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law, Attorney Fees	\$3,220.60
Sorsen's Corner Market, Supplies	\$989.05
South Central Economic Development District, Membership Dues	\$5,000.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$1,582.47
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sutton Auto Supply Inc, Parts	\$30.80
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$16.47
Theobald Law Office, Attorney Fees	\$825.90
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$1,477.50
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Supplies/Subscriptions	\$1,331.99
US Cellular, Phones	\$108.78
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$832.10
Windstream, Service	\$555.25
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$357.50
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,780.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$58,275.02
A Street Auto Parts Inc, Parts	\$29.01
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$93.23
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Glass Repair	\$1,280.00
Beck's Farm Equipment Inc, Parts	\$562.58
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,929.49
Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies	\$43.95
Brown's Thrift Store, Supplies	\$459.73
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$114.99
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$92.69
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$79.75
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$122.63
Clay County News, Notice	\$23.34
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$11,087.89
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$1,805.85
Dollar General, Supplies	\$35.15
Eakes, Supplies	\$33.44
Fastenal Company, Parts	\$13.80
Floyd's Truck Center, Parts	\$105.57
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$1,494.44
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$28,684.01
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$182.65
Glenwood, Internet	\$629.10
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$170.94
John Deer Financial, Service	\$35.13
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc, Supplies	\$57.90
LCL Truck Equipment, Repairs	\$5,325.48
Leroy Johnson dba Diamond Lime, Lime Rock	\$6,314.39
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Drug Screens	\$50.00
Medical Enterprises Inc, Drug Testing	\$144.00

Menards, Supplies	\$592.74
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$24,848.10
Miller Tire & Service Point S, Service	\$505.00
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Moore Electric, Heater	\$742.00
Murphy Tractor & Equipment, Parts	\$341.95
NAPA Auto Parts, Parts	\$47.95
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$3,392.67
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc, Supplies	\$48.75
Platte Valley Communications, Service	\$1,128.20
Sahling Kenworth-York, Parts	\$505.88
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$623.47
Southern Public Power District, Utilities	\$120.06
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$1,504.07
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$105.71
Thermo King Christensen, Parts	\$459.93
Trausch Dynamics Inc, Parts	\$210.37
Vestis Uniforms & Workplace Inc, Uniforms	\$1,089.02
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Werner Construction, Asphalt Overlay Project	\$228,559.23
Windstream, Internet	\$294.77
Winzer, Parts	\$633.12
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00
ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND	
MIPS Inc, Program costs	\$538.81
HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$9,786.45
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$211.48
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$42.52
Clay County News, Advertising	\$54.25
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$1,726.04
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$148.73
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$104.81
US Bank, Supplies	\$489.24
911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$190.47
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$75.56
E911 HOLDING FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,695.16

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to approve the claims that were presented and authorize the County Clerk to pay from the appropriate funds. Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 12:05 p.m.; next regular meeting scheduled for February 10, 2026. 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