

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on January 14, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on January 8, 2025 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 December 31, 2024 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 December 31, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if there was any other old business; there was none.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka there being no further old business, to adjourn the business meeting for the year 2024, Sine Die. 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 appoint Cassie Aksamit to act as Temporary Chairman. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The first order of business was the election of the Chairman for 2025. Pavelka nominated Johnson and Becker seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, Bitterman made a motion and Samuelson seconded to elect L. Wayne Johnson as Chairman for 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The next order of business was the election of the Vice-Chairman for 2025. Shaw nominated James Pavelka and Johnson seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, Johnson made a motion and Becker seconded to elect James Pavelka as the Vice-Chairman for 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The County Clerk, as acting temporary Chairman, announced that L. Wayne Johnson has been elected as Chairman of the Clay County Board of Supervisors and turned the meeting over to the Chairman.

Roll call was taken by Johnson to commence business for the 2025 year showing the following present: Scott Bitterman, Eric Samuelson, Glen Becker, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Samuelson to appoint Cassie Aksamit as the NIRMA contact person for Clay County with L. Wayne Johnson as alternate for 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Greg Shuck said he would be the representative on the RC&D board. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to appoint Greg Shuck to serve on the Trailblazer RC & D board with Eric Samuelson as alternate for 2025. 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 Pavelka to appoint Barb Barnett to represent Clay County on the South Central Economic Development District board with Glen Becker as alternate for the year 2025. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Becker to designate the Clay County News as the County's official newspaper for 2025. 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 Mohnike to designate the Clay County website as an additional method of publishing notice of meetings of the Board of Supervisors/Board of Equalization for the year 2025; other departments may use this method at their discretion. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Designation of the broadcast media for Clay County was discussed. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to designate KHAS radio station and KSNBC Nebraska TV station as licensed broadcast media for 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Treasurer submitted a list of banks that are available to hold the deposits and CD's for Clay County. Motion by Becker and seconded by Mohnike that the following banks be named as holding agencies for county funds for the year 2025: Cornerstone Bank branches in Clay Center, Edgar, Harvard, Glenvil, Sutton and York; Waypoint Bank in Clay Center; Astra Bank in Sutton; Pinnacle Bank in Fairfield; NPAIT (Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust affiliated with NACO); Henderson State Bank in Henderson; and NFIT – Union Bank and Trust. 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 Becker to appoint Haley Malone as the Clay County Emergency Manager for the year 2025 (January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025). 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 Samuelson to appoint Thomas D. Roemmich, II as the Clay County Highway Superintendent for the year 2025 (January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025). 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 Becker to appoint Barb Barnett as the Clay County Zoning Administrator for the year 2025 (January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025). 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 appoint Greg Shuck as the Clay County Weed Superintendent for the year 2025 (January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025). 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 Bitterman to appoint Sara Mertens as the Clay County Health Department Director for the year 2025 (January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025). 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.

The Board of Supervisors and all in attendance had a moment of silence in recognition of the loss of County Employee Harry Kliwer.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads and requested permission to advertise for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan, the asphalt overlay project and gravel bids for 2025.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to advertise the public hearing for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan to be held on February 11, 2025 at 9:15 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 advertise for gravel bids to supply gravel for the county roads for the year 2025; bids to be opened on February 18, 2025 at 9:15 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 Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to advertise for asphalt overlay project; bids to be opened on February 11, 2025 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.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer presented her semi-annual report.

Roger and Kaycee with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services Department were present to provide information on the conservation program to the Board.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff was present. The Board discussed conditions of the jail facility with the Sheriff.

The Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of December 2024: County Clerk \$21,482.25; County Court \$4,498.03; Clerk of District Court \$17,074.74; Sheriff's fees \$2,584.14; County Health Department \$1,875.00 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 24120001 through 24120049 in the amount of \$10,553,591.11. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

A recommendation for appointment to the Clay County Health Department Board was received and reviewed. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to appoint Mary Shipley to the Clay County Health Department Board to fill the vacancy upon the end of term of Laurie Kohmetscher in January 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, requested the Board review a claim of the Health Department to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for licensure renewal in the amount of \$650.00. The Department mistakenly missed the submission of the claim in December 2024 and would like to have an early claim processed in January 2025 in order to avoid lapse of coverage, which would cause the department to have to put services on hold until the coverage would reinstate. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to approve the claim as presented and authorize the 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.

The Board will review the various governing boards that they are currently serving at a future meeting.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 12:03 P.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for January 21, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on January 21, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on January 15, 2025 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.

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All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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There was no public input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads. Tom requested that the Board review the county equipment rates and maintenance agreements. Tom advised the Board that the last time rates were reviewed / increased was in 2011 and presented the board with updated numbers that he has come up with to keep the County in a comparable range to other providers. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adjust the road equipment rates as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried (*copy of said rates can be found in the County Clerk's office and County Road's department*).

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to open the bids received for On-Call Engineering for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bids received:

<b>Oak Creek Engineering</b>	
<u>Personnel Group</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Professional Engineer	\$145/hour
Bridge Inspection Team Leader	\$120/hour
Registered Land Surveyor	\$120/hour
Project Manager	\$115/hour
Survey Technician	\$90/hour
Bridge Inspection Tech	\$90/hour
CAD Drafter	\$70/hour
Observation Resident	\$75/hour
Lab Testing	Direct Expense
Mileage	Prevailing IRS rate
Reproduction	At cost
<b>Olsson, Inc.</b>	
<u>Description</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Principal	\$230/hour
Project Manager	\$180/hour
Project Professional	\$140/hour
Assistant Professional	\$125/hour
Designer	\$110/hour
CAD Operator	\$85/hour
Administrative/Clerical	\$80/hour
Surveyor	\$125/hour
Construction Services	\$90/hour

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to accept all bids received for On-Call Engineering for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 and authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer, presented the Board with a Resolution for a Pledge Release. Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to adopt Resolution #25-01 for Pledge Release on CUSIP #3133EMER9, CUSIP #3133EMBH4 and CUSIP #3133ENCZ1 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to open the public hearing on the Conservation Easement Application of Wetlands America Trust at 10:00 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the recommendation of the Clay County Joint Planning & Zoning Commission. Said recommendation was provided after a public hearing held on January 7, 2025, in which several residents of Clay County had attended. The Chairman started the hearing by discussing the reason for the hearing and invited comment from those present. Comments to the Board were provided by Todd McWha, representation for Wetlands America, and Mike George, who is the director of the conservation programs with Ducks Unlimited. Several county residents / taxpayers were present for the hearing. Amongst those present, comments or concerns were shared by Kyle Kinyoun, Ivan Fintel and Josh Anderson.

There being no further comments from the public, motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to close the public hearing at 10:28 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board will discuss and act on said easement application at next week's meeting.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, presented her monthly report.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, presented his monthly report.

Barb Barnett, County Planning & Zoning Administrator, presented the 2024 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter / Year-End Report.

Michele Bever, Executive Director of South Heartland District Health Department presented their annual report.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to recess the meeting and enter into executive session at 11:26 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Shaw to exit executive session and resume the normal meeting at 12:41 P.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board will review the various governing boards that they are currently serving at a future meeting.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Mohnike to adjourn this meeting at 12:44 P.M; next regular meeting scheduled for January 28, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

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There was no public input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads and discussed arrangements with Big Iron for surplus items.

Tom presented an Easement Request from Tallgrass Energy. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tom presented his Preliminary 1 & 6 Year Road Plan.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to open the bids received for the County Farm Lease identified as "Marshall Farm Lease" at 9:30 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bids received: **Grant Ray** at \$270,000 3-years / \$90,000 per year; **1949 Farms LLC** at \$282,000 3-years / \$94,000 per year; and **Quad H Ag, Inc / Lorraine & Bradley Hofmann** at \$285,510 3-years / \$95,170 per year. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to accept the highest bid which was received by Quad H. The County Clerk will provide the County Attorney with a draft Farm Lease for review and to provide to the Tenant. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, presented her monthly report.

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

Sara Mertens, Health Department Director, presented the Director's Report for the 2024 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter / Year-End.

The vacancy of the Marshall Township Board was brought to the Board's attention.

The Board discussed the various governing boards and committees that they are currently serving on.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to have the governing board and committee appointments be: Eric Samuelson to serve on the Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Inc. board with Scott Bitterman as alternate; Scott Bitterman to serve on the Midland Area Agency on Aging board with Eric Samuelson as alternate; Jesse Mohnike to serve on the Region 3 Behavioral Services board with Jim Pavelka as alternate; Dick Shaw to serve on the South Heartland Health District board with Scott Bitterman as alternate;

Glen Becker to serve as alternate on the Clay County Health Board (Dick Shaw is currently the representative serving a 3 year term); Glen Becker and Jesse Mohnike to serve on the LEPC committee; and Jesse Mohnike and Glen Becker to serve on the Clay County 9-1-1 committee; L. Wayne Johnson to serve on the Veteran's Service committee; Board Chair (L. Wayne Johnson), Jesse Mohnike, James Pavelka and Glen Becker to serve on the Handbook committee; L. Wayne Johnson, Jesse Mohnike and Glen Becker to serve on the HR committee; 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.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk notified the Board that she has tentatively scheduled the Wellness Clinic for County employees for March 26th. Wellness Partners has agreed to provide the services to the County at the same rates as last year (county to cover the cost of \$150.00 per employee and allow spouses to participate at their own expense of \$150.00). Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to host the Wellness Clinic with Wellness Partners for all County employees at the County's expense of \$150.00 per employee and allowing spouses to participate at their own expense of \$150.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$139,771.73
A Street Auto Parts SW, Parts	\$8.99
Adams County Sheriff, Service Fee	\$6.50
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Aksamit, Cassie, Mileage	\$115.64
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$7,294.27
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$1,031.76
Barnett, Barb, Mileage	\$11.91
Becker, Glen, Mileage	\$176.88
Becks Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$177.89
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC, Meals	\$72.65
Bitterman, Joni, Mileage	\$107.87
Bitterman, Scott, Mileage	\$115.24
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$2,108.66
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,863.68
Boeka, Donna, Prior Service	\$144.00
Business World Products, Supplies	\$39.99
Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease	\$95.92
Cash-Wa Distributing, Supplies	\$733.11
Cerris Systems, Boiler Maintenance	\$6,453.92
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$322.89
Clay County News, Advertising	\$877.63
Clearly, Phone System	\$429.87
Clerk of District Court, Filing Fees	\$76.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$563.80
Comfort Inn, Lodging	\$374.85
Corner Market, Supplies	\$982.33
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions & HRA	\$70,588.19
Cox, Jack, Prior Service	\$72.00
CPI, Fuel	\$2,532.81
Crowne Plaza, Lodging	\$139.95
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$59.70
Cummins Sales and Service, Parts	\$761.02
Custer County Sheriff's Office, Inmate Boarding	\$50.00
DAS, Services	\$1,132.80
Diode Technologies, Service	\$97.50

Dollar General, Supplies	\$158.20
Domier, Diana, Tow Bill	\$250.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$3,815.31
Fairfield Inn, Lodging	\$249.90
Fintel, Ivan, Mileage	\$120.60
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,756.66
Flesner, Christine, Prior Service	\$144.00
Friesen Ford, Parts	\$1,022.40
General Collection Company, Garnishment	\$311.15
Gilbert, Robin, Mileage	\$99.29
Goding Law LLC, Attorney Fees	\$1,046.50
Great Plains Reporting Co., Depositions	\$410.20
Griess, Lawrence, Prior Service	\$120.00
Griess, Ted, Prior Service	\$60.00
Hajny, Janet, Prior Service	\$300.00
Hamilton County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$25.70
Hamilton County Treasurer VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage	\$98.49
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Johnson, L. Wayne, Mileage	\$96.21
Kansas Highway Patrol, Car	\$35,175.00
LAPG, Clothing	\$508.99
La Quinta Inn Suites, Lodging	\$1,749.30
Lieske Lieske & Ensz, PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$579.00
LTA Towing LLC, Tow	\$125.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$391.02
Medica, Health Ins.	\$89,503.09
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$825.00
Menards, Supplies	\$423.21
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., Rental	\$49.00
Mid-American Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$544.75
Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Disabled Services	\$1,526.00
MOCIC, Membership	\$100.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$4,048.14
NACO, Annual Conference	\$2,270.00
NACO Planning & Zoning, Dues	\$40.00
Nebraska Association of County Assessors, Dues	\$100.00
Nebraska Association of County Treasurers, Dues	\$75.00
Nebraska District Court Clerks Association, Dues	\$50.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
Pavelka, James, Mileage	\$87.50
Quality Healthcare Clinic LLC, Testing	\$20.00
Redfield Direct LLC, Supplies	\$1,540.19
Region 3 BHS, Program Support	\$4,027.89
Samuelson, Eric, Mileage	\$73.70
Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept, Juvenile Detention	\$3,995.00
Schmidt, Tonya, Prior Service	\$48.00
Secretary of State Election Division, Cards	\$10.00
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$1,035.00
South Central Economic Development District, Dues	\$5,000.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$1,707.12
Stratman, Janice, Prior Service	\$60.00
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sutton Electric Inc., Light Repair	\$168.62
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$187.58
TK Elevator Corporation, Service	\$390.54
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters, Deposition	\$455.17
Trailblazer RCD, Sponsorship	\$400.00
Transfer Treasurer, Road Fund	\$68,905.34
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00

US Bank, Supplies & Software	\$340.52
US Cellular, Phones	\$130.00
USDA-APHIS, Compensation and Support	\$1,822.65
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$568.06
Windstream, Service	\$676.42
Woods Aitken LLP, Attorney Fees	\$6,187.52
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$352.50
York County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$6.00
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,500.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$62,527.24
A Street Auto Parts SW, Parts	\$146.43
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,571.67
Ault, Marty, Supplies	\$64.99
Aurora Coop, Fuel	\$28.43
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$2,564.59
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$2,138.43
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$222.88
C & M Supply Inc., Fuel	\$2,416.69
Certified Power Inc., Parts	\$2,727.05
Cimco Inc., Supplies	\$8.96
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$108.13
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$168.73
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.19
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$30,485.60
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Service	\$55.79
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$6,114.49
Diamond Mowers Inc. Parts	\$417.41
DPL Enterprises Inc, Material	\$3,910.10
Eakes, Supplies	\$213.70
Filter Care of Nebraska, Cleaning	\$274.50
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Fleetpride, Parts	\$57.90
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$799.29
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$14,177.20
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$204.43
Gewecke, Patsy, Prior Service	\$96.00
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Inland Truck Parts & Service, Parts	\$1,975.35
Island Supply Welding., Supplies	\$221.12
John Deer Financial, Service	\$923.05
Kimball Midwest, Parts	\$167.25
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc., Material	\$284.54
LCL Truck Equipment, Parts	\$887.95
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$23.76
Matt Friend Truck Equipment, Supplies	\$712.40
Medica, Insurance	\$1,600.00
Medical Enterprises Inc., Drug Test	\$105.00
Menards, Supplies	\$384.14
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc., Gravel	\$6,231.06
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Nationwide, Retirement	\$250.00
Napa Auto Parts, Parts	\$251.32
Nebraska Truck Center, Parts	\$350.96
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$739.22
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc., Fuel	\$131.02
Oak Creek Engineering, Project 30-C-4	\$4,325.79

Olsson, Service	\$2,125.50
Rush Truck Centers of NE, Inc, Parts	\$542.27
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$587.29
Southern Power Dist., Utilities	\$126.22
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$692.20
Truck Center Companies, Parts	\$1,361.69
Van Kirk Bros Contracting, Project 30-C-4	\$63,775.87
Vestis, Uniforms	\$915.43
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$203.13
Windstream, Service, Internet	\$739.87
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00

HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$8,776.81
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$121.96
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$38.66
Clay County News, Advertising	\$62.00
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$3,494.33
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$17.75
Marshall, Sara, Mileage	\$338.32
Medica, Insurance	\$600.00
Mertens, Sara, Mileage, License	\$210.38
Schwenk, Judy, Mileage	\$11.20
US Bank, Stamps	\$7.30
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$63.68

911 FUND

Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$176.74
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$74.26

E911 FUND

Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,667.17
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E911 HOLDING

GovWorx, Inc, Subscription	\$8,800.00
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Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman 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, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Members of the Board will go do the quarterly jail visit.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to adjourn this meeting at 11:34 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for February 11, 2025. 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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on February 11, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on February 5, 2025 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 28, 2025 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 28, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Larry Ritterbush and Lyndal Ritterbush of Ong were present to ask the Board and Highway Superintendent about the possibility of paving County Road X between Highway 41 and Highway 74. The Board is fine with doing a traffic count to get data to review later in the year in consideration of paving the road.

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

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to open the public hearing for the One and Six Year Road Plan at 9:15 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Maps of the One and Six Year Road Plan were handed out and discussed. There being no other discussion on the One and Six Year Road Plan, other agenda items were dealt with during the hearing time.

Requests for surplus of the Highway Superintendent, Emergency Manger and Sheriff were discussed. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Bitterman to approve the following for surplus: Tires (265/70r17(x4); 245/75r16(x2); 225/70r19.5(x2); 11R24.5(x5); 275/80R24.5(x5)); 500-gallon fuel tank; 2015 Chevrolet Silverado; 2017 Ford Explorer Silver; 2017 Ford Explorer Black. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The January Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of January 2025: County Clerk \$16,563.00; County Court \$5,699.62; Clerk of District Court \$10,295.58; Sheriff \$6,720.93; County Health Department \$1,875.00 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 25010001 through 25010058 in the amount of \$5,512,505.91. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The renewal of the County Long Term Disability and Life Insurance policies with National Insurance Services (NIS) was presented to the Board. There are no rate increases, and the renewal rates are guaranteed for 2 years until July 1, 2027, assuming there are no changes to the current benefit structure. Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to approve the renewal 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.

Jeff Palik with Olsson, Inc entered the meeting at 9:30 A.M.

Brad Slaughter with Northland Financial was present to discuss the original bond issue for the county asphalt overlay project and the process of an additional bond issue if necessary, upon receipt of bids.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to open bids for the county asphalt overlay project 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.

Bids received: Werner Construction, Inc. total bid \$12,079,699.45 and Vontz Paving, Inc. total bid \$12,487,640.87.

There were no written or oral comments, suggestions or objections received.

Tom and Jeff exited the room to review and confirm bid calculations.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to close the One & Six Year Road Plan hearing at 10:41 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 Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the One and Six Year Road Plan as presented, with no changes, by Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent, and adopt Resolution #25-02. 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)

Clerk Aksamit will finalize the Resolution and Notice of Motions for Tom and provide the same back to him.

Tom and Jeff confirmed the bids received and discussion was had regarding the road bond for the project.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to accept the bid of Werner Construction for the county asphalt overlay project for a total bid of \$12,079,699.45. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Brad Slaughter will prepare paperwork to extend the county bond for another \$3,000,000.00 for the county road asphalt project.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 11:13 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for February 18, 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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on February 18, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on February 12, 2025 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.

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All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The all present remained standing for a moment of silence for the tragic loss of Nebraska Highway State Trooper Kyle McAcy.

Minutes of the meeting held January 11, 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 January 11, 2025. 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.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to open gravel bids at 9:15 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

A representative from Deweese Sand & Gravel was present. The bids received were:

### **Overland Sand & Gravel:**

PROJECT #1-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Leicester, Harvard, Inland, and Lynn Townships. Delivered for Clay County. No bid.

PROJECT #2-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Eldorado, Lewis, School Creek and Sutton Townships. Delivered for Clay County. No bid.

PROJECT #3-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Glenvil, Lone Tree, Spring Ranch, and Fairfield Townships. Delivered for Clay County. No bid.

PROJECT #4-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Marshall, Sheridan, Edgar, and Logan Townships. Delivered for Clay County. No bid.

PROJECT #5-36,000 cu. yds. more or less, for the entire Clay County. Delivered for Clay County. No bid.

Bid for Class "A" gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for the sum of:

Clay County Pit: no bid

Buffalo County Pit: no bid

Hall County Pit: no bid

Thayer County Pit: no bid

Merrick / Platte County Pit: \$23.29 per cu. yd.

### **Island Landhandlers:**

PROJECT #1-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Leicester, Harvard, Inland, and Lynn Townships. Delivered for Clay County. No bid.

PROJECT #2-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Eldorado, Lewis, School Creek and Sutton Townships. Delivered for Clay County. No bid.

PROJECT #3-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Glenvil, Lone Tree, Spring Ranch, and Fairfield Townships. Delivered for Clay County. No bid.

PROJECT #4-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Marshall, Sheridan, Edgar, and Logan Townships. Delivered for Clay County. No bid.

PROJECT #5-36,000 cu. yds. more or less, for the entire Clay County. Delivered for Clay County. No bid.

Bid for Class "A" gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for the sum of:

Clay County Pit: no bid

Buffalo County Pit: no bid

Hall County Pit: \$18.90 per cu. yd. / \$14.00 per Ton

Thayer County Pit: no bid

Merrick County Pit: \$23.29 per cu. yd.

**Mid-Nebraska Aggregate:**

PROJECT #1-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Leicester, Harvard, Inland, and Lynn Townships. Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$22.00 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #2-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Eldorado, Lewis, School Creek and Sutton Townships. Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$23.50 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #3-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Glenvil, Lone Tree, Spring Ranch, and Fairfield Townships. Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$25.00 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #4-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Marshall, Sheridan, Edgar, and Logan Townships. Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$30.50 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #5-36,000 cu. yds., more or less, for the entire Clay County. Delivered for Clay County. No bid.

Bid for Class "A" gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for the sum of:

Clay County Pit: no bid

Buffalo County Pit: \$13.50 per cu. yd.

Hall County Pit: \$14.50 per cu. yd.

Thayer County Pit: no bid

Merrick County Pit: no bid

**Deweese Sand & Gravel Inc:**

PROJECT #1-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Leicester, Harvard, Inland, and Lynn Townships. Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$22.60 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #2-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Eldorado, Lewis, School Creek and Sutton Townships. Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$26.67 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #3-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Glenvil, Lone Tree, Spring Ranch, and Fairfield Townships. Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$24.75 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #4-9,000 cu. yds. more or less, for Marshall, Sheridan, Edgar, and Logan Townships. Delivered for Clay County for the sum of \$28.80 per cu. yd.

PROJECT #5-36,000 cu. yds. more or less, for the entire Clay County. Delivered for Clay County – no bid.

Bid for Class "A" gravel loaded in County trucks at the pit site for the sum of:

Clay County Pit: \$17.00 per cu. yd.

Buffalo County Pit: no bid

Hall County Pit: \$13.75 per cu. yd.

Thayer County Pit: no bid

Merrick County Pit: no bid

Nuckolls County Pit: \$15.25 per cu. yd.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to accept all bids received to supply gravel to Clay County from March 15, 2025 through March 15, 2026; with the option to purchase from either company. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw, Bitterman and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, provided his monthly report.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, was unable to attend the meeting.

The Board discussed the Conservation Easement Application of Wetlands America. The following statement was read by L. Wayne Johnson, Board Chairman of the Clay County Supervisors:

“Following the public hearing on January 21, 2025, it was obvious of all county citizens who spoke, that they were totally opposed to the approval of the conditional use permit that would transfer a conservation easement from Wetland America Trust to another buyer of the property consisting of 102 acres in Section Two (2), Township Five (5) North, Range Six (6) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Clay County, Nebraska.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors have the exclusive authority to approve or deny any conditional use permit within our boundaries by Nebraska State Statute 76-2,112 and may consider all provisions in Sections 521,703.03, 704.01, 706.

I submit to you that approving this “perpetual or permanent” conservation easement does not serve in the public’s best interest.

Other factors in Section 704.01 state if it negatively impacts abutting properties. Which I believe it does.

Lastly, in a Resolution passed by this body in September of 2011, it states “we should not approve any conservation easement that...I quote “limits future economic development in the county”. Again, which no-one can say it won’t for eternity, which is the life of this perpetual easement.

If the Wetland America Trust was to resubmit an application with a conservation easement containing a ten (10) year life to it, or any kind of term limit, I as the Board Chairman would reconsider my position; however, as for this current application before us, I would recommend to the Board of Supervisors that we deny this request AS SUBMITTED.”

There was no public comment. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to deny the Conservation Easement Application of Wetlands America. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board had a zoom meeting with Jeff Schreier of the Nebraska State Auditor’s Office to discuss the upcoming changes to budget processes for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Clay County’s processes for levy and budget.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer, presented the Board with a request for payment of claims of School Creek Township. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to approve the claims as presented: Clay County Roads Department: 2024 Road Maintenance \$3,000.00; 40ft24” culvert/band \$1,797.45; Trucking-hauling of gravel \$1,600.00; 308 yards of gravel \$6,179.29; and authorize the Treasurer 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 Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 10:59 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for February 25, 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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on February 25, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on February 19, 2025 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.

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All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held February 18, 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 February 18, 2025. 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 and the January mechanic's work report.

Tom presented two Easement Requests from Ethan Kreutz.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Becker to approve the easement request to bury 12" casing for an 8" water line to provide water to a pivot for irrigation from the NE ¼ of Sec 29-8-8 crossing County Road C to the NW ¼ of Sec 28-8-8, as long as it does not conflict with NRD rules and regulation. 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 easement request to bury an electric line to provide electric service to an irrigation well from the SE ¼ of Sec 20-8-8 crossing County Road 321 to the NE ¼ of Sec 29-8-8. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tom presented the Board with the 2025 gravel bid contracts with Overland Sand & Gravel, Island Landhandlers, Mid-Nebraska Aggregate and Deweese Sand & Gravel, as approved in the February 18, 2025 meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, presented her monthly report.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report for December and January.

Mark Johnson, Building & Grounds, presented his monthly report and gave the board an update on the plumbing upgrade project at the Courthouse.

Dan Schwartzkopf with Jones Insurance provided the Board with additional information on health insurance options.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to authorize the Chairman to sign the Farm Lease between Clay County (Lessor) and Lorraine and Bradley Hofmann (Lessee) for the county owned land at the East Half (E1/2) of Section Five (5), Township Six (6) North, Range Six (6) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Clay County, Nebraska. 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	\$151,659.02
A Street Auto Parts, Parts	\$1.40
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Alcohol Countermeasure Systems Inc, Supplies	\$179.80
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$7,287.40
Aspegren Repair, Tire Repairs	\$854.10
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$994.16
Barnett, Barb, Mileage	\$91.00
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC, Meals	\$156.35
Bergen, Julie, Reimbursement-trophy engraving	\$25.00
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$2,025.16
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,400.21
Business World Products, Supplies	\$233.83
CANDO, Dues	\$3,500.00
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$76.41
Cash-Wa Distributing, Supplies	\$512.39
Central NE Assessor's Association, Dues	\$25.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$356.53
City of Hastings, SCALES Dues	\$1,000.00
Clay County News, Advertising	\$732.14
Clay County Treasurer, Dodge Title & Registration	\$10.00
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer	\$139,109.47
Clearly, Phone System	\$429.87
Colonial, Insurance	\$563.80
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,502.64
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions & HRA	\$84,614.53
CPI, Fuel	\$2,754.76
Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment	\$413.44
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$152.10
DAS, Services	\$1,132.80
DetectaChem Inc, Drug Testing	\$158.68
Dollar General, Supplies	\$6.65
Douglas County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$45.11
Eakes, Supplies	\$557.47
Farmer, Jim, Meals	\$77.18
Fillmore County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$20.10
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,661.66
Friesen Ford, Parts	\$1,054.15
Great Plains Reporting Co, Depositions	\$506.90
Hall County Court, Certified Copies	\$3.00
Hamilton County Sheriff, Inmate Holding	\$50.00
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Holiday Inn, Lodging	\$279.90
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Jill Cunningham, Attorney Fees	\$950.10
Johnson, L. Wayne, Mileage	\$310.80
Lieske Lieske & Ensz PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$1,294.70
Lynn Peavey Company, Supplies	\$144.45
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$370.29
Medica, Health Ins.	\$79,532.00
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$775.00
Memorial Health Clinic, Office Visits	\$590.00
Menards, Supplies	\$91.72
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
Mid-American Benefits, Insurance Fees	\$520.25
Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Disabled Services	\$1,526.00

Midland Area Agency, Meal Program & Dues	\$6,299.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,239.55
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
Nebraska.gov, Certified Copies	\$2.00
NACO, Spring Meeting	\$50.00
Nebraska Association of County Clerks, Dues	\$50.00
Nebraska Association of Emergency Managers, Conference	\$135.00
Nebraska Planning & Zoning Association, Member Fee & Conference	\$275.00
Nebraska Weed Control Association, Dues & Spring Training	\$435.00
Newmyer, Mariah, Mileage	\$50.12
Phelps County Sheriff, Medication	\$659.98
Pitney Bowes, Lease Agreement	\$400.89
Quality Sound Communications, Water System Rental	\$147.00
Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept, Juvenile Detention	\$2,350.00
Sherman County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$95.38
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$2,125.20
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$2,058.60
Stahlecker, Karah, Witness	\$186.60
Stanard Appraisal Service Inc, Permit Work	\$2,104.00
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$23.61
Sutton Lumber, Paint Supplies	\$37.85
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$26.68
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Postage, Supplies & Software	\$390.39
US Cellular, Phones	\$227.48
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$471.03
Voss Plumbing Inc, Toilet Repair	\$1,211.08
Windstream, Service	\$674.98
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$357.50
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services, Mileage	\$4,635.80

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$68,564.48
A Street Auto Parts Inc, Parts	\$5.65
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,571.67
Aurora Coop, Fuel	\$51.19
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Windshield	\$250.00
Beaver Bearing Co of York LLC, Parts	\$1,070.88
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$603.42
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$2,334.34
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$222.88
BSNF Railway Company, RR Bridge	\$86,764.49
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$38.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$90.59
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$72.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$212.82
Clay County News, Advertising	\$232.89
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.19
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$34,659.56
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Service	\$284.34
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$6,399.27
Diamond Mowers Inc, Parts	\$455.99
Dollar General, Supplies	\$17.60
Eakes, Supplies	\$371.64
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$1,031.42
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$18,727.27

George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$480.38
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$277.59
John Deer Financial, Service	\$1,040.00
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc, Supplies	\$458.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$26.01
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Drug Screen	\$75.00
Medica, Insurance	\$1,600.00
Menards, Supplies	\$262.41
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$6,364.28
Midwest Service & Sales, Culverts	\$1,680.40
Miller Tire Pros & Service, Tires	\$3,810.12
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equip Co Inc, Parts	\$1,116.15
Nationwide, Retirement	\$250.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$1,108.09
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc, Fuel	\$140.95
Overland Sand & Gravel, Gravel	\$21,169.10
Platte Valley Communications, Lightbar	\$1,907.00
Rush Truck Centers of NE Inc, Parts	\$705.90
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$375.00
South Central Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$638.36
Southern Power Dist, Utilities	\$146.98
Superior Outdoor Power, Parts	\$482.25
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$3,488.09
Sutton Electric Inc, Parts & Labor	\$2,715.93
Theis Inspection Service LLC, Inspections	\$1,936.71
Thermo King Christensen, Parts	\$424.41
Truck Center Companies, Parts & Labor	\$6,906.26
Vestis, Uniforms	\$764.77
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$203.13
Windstream, Internet	\$740.53
Winzer, Parts	\$125.68
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00

#### INHERITANCE FUND

Axon Enterprises, Body cams	\$23,356.72
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#### HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$10,456.15
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$121.96
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$2.86
Clay County News, Advertising	\$79.73
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$4,430.40
DASH Medical Gloves, Supplies	\$92.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$17.75
Marshall, Sara, Mileage	\$377.30
McKesson, Recliner	\$1,575.00
Medica, Insurance	\$600.00
Mertens, Sara, Mileage	\$115.50
US Bank, Supplies	\$290.26
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$63.68

#### 911 FUND

Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$154.47
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
South Central Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$81.20

E911 FUND

Century Link dba Lumen, Internet

\$5,339.60

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 Mohnike to adjourn this meeting at 11:26 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for March 11, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cheryl Blome, Deputy County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on March 11, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on March 5, 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 February 25, 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 February 25, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads and the February mechanic's report.

Tom presented the Board with a Weight Limit Resolution. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to adopt Resolution #25-03 Asphalt Road Weight Limits to begin March 12, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: Bitterman. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Tom presented the Board with an Amendment to the Asphalt Overlay Project to conduct additional core samples to include all county asphalt roads in the overlay project. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman approve Amendment #1 to the Asphalt Overlay Project 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.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to sign the Notice to Proceed for the Asphalt Overlay Project. 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 authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Werner Construction for the Asphalt Overlay Project. 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 Mohnike to sign the NEPA Agreement and Resolution #25-04 with Olsson for the Deweese Northwest Project BRO-7018(26). 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)

Tom presented two easement requests from Glenwood Telecommunications to bury fiber across the county for future customers. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to approve the easements from Glenwood Telecommunications as presented. A full copy of the easements is available to review upon request in the Clay 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.

Megan Burda with the University of Nebraska Extension was present to introduce the new Water & Cropping Systems Educator, David Wangila. Megan also presented the annual report.

The February Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of February 2025: County Clerk \$6,318.75; County Court \$6,230.11; Clerk of District Court \$39,991.33; Sheriff \$3,249.09; County Health Department \$995.00 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 25020001 through 25020056 in the amount of \$664,002.71. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

A recommendation for reappointment to the South Heartland District Health Department Board of Health was received. Motion by Becker and seconded by Mohnike to reappoint Nanette Shackelford to serve on the South Heartland District Health Department Board of Health for three-years beginning April 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, presented the Board with the renewal quote for the Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance, coverage period of April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, renewal rate of \$8,278.56. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the renewal contract as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Fintel, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Josh Anderson was present to ask for the Board's support in bringing awareness to domestic violence and resources for victims.

Kreighton Baxter, Chief Deputy Sheriff presented the Board with some departmental changes and was accompanied by Paul Tartaglia to discuss the Central Nebraska Special Response Team. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman that Clay County join the Central Nebraska Special Response Team. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Megan Ware with National Insurance Services (NIS) presented the Wyze Benefits platform to the Board.

The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Audit was received from Contryman Associates. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Becker to accept the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Audit ending June 30, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Robin Gilbert, Clay County Treasurer, gave the Board a report from the tax sale held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were 0 bidders present; \$0 total tax & interest collected; and 0 tax certificates sold.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 11:26 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for March 18, 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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on March 18, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on March 12, 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.

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All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held March 11, 2025 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 11, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Tom presented the Board with an easement request from Kristin Marsiglia by Farmers National Company Agent, Lancy Pachta to bury an electrical line from the SE ¼ of 6-7-5 crossing County Road U to the SW ¼ of 5-7-5. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike 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.

Jeff Frankin presented his monthly report.

Jennifer Fleischer presented her monthly report. Jennifer also presented an application for county burial assistance for decedent Sheila Nuss. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to deny the application. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Sharonn Hueftle with South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD) presented the 2024 annual report for the district.

Casey Muzic with Midland Area Agency on Aging was present to make a budget request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Bitterman to approve the request as presented to provide in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget \$1,598.00 for Clay County's annual membership to the agency and \$11,000.00 for senior services and public transit in Clay County. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Brenda Hansen presented a contract with Stanard Appraisal Services, Inc for review work in Clay County. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the contract as presented. 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, presented the Board with an estimate for the lawn care of the Courtyard from Smith Lawn Care. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to approve the estimate as presented. 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 Becker to adjourn this meeting at 10:34 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for March 25, 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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on March 25, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on March 19, 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.

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All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, provided her monthly report and advised the Board that she would be filing a Disaster Declaration for last week's storm.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, provided his monthly report.

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

Mike Boden with the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) was present to discuss health insurance policies and other services available to Clay County through NACO. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to move broker services for Clay County to NACO, effective July 1, 2025. Health insurance policies available to Clay County will be reviewed over the next few months. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed an application for county burial assistance for decedent Jolene Markland. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to deny the application. 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 enter executive session at 11:00 AM to discuss personnel matters. 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 Mohnike to exit executive session and resume regular session at 11:34 AM. 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	\$131,325.20
Adams County Justice Center, Inmate Hold	\$275.00
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Aksamit, Cassie, Wellness Clinic Snacks	\$37.18
Alcohol Countermeasure Systems Inc, Supplies	\$139.80
Alley, Holli, Mileage Reimbursement	\$180.60
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$20,171.08

Aspegren Repair, Tire Repairs	\$646.30
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$1,053.38
Barnett, Barb, Mileage Reimbursement	\$191.52
Beck's Farm Equipment, Repairs	\$23.96
Beyke Signs Inc, Lettering & Stickers	\$335.00
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,597.22
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,753.93
BTS Communications, Yearly Fee	\$3,294.92
Business World Products, Supplies	\$62.50
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$107.77
Carey's Pest Control, Spraying	\$121.00
Cash-Wa Distributing, Supplies	\$1,831.85
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$412.52
Clay County Court, Case Costs	\$469.75
Clay County News, Advertising & Subscription	\$3,085.34
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer	\$37,253.29
Clearly, Phone System	\$429.87
Colonial, Insurance	\$563.80
Contryman Associates PC, 2024 Audit	\$20,000.00
Corner Market, Supplies	\$839.09
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions & HRA	\$75,397.23
CPI, Fuel	\$3,134.95
Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment	\$347.56
Crowne Plaza, Lodging	\$309.90
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$76.20
DAS, Services	\$1,132.80
Dollar General, Supplies	\$121.95
Douglas County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$28.55
Eakes, Supplies	\$690.72
Ellis, Mary Lynne, Mileage Reimbursement	\$30.80
Fairfield NS Co-op, Parts	\$48.48
Felber, Cara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$35.00
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,661.66
Friesen Ford, Parts & Repairs	\$771.29
Gilbert, Robin, Title Supplies	\$79.98
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$27.42
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hester, Jeff, Water Heater	\$987.50
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Integrated Security Solutions, Fees	\$720.00
Johnson, Keith, Mileage Reimbursement	\$20.30
Knueven, Kyle Mileage Reimbursement	\$29.80
Leichleiter, Andrew, Mileage Reimbursement	\$9.87
Lieske Lieske & Ensz PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$1,027.00
Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home, Storage & Supplies	\$575.00
Lynn Peavey Company, Supplies	\$134.39
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$414.46
MDM Pest & Termite Control, Treatment	\$110.00
Medica, Health Ins.	\$82,902.35
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$800.00
Memorial Health Clinic, Office Visits	\$260.00
Menards, Supplies	\$384.02
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,037.16
NACEB, Dues	\$100.00
NAPA, Parts	\$27.89
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, Education	\$600.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, Education & Lodging	\$250.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Testing	\$210.00

Nebraska State Patrol, License Fees	\$697.50
Nebraska State Treasurer, Unclaimed Property	\$10.64
Nesbitt & Associates, Security & Mileage	\$9,728.05
Newmyer, Mariah, Mileage	\$73.22
Nunnenkamp, Brett, Mileage Reimbursement	\$16.10
Phelps County Sheriff, Inmate Holding	\$650.00
Physicians Lab Services, Autopsy	\$2,750.00
Platte Valley Communications, Repairs	\$95.00
Platte Valley Transfer, Remains Transfer	\$430.00
Point C Health, Employee Benefits	\$537.00
Priessler, Elliott, Mileage Reimbursement	\$29.80
Secretary of State, Certification & Reproduction	\$40.00
Secretary of State, Voter ID Cards	\$10.00
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$3,046.54
Small Town Famous, Shirts	\$196.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$1,953.47
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Superior Industries, Cage	\$1,625.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$33.66
Sutton Lumber, Paint Supplies	\$37.85
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$114.82
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Postage, Supplies & Software	\$955.69
US Cellular, Phones	\$178.74
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage Reimbursement	\$116.34
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$564.44
Voss Plumbing Inc, Toilet Repair	\$90.00
Wangila, David, Mileage Reimbursement	\$155.75
Wharton, Heather, Mileage Reimbursement	\$16.80
Windstream, Service	\$682.50
Woods Aitken LLP, Services	\$1,919.50
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$360.00
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,500.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$58,098.95
A Street Auto Parts Inc, Parts	\$31.78
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,571.67
Aurora Coop, Fuel	\$49.89
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$1,032.42
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,737.88
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$212.36
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$2,184.24
Carey's Pest Control, Spraying	\$72.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$86.71
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$88.56
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$72.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$154.51
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.19
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$28,401.39
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Service	\$452.86
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$3,010.67
DeWeese Sand & Gravel, Material	\$18,203.02
Diamond Mowers Inc, Parts	\$2,118.97
Dollar General, Supplies	\$34.55
Eakes, Supplies	\$59.37
Equipment Blades Inc, Parts	\$3,816.80
Fike, Marlyn Jr, CDL License	\$31.00
Filter Care of Nebraska, Filters	\$271.05
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00

Fleetpride, Parts	\$19.75
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$282.86
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$19,981.41
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$652.77
Grace's Locksmith Service, Locks	\$325.00
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Inland Truck Parts & Service, Parts	\$2,134.33
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$98.56
Jacobs, Adam, Mailbox	\$69.40
John Deer Financial, Service	\$1,028.07
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc, Supplies	\$64.73
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$10.77
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Drug Screen	\$25.00
Medica, Insurance	\$1,600.00
Medical Enterprises Inc, Testing	\$36.00
Menards, Supplies	\$355.40
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$10,188.00
Miller Tire & Service Point S, Tires	\$1,050.00
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equip Co Inc, Parts	\$1,385.11
Nationwide, Retirement	\$250.00
NMC LLC, Plow	\$16,650.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$3,512.04
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc, Fuel	\$124.32
Protex Central Inc, Inspection	\$1,188.82
Richweld Fabrication, Steel	\$37.29
Rush Truck Centers of NE Inc, Parts	\$36.90
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
South Central Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$691.81
Southern Power Dist, Utilities	\$153.80
Superior Outdoor Power, Parts	\$73.20
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$450.72
Theis Inspection Service LLC, Drainage Study	\$150.00
Thermo King Christensen, Parts	\$496.85
Truck Center Companies, Parts & Labor	\$1,420.90
US Bank, Supplies	\$302.59
Vestis, Uniforms	\$850.36
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$222.37
Windstream, Internet	\$784.04
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00

ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

US Bank, Postage & Supplies	\$6.62
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HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$8,099.40
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$121.96
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$35.98
Clay County News, Advertising	\$109.70
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$2,997.08
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Koenig, Daphne, Mileage Reimbursement	\$30.80
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$17.75
Marshall, Sara, Mileage	\$319.20
Medica, Insurance	\$600.00
US Bank, Supplies	\$649.16
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$63.68

911 FUND

Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$146.15
Echo Group Inc, Maintenance	\$900.00
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95

South Central Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$80.90
E911 FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,669.80

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw 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 Becker to adjourn this meeting at 11:35 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for April 15, 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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on April 15, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on April 9, 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: Eric Samuelson, Glen Becker, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Scott Bitterman.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held March 25, 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 March 25, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads and the March mechanic's report.

Tom presented the following easement requests:

From Clay Fisher to bury an electric line from the NE ¼ of Sec 29-6-6 across County Road P to the NW ¼ of Sec 28-6-6 for the purpose of powering an irrigation well. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the easement from Clay Fisher to bury an electric line from the NE ¼ of Sec 29-6-6 across County Road P to the NW ¼ of Sec 28-6-6 for the purpose of powering an irrigation well. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

From Dale Kreutz to bury a 12" casing for an 8" irrigation pipe from the NE ¼ of Sec 30-8-8 across County Road B to the NW ¼ of Sec 29-8-8 for the purpose of getting a water supply to a wiper pivot. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Becker to approve the easement from Dale Kreutz to bury a 12" casing for an 8" irrigation pipe from the NE ¼ of Sec 30-8-8 across County Road B to the NW ¼ of Sec 29-8-8 for the purpose of getting a water supply to a wiper pivot. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

From Nicholas Johnson to bury an electric line from the NW ¼ of Sec 5-7-6 across County Road O to the NE ¼ of Sec 6-7-6 for the purpose of an irrigation well. Motion by Becker and seconded by Mohnike to approve the easement from Nicholas Johnson to bury an electric line from the NW ¼ of Sec 5-7-6 across County Road O to the NE ¼ of Sec 6-7-6 for the purpose of an irrigation well. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, presented his monthly report.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, presented her monthly report.

Mike Boden with the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) was present to discuss health insurance options and rates for Clay County. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to switch to the NACO Pool BCBS \$2,600 deductible copay plan, effective July 1, 2025 and Clay County will bring on an HSA Plan through the NACO Pool to be available to employees January 1, 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The March 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 March 2025: County Clerk \$27,054.00; County Court \$4,145.77; Clerk of District Court \$4,952.05; Sheriff \$1,141.05; County Health Department \$2,043.00 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 25030001 through 25030077 in the amount of \$637,321.23. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Gas suppliers had been called for rates prior to the meeting. Legacy Natural Gas company has the lowest rate of those called. Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to lock in with Legacy Natural Gas company for a 1-year term with a rate of \$0.845 per therm for the Nebraska Choice Gas Program. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 11:31 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for April 22, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on April 22, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on April 16, 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 April 15, 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 April 15, 2025. 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.

Sara Mertens, Health Department Director, presented her quarterly report.

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

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 10:00 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for April 29, 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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on April 29, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on April 23, 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: Eric Samuelson, Glen Becker, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Scott Bitterman.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held April 22, 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 April 22, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: 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 Randy Harms to bury an electric line from the SE ¼ of Sec 28-6-8 across County Road D to the SW ¼ of Sec 27-6-8 for the purposes of powering an irrigation well. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to approve the easement as requested. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Barb Barnett, Planning & Zoning Administrator, presented her quarterly report.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

### GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$128,580.90
A & L Plumbing and Heating, Health Dept. Washer/Dryer	\$660.87
A Street Auto Parts Sutton, Parts	\$28.31
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Aksamit, Cassie, Employee Safety Meeting Supplies	\$58.52
Alley, Holli, Mileage Reimbursement	\$205.80
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$7,627.40
Aspegren Repair, Tire Repairs	\$26.79
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$1,075.47
Barnett, Barb, Mileage Reimbursement	\$166.69
Beck's Farm Equipment, Repairs	\$28.26
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$839.11
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,650.78
Business World Products, Supplies	\$214.65
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$113.12
CASA of South Central Nebraska, Staff Payroll	\$4,395.24
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$420.01
Clay County News, Advertising & Subscription	\$1,173.05
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer & Postage	\$94,779.63
Clay County Tree Service	\$550.00
Clearly, Phone System	\$430.05
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$443.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$563.80
Contryman Associates PC, Compliance Examination	\$8,000.00

Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,357.03
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions & HRA	\$71,379.48
CPI, Fuel	\$3,751.15
Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment	\$363.62
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$30.00
DAS, Services	\$1,132.80
Dollar General, Supplies	\$41.45
Don's Lawn Service, De-thatching	\$500.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$4,388.60
Election Systems & Software LLC, Clay Center Special Election	\$1,714.26
Felber, Cara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$89.60
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,661.66
Friesen Auto, Repairs	\$604.20
Goding Law LLC, Attorney Fees	\$586.50
Hamilton County Sheriff's Dept, Service Fees & Inmate Holding	\$718.73
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Hoy, Joni, Mileage	\$316.40
Hunt Insurance Group, Inmate Insurance	\$8,278.56
Integrated Security Solutions, Fees	\$1,224.00
JT Construction, Concrete Work	\$3,200.00
LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Lodging	\$249.90
Lieske Lieske & Ensz PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$895.48
Lynn Peavey Company, Supplies	\$120.96
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$376.33
Marvin Planning Consultants Inc, Clay County Plan	\$1,030.00
Medica, Health Ins.	\$84,355.47
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$750.00
Memorial Community Health, Office Visits	\$180.00
Menards, Supplies	\$384.02
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,037.16
Moonlight BBQ, Safety Meeting Meal	\$1,880.00
NACT, Continuing Ed & Workshop	\$350.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
NWCA, Fall Training 2025	\$150.00
Newmyer, Mariah, Mileage	\$60.48
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, Lodging	\$290.00
Norris, Justin, Lights & Equipment	\$1,200.00
Phelps County Sheriff, Inmate Holding	\$715.00
Physicians Lab Services, Autopsy	\$957.00
PIP Marketing, Election Envelopes	\$259.74
Platte Valley Communications, Repairs	\$207.50
Platte Valley Transfer, Remains Transfer	\$490.00
Point C Health, Employee Benefits	\$529.50
Region 3 BHS, 4th Qtr 2024-25	\$4,027.89
Ruby Rose Cupcakes, Safety Meeting Meal	\$183.00
Schiedemann Stump Grinding, Grind Out Stump	\$150.00
Sirchie Acquisition Company LLC, Supplies	\$157.42
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$2,460.80
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$1,564.22
Stephens-Peck Inc, Subscription	\$125.00
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$430.60
Sutton Electric, Electric Repair	\$176.00
Sutton Lumber, Parts	\$38.53
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$51.23
TK Elevator Corp, Elevator Service	\$390.54
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Postage, Supplies & Software	\$531.95

US Cellular, Phones	\$130.04
USDA APHIS, Personnel & Program Support	\$3,027.31
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage Reimbursement	\$103.74
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$539.20
Wangila, David, Mileage Reimbursement	\$524.30
Wellness Partners, Wellness Clinic	\$4,350.00
Windstream, Service	\$684.17
WJE Consulting LLC, Services	\$1,095.00
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$357.50
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,658.30

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$66,441.20
A Street Auto Parts Inc, Parts	\$157.83
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,473.39
Anderson Diesel Service, Repairs	\$888.41
Applied Connective Technologies, Computer Monitor	\$197.54
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$63.66
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Glass Repair	\$830.00
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$96.50
Ben Pavelka Enterprises LLC, Concrete Crushing	\$34,645.00
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,228.99
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$212.36
Brown's Thrift Store Inc, Supplies	\$369.99
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$2,711.57
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$96.26
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$72.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$131.41
Clay County News, Advertising	\$40.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$450.19
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$32,380.85
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Service	\$140.16
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$5,420.96
Dollar General, Supplies	\$32.80
Eakes, Supplies	\$237.56
Farrallbuilt LLC, Sheepsfoot	\$1,875.00
Filter Care of Nebraska, Filters	\$42.40
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$1,547.96
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$14,578.00
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$477.98
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Hays Land Surveying LLC, Survey Work	\$400.08
Inland Truck Parts & Service, Parts	\$896.10
Interstate Battery Center, Supplies	\$8.70
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$655.91
John Deer Financial, Service	\$3,560.09
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc, Supplies	\$7.11
LCL Truck Equipment, Parts	\$91.50
Leroy Johnson, Lime Rock	\$8,963.50
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$10.77
Matt Friend Truck Equipment, Parts	\$240.00
Medica, Insurance	\$1,600.00
Medical Enterprises Inc, Testing	\$72.00
Menards, Supplies	\$36.43
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$4,623.06
Miller Tire & Service Point S, Tires	\$5,310.70
MIPS, Service	\$131.92

Murphy Tractor & Equip Co Inc, Parts	\$945.35
Nationwide, Retirement	\$250.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$37.35
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc, Fuel	\$80.01
Olsson Inc, Asphalt Overlay	\$41,632.80
RAKA, Skid Steer Hammer Rental	\$2,796.33
Rush Truck Centers of NE Inc, Parts	\$294.25
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
Sioux City Tarp, Trailer Tarps	\$1,503.95
South Central Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$470.80
Southern Power Dist, Utilities	\$101.56
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$2,024.80
Sutton Lumber, Parts	\$20.59
Thermo King Christensen, Parts	\$99.68
Trausch Dynamics Inc, Parts	\$515.69
Vestis, Uniforms	\$532.53
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$200.22
Windstream, Internet	\$784.04
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00

#### ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

MIPS Inc., Program costs	\$526.66
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#### HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$9,404.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$121.96
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$38.91
Clay County News, Advertising	\$62.00
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$3,807.90
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Dollar General, Supplies	\$10.50
Eakes, Supplies	\$98.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$17.75
Marshall, Sara, Mileage	\$405.30
Medica, Insurance	\$600.00
Mertens, Sara, Mileage & Insurance	\$240.90
Schwenk, Judy, Mileage	\$22.40
Shiple, Mary, Mileage	\$21.00
US Bank, Supplies	\$240.53
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$63.68

#### 911 FUND

Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$159.15
ERC Communications, Tower Rent	\$2,160.00
First Wireless Inc, Configure Routers	\$2,749.09
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
South Central Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$78.75

#### E911 FUND

Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,669.80
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, Insurance	\$78.94

#### E911 HOLDING FUND

GeoComm, Services	\$3,795.00
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#### MISC SINKING FUND

A & L Plumbing and Heating, Replace Pipes	\$6,313.18
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Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike 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: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 10:13 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for May 13, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on May 20, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on May 14, 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.

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All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held April 29, 2025 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 29, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads and the April mechanic's report.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, presented his monthly report.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, presented her monthly report. Brenda Hansen, County Assessor, was also present to discuss the changes to the deadlines for Form 425 for Reporting Damaged or Destroyed Property.

The April Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of April 2025: County Clerk \$10,699.69; County Court \$7,519.44; Clerk of District Court \$42,740.86; Sheriff \$15,873.74; County Health Department \$826.69 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 25040001 through 25030065 in the amount of \$7,515,322.38. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Blue Cross Blue Shield submitted rates for the 2025-2026 on the current dental plan and there was a decrease in the health insurance rates. Motion by Becker and seconded by Samuelson to authorize the County Clerk to sign the BCBS Sub-group Application for 2025-2026 for the new health insurance plan and continue with the current dental plan. On roll call yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson. Motion carried.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, presented her monthly report. Haley brought attention to the age of the AEDs at our County Departments. The Board would like her to replace them.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 10:28 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for May 28, 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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on May 28, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on May 21, 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.

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All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held May 20, 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 May 20, 2025. 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.

Jo Bair, Executive Director of enCourage Advocacy Center, presented a budget request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. No action was taken.

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

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

### GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$131,546.68
3-G Car Wash, Tokens	\$700.00
A & L Plumbing and Heating, Health Dept. Washer/Dryer	\$184.68
Adams County Justice Center, Inmate Holding	\$1,650.00
Adams County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$19.00
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Aksamit, Cassie, Mileage Reimbursement	\$64.68
Alberts, Donna, Election Work	\$34.95
Alley, Holli, Mileage Reimbursement	\$68.60
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$12,130.60
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$961.56
Axon Enterprises, Taser & License	\$4,971.65
Barnett, Barb, Mileage Reimbursement	\$31.57
Becker, Glen, Mileage Reimbursement	\$59.22
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$419.16
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$2,661.69
Bob Barker, Mugs & Pillowcases	\$93.32
Business World Products, Supplies	\$222.80
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$115.00
Cash-WA Distributing, Food Supplies	\$1,058.60
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$408.61
Clay County News, Advertising & Subscription	\$1,390.25
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer Road/Bridge	\$165,402.68
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$180.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$563.80
Comfort Inn, Lodging	\$259.90
Sorsen's Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,406.58
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions & HRA	\$71,821.16
CPI, Fuel	\$3,253.07
Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment	\$384.88
Crime Scene Inc, Mug Shot Backdrop	\$56.30
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$143.85

DAS, Services	\$1,132.80
DetectaChem Inc, Drug Testing	\$369.94
Diode Technologies, Tech Support	\$174.00
Dollar General, Supplies	\$171.65
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$1,000.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$822.49
Election Systems & Software, Special Elections	\$1,543.68
Farmer, Jim, Meal Reimbursement	\$47.23
Felber, Cara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$21.00
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,661.66
Galls, Jail Supplies	\$1,336.47
Gilbert, Robin, Mileage Reimbursement	\$64.40
Grace's Locksmith, Locks & Keys	\$276.50
gWorks, Support & Subscription	\$19,630.00
Hall County Court, Certified Copies	\$3.50
Hamilton County Sheriff's Dept, Inmate Holding	\$600.00
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage Reimbursement	\$263.20
HD Arms LLC, Holster	\$155.00
Holiday Inn, Lodging	\$110.00
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
JJ Keller Associates, Labor Law Posters	\$333.84
Johnson, L Wayne, Mileage Reimbursement	\$64.68
Johnson, Shirley, Election Work	\$34.95
Justice Data Solutions Inc, Software Support	\$5,175.00
Lemke, Greg, Election Work	\$15.00
Lieske Lieske & Ensz PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$1,337.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$378.60
MDM Pest & Termite, Pest Control	\$110.00
Medica, Health Ins.	\$83,426.50
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$750.00
Menards, Supplies	\$241.46
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
Mid Nebraska Individual Services Inc, 3rd & 4th Qtr Billing	\$3,052.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,037.16
NACO, Budget Workshop	\$250.00
NTOA, Less Lethal Class	\$993.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,625.00
Nebraska Clerk of District Court Assoc, Summer Workshop	\$75.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Drug Testing	\$210.00
Nebraska State Fire Marshall, Annual Elevator Inspection	\$120.00
Nebraska.gov, Certified Copies	\$2.00
Peshek, Deanna, Election Work	\$87.45
Physicians Lab Services, Autopsy Services	\$3,050.00
Platte Valley Communications, Paging System Repair	\$752.50
Point C Health, Employee Benefits	\$531.00
Quality Sound & Communications, Water System Rental	\$147.00
Relentless LLC dba Desert Snow, Criminal Interdiction Workshop	\$699.00
Roemmich, Gayle, Election Work	\$87.45
Sirchie Acquisition Company LLC, Supplies	\$77.28
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$3,656.10
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$1,498.94
Stanard Appraisal Services, Appraiser Fees	\$55,658.00
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sunset Law Enforcement LLC, Firearms	\$460.80
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$17.62
Sutton Electric Inc, Washer/Dryer Work	\$720.00
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$59.27
The Comp LLC, Washer & Dryer	\$1,324.00
Theobald Law Office, Attorney Fees	\$2,046.45

Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Postage, Supplies & Software	\$1,974.71
US Cellular, Phones	\$238.64
VanDiest, Chemicals	\$9,565.25
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$539.20
Wangila, David, Mileage Reimbursement	\$397.32
Windstream, Service	\$727.07
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$357.50
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,500.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$69,752.35
A Street Auto Parts Inc, Parts	\$105.54
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,473.39
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$61.15
Beaver Bearing Co of York LLC, Retreaver	\$1,129.22
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$77.98
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$474.06
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$262.82
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$2,363.41
Central Nebraska Equipment, Powerwasher	\$273.50
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$86.81
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$72.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$106.28
Clay County News, Advertising	\$100.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$403.48
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$33,659.18
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Service	\$378.54
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$10,666.46
Deweese Sand & Gravel, Gravel	\$14,589.03
Dollar General, Supplies	\$15.45
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$712.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$474.97
Filter Care of Nebraska, Filters	\$390.15
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Fleetpride, Parts	\$33.49
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$611.18
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$22,369.44
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$610.22
Gworks, Maintenance & Support	\$549.00
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Hays Land Surveying LLC, Survey Work	\$493.12
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$135.81
John Deer Financial, Service	\$1,998.39
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc, Supplies	\$45.44
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$10.77
Medica, Insurance	\$1,400.00
Medical Enterprises Inc, Testing	\$36.00
Menards, Supplies	\$305.27
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$31,604.92
Midwest Service & Sales Co, Culverts	\$13,905.00
Miller Tire & Service Point S, Tires	\$19,630.00
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equip Co Inc, Parts	\$2,392.54
Nationwide, Retirement	\$250.00
Newman Signs Inc, Sign Posts	\$20,854.10
NMC-Doniphan, Comp Wheel	\$5,250.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$3,037.59
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc, Fuel	\$305.93

Olsson Inc, Asphalt Overlay	\$14,639.55
Rush Truck Centers of NE Inc, Parts	\$1,697.50
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
Shiple, James, Fuel Reimbursement	\$18.05
South Central Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$362.62
Southern Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$74.94
Superior Implement Inc, Sheepsfoot	\$75.50
Superior Outdoor Power, Repairs	\$171.80
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$1,301.02
Sutton Lumber, Parts	\$28.99
Thermo King Christensen, Parts	\$37.94
Truck Center Companies West, Parts	\$88.30
Vestis, Uniforms	\$969.52
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$200.22
Werner Construction, Asphalt Overlay Project	\$3,025,289.56
Windstream, Internet	\$784.36
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00
ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND	
MIPS Inc., Program costs	\$526.66
HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$9,780.70
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$121.96
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$77.84
Clay County News, Advertising	\$116.25
Cooney Refrigeration, A/C Repair	\$148.70
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$4,048.68
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Helmer Scientific, Vaccine Refrigerator	\$4,604.34
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$17.75
Marshall, Sara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$415.10
Medica, Insurance	\$600.00
Mertens, Sara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$210.70
Rongo, Maria, Mileage Reimbursement	\$54.60
US Bank, Supplies	\$1,513.43
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$63.68
VaxCare LLC, Hub Fee	\$20.00
911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$91.92
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
South Central Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$77.62
E911 FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,671.39
ROAD IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND	
BOK Financial Corporate Trust, Bond P & I Payment	\$737,094.16

Motion by Mohnike 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 Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 10:09 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for June 10, 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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on June 10, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on June 4, 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, Glen Becker, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; Absent: Eric Samuelson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held May 28, 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 May 28, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads and the May mechanic's report. Roemmich also discussed options for dump trucks that he has seen available at various sites for purchase. No purchase has been made.

Roemmich presented items for surplus. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the following items for surplus: 12' Wilbek Offset Disk, 1999 IH Dump Truck, 500 Gallon Water Trailer, 53' Great Dane Van Trailer, Water/Trash Pump, Generator Trailers, Diesel Space Heater. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

An Easement request from Jeremiah Ochsner with 1949 Farms to bury a natural gas line from the NW ¼ of Sec 19-7-5 across County Road T to the NE ¼ of Sec 24-7-6 for the purposes of an irrigation well. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to approve the easement as requested. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the roads in the NAD area. Roemmich provided the Board with an update on the road conditions in the area.

Tanner Hagge, Wildlife Specialist with the USDA was present to discuss services provided in Clay County over the last year. Discussion was had regarding the proposed Cooperative Service Agreement between the Clay County Board of Supervisors and the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services and the Work/Financial Plan for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 20, 2026 in the amount of \$9,889.73. The County Clerk and Chairman had questions regarding the Agreement and Work/Financial Plan. Tanner will advise his supervisor that the Clerk and Chairman would like to discuss these further with them before acting on said Agreements.

The May Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of May 2025: County Clerk \$12,660.50; County Court \$4,243.45; Clerk of District Court \$50,865.14; Sheriff \$1,399.56; County Health Department \$1,485.00 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 25050001 through 25050054 in the amount of \$590,240.92. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The renewal for the NIRMA / NIRMA II insurance policies were presented to the Board prior to the meeting. Chairman Johnson provided input and data on the presented renewal rates and the rates if the deductible were to be increased. Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to increase the deductibles to \$5,000 for Auto Physical Damage, \$5,000 for Mobile/Remote and \$10,000 for Property, Building & Contents lowering the renewal cost to \$175,015.00 for the 2025-2026 Fiscal year. Upon roll call,

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

Julisa Rivera with First Light Child Advocacy was unable to attend the meeting. Their proposed budget request was received via email. The Finance Committee will place this with other budget requests for consideration later in the budget process.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to adjourn this meeting at 10:31 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for June 17, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on June 17, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on June 11, 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 June 10, 2025 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 10, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Abstain: Samuelson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

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

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, presented his monthly report.

The County Attorney was unable to attend the meeting. Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, presented a department update that was provided by the County Attorney via email prior to the meeting.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to designate MIPS for printing services for the 2025 Joint Public Hearing postcards. 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 appoint Cassie Aksamit as the Clay County Clerk as the budget making authority for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Supervisors will do the quarterly jail visit.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to adjourn this meeting at 9:35 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for June 25, 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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on June 25, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on June 18, 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, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; Absent: Glen Becker.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held June 17, 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 June 17, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

During public input comment was made by Darwin Demmitt with regard to road maintenance. Discussion was had between Mr. Demmitt, Highway Superintendent Tom Roemmich, Supervisor Samuelson and Chairman Johnson. Chairman Johnson invited Mr. Demmitt to return to a future meeting with a timeslot on the agenda to continue the discussion.

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

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to sign the NEPA Agreement and Resolution #25-05 with Olsson for the Deweese Northwest Project BRO-7018(26). Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, presented her monthly report.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report.

Tanner Hagge and Ryan Powers with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (Wildlife Services) were present to review the Cooperative Agreement (5 year term) and the Work/Financial Plan for the 2025-2026 fiscal year not to exceed the amount of \$9,889.73. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the Cooperative Agreement (5 year term) and the Work/Financial Plan between Clay County and USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (Wildlife Services) for 2025-2026 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Mohnike to open the public hearing on the amending of the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 at 10:00 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, presented the amendment to the budget which allows the receipt of road bond revenue and providing additional authority for spending of the road bond funds within the Road Fund.

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

Robin Gilbert, Treasurer, presented information on Tax Sales Certificates and parcels of real estate that were not sold at the public tax sale in March 2025. Robin requested that the Board approve a list of parcels of real estate in Clay County on which the 2023 taxes are delinquent and were not sold for want of bidders at the last annual public tax sale. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to approve the list of parcels with tax sale certificates #25-01 through #25-56 as recommended by the County Treasurer.

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

Robin also presented information on Tax Sale Certificates which were issued on delinquent taxes. These taxes were unpaid as of June 25, 2025. The Treasurer's office is requesting that the Board of Supervisors instruct the County Attorney to start foreclosure proceedings on the properties. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to direct the County Attorney to start foreclosure proceedings on 2022 County Tax Sales numbered #22-6, #22-9, #22-15, #22-26, #22-27 and #22-33 as recommended by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Health Department submitted a request to surplus a Frigidaire Commercial Refrigerator that is not keeping temperatures stable enough for vaccinations. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Mohnike to approve the requested item for surplus. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

A Letter of Engagement was provided to the Board prior to the meeting for an agreement between Clay County and Contryman Associates, P.C. for audit services of the June 30, 2025 fiscal year end. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the engagement letter and authorize the Chairman, Clerk and Treasurer to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no public comment or concern regarding the amendment to the budget, motion was made by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to close the public hearing on the amending of the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 at 10:24 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to adopt Resolution #25-06 to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget which allows the receipt of road bond revenue and providing additional authority for spending of the road bond funds within the Road Fund. No additional property taxes are required due to this amendment. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, discussed the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget and the need to transfer budget authority as follows:

**FY 2024-2025 Budget Authority Transfers**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Transfer Out</b>	<b>Transfer In</b>
GENERAL 0100	970	\$22,200.00	
	619		\$4,000.00
	641		\$10,000.00
	653		\$7,000.00
	671		\$1,200.00
ROAD 0300	705	\$2,000.00	
	640		\$2,000.00
MISC SINKING 4600	971	\$17,884.49	
	619		\$1,580.60
	652		\$16,303.89

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to transfer budget authority as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, presented the Board with a Resolution to transfer funds back to the General Fund (0100) and Inheritance Tax Fund (2700) from the Road/Bridge Fund (0300) as repayment of fund transfers for expenses related to the Railroad Bridge Project and other road projects. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to adopt Resolution #25-07. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Aksamit presented the Board with a Resolution to set the County Medical Insurance Opt Out Cash-in-Lieu Program benefit offer for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Clay County offers full-time eligible employees a monthly benefit known as cash-in-lieu if they do not enroll in the Medical Insurance policy provided by the County. The Board discussed the increases in medical insurance coverage. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to adopt Resolution #25-08 to adopt the Cash-in-Lieu benefit at \$750.00 per month effective July 31, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

The claims were distributed for review and discussion.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$135,741.72
Aflac, Insurance	\$413.85
Aksamit, Cassie, Mileage Reimbursement	\$103.60
Alley, Holli, Mileage Reimbursement	\$131.60
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$9,557.80
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$957.90
Barnett, Barb, Mileage Reimbursement	\$31.36
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$58.48
Biometric Solutions, Fingerprint Software	\$4,400.00
Bitterman, Joni, Mileage Reimbursement	\$529.20
Bitterman, Scott, Mileage Reimbursement	\$120.54
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$202.40
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$77,867.47
Buffalo County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$7.25
Business World Products, Supplies	\$191.55
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$70.56
Carey's Pest Control, Spraying	\$401.00
CASA of South Central NE, 2nd & 3rd Qtr Services	\$8,643.41
Cash-WA Distributing, Food Supplies	\$735.59
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$441.51
Clay Center Dental Clinic, Inmate Medical	\$641.00
Clay County Court, Court Costs	\$573.73
Clay County News, Advertising & Subscription	\$387.00
Clay County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$294.76
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road & Bridge	\$107,149.62
Clearly, Phone System	\$430.05
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$110.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$563.80
Comfort Inn, Lodging	\$269.90
CPI, Fuel	\$2,841.52
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,378.48
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions & HRA	\$76,777.91
Courtyard by Marriott, Lodging	\$278.00
Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment	\$397.57
Crowne Plaza, Lodging	\$434.85
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$51.45
Cummins Sales & Service, Parts & Service	\$1,111.92
DAS, Services	\$1,132.80
Dollar General, Supplies	\$219.40
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$950.00

Eakes, Supplies	\$1,055.28
Felber, Cara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$219.80
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,656.66
Futurity IT, Inc., Annual Service	\$1,000.00
Gilbert, Robin, Mileage Reimbursement	\$155.80
Hall County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$52.63
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hansen, Brenda, Mileage Reimbursement & Office Chairs	\$796.89
Harms, Christi, Mileage Reimbursement	\$128.80
Hastings Area Mutual Aid Assoc., 2022-2025 Dues	\$80.00
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Ives, Michelle, Mileage Reimbursement	\$92.40
Johnson, L Wayne, Mileage Reimbursement	\$97.58
Jones Automotive, Cage	\$1,200.71
Lieske Lieske & Ensz PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$628.50
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$314.15
Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc., County Comprehensive Plan	\$900.00
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$762.50
Memorial Community Health, Inmate Medical	\$590.00
Menards, Supplies	\$100.63
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$6,408.17
Mohnike, Jesse, Mileage Reimbursement	\$117.46
Murray Law PC, Attorney Fees	\$3,247.50
NACO, Workshops & Dues	\$3,469.44
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,775.00
Nebraska County Attorney's Association, Dues & Registration	\$550.00
NIRMA, Insurance & Legal Fees	\$182,078.07
Pavelka, Jim, Mileage Reimbursement	\$88.76
Physicians Lab Services, Autopsy Services	\$300.00
Platte Valley Communications, License & Repair	\$2,247.75
Point C Health, Employee Benefits	\$701.00
Police Officers Assoc of Nebraska, Conference	\$200.00
Secretary of State, Certified Copies	\$60.00
Security Equipment Inc, Alarm Services	\$3,060.00
Shirt Shack, Uniforms	\$582.00
Sirchie Acquisition Co., Evidence Boxes	\$81.72
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$2,277.00
Smith Lawn Care, 1st Lawn Application	\$625.00
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$1,614.40
Stanard Appraisal Services, Appraiser Fees	\$53,277.00
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$361.05
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$778.73
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Supplies & Subscriptions	\$5,495.10
US Cellular, Phones	\$184.34
US Postal Service, Box Rent	\$308.00
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage Reimbursement	\$34.58
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$525.16
VK Electronics & Appliances, Dryer	\$631.99
Wangila, David, Mileage Reimbursement	\$584.29
Windstream, Service	\$727.41
Woods Aitken LLP, Attorney Fees	\$1,242.50
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$357.50
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,634.40
ROAD FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$71,384.12
A Street Auto Parts Inc, Parts	\$25.60
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,473.39

All Road Barricades Inc, Light	\$960.86
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$150.29
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Glass	\$175.00
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$233.35
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$346.57
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$1,723.80
Bomgaars, Supplies	\$38.14
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$1,566.05
Carey's Pest Control, Spraying	\$72.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$88.98
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$72.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$115.18
Colonial, Insurance	\$403.48
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$36,234.35
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Service	\$116.75
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$3,385.91
Diamond Mowers LLC, Parts	\$754.87
Dollar General, Supplies	\$18.00
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$713.00
Fastenal Company, Parts	\$325.31
Filter Care of Nebraska, Filters	\$131.00
First Concord, Insurance	\$150.00
Fleetpride, Parts	\$116.65
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$1,079.41
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$14,972.43
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$198.54
Glenwood, Internet	\$239.09
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Hays Land Surveying LLC, Survey Work	\$566.25
Interstate Battery Center, Batteries	\$1,958.65
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$275.18
John Deer Financial, Service	\$2,401.10
Kimball Midwest, Parts	\$441.68
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc, Supplies	\$263.21
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$10.77
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Drug Testing	\$125.00
Medical Enterprises Inc, Testing	\$72.00
Menards, Supplies	\$459.96
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$20,084.71
Midwest Service & Sales Co, Culverts	\$10,171.44
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equip Co Inc, Parts	\$1,188.85
Nationwide, Retirement	\$250.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$34,705.19
Noregon Systems LLC, JPRO Renewal	\$2,199.00
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc, Fuel	\$129.02
Rush Truck Centers of NE Inc, Parts	\$2,294.17
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$375.00
Sioux City Tarp, Parts	\$749.85
South Central Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$333.95
Southern Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$61.95
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$818.87
Sutton Lumber, Parts	\$11.52
Thermo King Christensen, Parts	\$58.85
Truck Center Companies West, Parts	\$793.24
Van Kirk Sand & Gravel Inc, Engine	\$17,500.00
Vestis, Uniforms	\$507.84
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00

Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$209.84
Werner Construction, Asphalt Overlay Project	\$742,367.68
Windstream, Internet	\$786.33
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00
ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND	
MIPS Inc., Program costs	\$526.66
INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
Cardio Partners Inc, AEDs	\$11,050.00
HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$10,341.50
Beyke Signs Inc, Window Lettering	\$160.00
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$46.73
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$721.96
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$77.94
Clay County News, Advertising	\$116.25
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$4,356.17
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Marshall, Sara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$472.50
Memorial Health Clinic, Consultant Fee	\$100.00
Mertens, Sara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$206.50
Rongo, Maria, Mileage Reimbursement	\$58.80
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$113.83
Sutton Electric, Light Repair	\$89.00
US Bank, Supplies	\$926.20
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$51.15
VaxCare LLC, Hub Fee	\$20.00
911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$92.10
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
South Central Public Power Dist, Utilities	\$82.48
E911 HOLDING FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,672.98
Smart Response, Subscription	\$2,840.00

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman 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, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 11:07 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for July 15, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on July 15, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 9, 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.

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All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held June 25, 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 June 25, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tallgrass representative John Hladik met with the Board to provide a construction update on the CO2 pipeline project in Clay County. The majority of the project components are ahead of schedule.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads and the June mechanic's report. A renewal sign permit was presented to the Board for the City of Clay Center sign at the corner of Highway 6 and Highway 14 South. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the sign permit. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Darwin Dimmit asked the Board to consider maintenance of Road C from Highway 6 down to Remington Seed. Remington Seed representative Joe Melnick was also present for the discussion. Conversation was had regarding the road not being a Clay County road. Motion was entered by Eric Samuelson to have the Clay County Highway Department maintain Road C from Highway 6 down to Remington Seed and seconded by Glen Becker. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Mohnike, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson; Nay: Pavelka and Johnson. Motion Carried.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, presented her monthly report. Fleischer discussed the unfilled Deputy County Attorney position with the Board.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, presented his monthly report.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer: presented the semi-annual statement. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to accept the semi-annual statement from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025 as presented by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tanner Hagge did not attend the meeting.

The June Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of June 2025: County Clerk \$14,686.50; County Court \$6203.13; Clerk of District Court \$5,101.38; Sheriff \$5,362.19; County Health Department \$3,290.66 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 25060001 through 25060093 in the amount of \$488,199.21. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The renewal of the Administrative Service Agreement with Point C (f/k/a Mid-American Benefits) and the Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan Document and Summary Plan Document Amendment #1 for the Clay County Medical Insurance Claims and

Deductible Administration were discussed. Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to approve the renewal with Point C for the Clay County Medical Insurance Claims and Deductible Administration. 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, provided the Board with information on the Board vacancy for Marshall Township and how to move forward with getting a fiscal year budget established for said township. Aksamit has had conversation with the State Auditor's office to establish the process.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 10:31 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for July 22, 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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on July 22, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 16, 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, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; Absent: Glen Becker.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held July 15, 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 July 15, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, 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. Tom requested permission to advertise for bids for a tractor. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to advertise for bids for a tractor, bids to be opened on August 12, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Holli Alley and David Wangila with the UNL Extension Office provided the summer narrative and program reports to the Board. The Extension Office was able to secure two grants this summer to provide a disaster preparedness class for youth and a sunshade for livestock during the Clay County Fair.

Timothy Anderson introduced himself as a Clay County resident, current Mayor for the City of Sutton and a candidate for the District 38 Legislative Seat. Mr. Anderson was eager to learn about the operations of Clay County government and was open to comments from the Board of Supervisors about what concerns or issues Clay County may be facing.

Candace Meredith, Deputy Director of the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) provided the Board with NACO updates.

Sara Mertens, Clay County Health Department Director, presented the quarterly report.

Barb Barnett, Planning & Zoning Administrator, presented the quarterly report.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer, presented Resolution #25-09 for a Pledge Release on CUSIP #61768U2A4. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution #25-09 as presented by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Congressman Adrian Smith's representative Jerad Reimers provided the Board with an annual update from the Congressman's office. Chairman Johnson requested that Mr. Reimers remind the Congressman that our taxpayers are absorbing the tax burden of approximately 40,000 acres of untaxed/undertaxed land in Clay County, of which approximately 35,000 acres are owned by the Federal Government. The Clay County Board of Supervisors have and will continue to put the issue in front of our State representatives.

A request was made from the Emergency Manager for a promotion in the Dispatch Center. The Board will discuss this further with the Emergency Manager at the next meeting.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Mohnike to adjourn this meeting at 11:14 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for July 29, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

# COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on July 29, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 23, 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.

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All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held July 22, 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 July 22, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Abstain: Becker; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cody Jester attended the meeting to discuss cannabis legalization in Nebraska and what it could mean for Clay County. Mr. Jester would like the Clay County Board of Supervisors to consider opening the doors for Clay County farmers to allow production of cannabis if the passing of the law provides local governments the ability to dictate the rules and regulations.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report. Greg gave some updates on the Trailblazer Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) and the Twin Valley Weed Management Area (TVWMA) programs and how they are hoping to continue their programs with further collaboration with the Little Blue Natural Resources District. The Board signed a letter of support for the efforts of the programs in hopes to see a continued collaboration for our region.

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

RuAnn Root, Executive Director of CASA of South Central Nebraska, presented a budget request for fiscal year 2025-2026. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to approve the budget request for CASA of South Central Nebraska for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$18,000.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, presented her monthly report. Discussion was continued regarding Haley's request to make a promotion in the Dispatch Center. The Board was okay with an employee being designated as a Lead Dispatcher and with hiring for an additional Dispatcher.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Law Enforcement Services by and Among the County of Adams and the County of Clay for Mental Health Board hearings for the term of August 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 with auto annual renewal . Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Fire Alarm System at the Sheriff / Jail Departments was discussed. No action was taken as estimates are being gathered from vendors.

The claims were distributed for review and discussion.

## GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$135,645.54
Adams County Justice Center, Inmate Holding	\$220.00

Aflac, Insurance	\$205.20
Alley, Holli, Mileage Reimbursement	\$33.60
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Service	\$7,618.50
Aspegren Repair, Vehicle Repairs	\$76.65
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$991.77
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Glass	\$400.00
Axon Enterprises Inc, Taser Certification	\$8,335.44
Barnett, Barb, Mileage Reimbursement	\$31.36
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$156.39
Benchmark Government Solutions, Meals	\$13.95
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$198.34
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$77,494.46
Buffalo County, Dues	\$200.00
Business World Products, Supplies	\$221.09
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$86.39
Cash-WA Distributing, Food Supplies	\$1,053.45
Cerris Systems North Central Inc, Pump Repair	\$630.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$441.70
Clay County News, Advertising & Subscription	\$1,713.38
Clay County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$8.25
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road & Bridge	\$57,963.52
Clearly, Phone System	\$429.59
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$75.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$130.42
Cooney Refrigeration LLC, Repairs	\$2,950.45
Corner Market, Supplies	\$503.70
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions & HRA	\$79,352.23
CPI, Fuel	\$2,884.12
Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment	\$350.90
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$99.15
DAS State Accounting, Services	\$1,132.80
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$4,829.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$608.67
Election Systems & Software, Ballot Coding	\$170.55
Engineered Controls Inc, Annual PSA Billing	\$4,200.00
Farmer, Jim, Meals	\$62.95
Felber, Cara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$65.80
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,054.17
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$800.00
Gallant, Cliff, Plexiglass Frames	\$579.35
Galls, Uniforms	\$199.99
Goding Law LLC, Attorney Fees	\$713.00
gWorks, Subscription	\$6,614.99
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Jill Cunningham Attorney, Fees	\$1,140.10
Lieske Lieske & Ensz PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$442.50
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$314.90
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$725.00
Menards, Supplies	\$73.77
MDM Pest Control, Treatment	\$110.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
Mid Nebraska Individual Services Inc, 1st Qtr Service	\$1,526.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,309.52
Mutual of Omaha, Insurance	\$1,304.84
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,775.00
Physicians Lab Services, Autopsy Services	\$2,750.00
Pine Lake Behavioral, Evaluations	\$3,900.00
Platte Valley Communications, License & Repair	\$1,002.50
Point C Health, Employee Benefits	\$376.00

Propio, Interpretation Services	\$28.44
Region 3 BHS, 1st Qtr Match	\$3,997.86
Secretary of State, NCOA Cards	\$10.00
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law Firm, Attorney Fees	\$2,184.70
South Central Public Power Dist., Utilities	\$2,646.80
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$62.18
Sutton Lumber, Parts	\$79.00
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$98.96
TK Elevator Corporation, Elevator Service	\$390.54
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$345.68
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Supplies & Subscriptions	\$919.94
US Cellular, Phones	\$184.22
USDA APHIS, Compensation & Support	\$2,111.18
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage Reimbursement	\$172.90
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$512.56
Wangila, David, Mileage Reimbursement	\$539.63
Windstream, Service	\$728.21
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$382.50
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,500.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$62,122.05
Aflac, Insurance	\$966.82
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$66.97
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$55.27
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$318.73
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$1,723.80
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$4,130.87
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$88.70
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$88.56
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$72.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$116.13
Clay County News, Subscription	\$44.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$264.60
Consolidated Concrete Co, Road B Project	\$2,486.05
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$29,953.46
Cornhusker Cleaning Supply, Supplies	\$648.21
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$8,886.17
Deweese Sand & Gravel, Gravel	\$27,768.84
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$640.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$17.99
Fairfield N/S Co-op Fertilizer, Supplies	\$48.65
Farm & Home Publishers LTD, Publishing	\$587.80
Filter Care of Nebraska, Filters	\$363.95
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Fleetpride, Parts	\$162.17
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$1,004.61
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$12,343.98
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$485.77
Glenwood, Internet	\$139.80
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Hays Land Surveying LLC, Survey Work	\$6,764.40
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$105.60
J and K Fencing, Corner Posts	\$210.00
John Deer Financial, Service	\$223.15
Kohmetscher Feed Service, Project #235	\$352.75
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$10.77
Menards, Supplies	\$609.39

Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel		\$21,963.43
Miller Tire & Service Point S, Repairs		\$677.98
MIPS, Service		\$131.92
Moore Electric, Furnace		\$4,000.00
Murphy Tractor & Equip Co Inc, Parts		\$1,654.97
Mutual of Omaha, Insurance		\$425.16
NAPA Auto Parts, Parts		\$346.03
Nationwide, Retirement		\$250.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs		\$1,046.72
NMC-Doniphan, One-way Snow Plow		\$16,650.00
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc, Fuel		\$386.13
Olsson Inc, Asphalt Overlay		\$14,065.09
Rush Truck Centers of NE Inc, Parts		\$186.17
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning		\$300.00
Shirt Shack, Uniforms		\$403.75
South Central Public Power Dist, Utilities		\$416.61
Southern Public Power Dist, Utilities		\$64.37
Sunbelt Rentals Inc, Straps		\$115.16
Superior Outdoor Power, Supplies		\$59.95
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts		\$469.67
Sutton Lumber, Parts		\$21.76
Truck Center Companies West, Parts		\$5.48
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance		\$310.43
US Bank, Supplies		\$489.90
Vestis, Uniforms		\$766.88
Village of Trumbull, Utilities		\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision		\$200.22
Werner Construction, Asphalt Overlay Project		\$527,028.61
Windstream, Internet		\$482.20
Woodward's, Garbage		\$65.00
ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND		
MIPS Inc., Program costs		\$538.81
	STOP FUND	
Intoximeters Inc, Intoximeter		\$6,595.00
	HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages		\$8,510.02
Black Hills Energy, Utilities		\$45.35
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance		\$721.96
Clay County News, Advertising		\$116.25
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions		\$3,497.65
Culligan of Hastings, Rent		\$36.00
Eakes, Supplies		\$52.95
First Concord, Insurance		\$475.00
Marshall, Sara, Mileage Reimbursement & Liability Ins.		\$555.90
Mertens, Sara, Mileage Reimbursement		\$78.40
Pens.com, 2026 Calendars		\$111.44
Ramirez, Maria Del Carmen, Interpreter		\$162.50
Rongo, Maria, Mileage Reimbursement		\$43.40
Schwenk, Judy, Mileage Reimbursement		\$10.50
Shiple, Mary, Mileage Reimbursement		\$21.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities		\$190.35
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance		\$142.28
US Bank, Supplies		\$192.87
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision		\$51.15
	911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities		\$101.41
Glenwood, Internet		\$204.95
LP HVAC LLC, A/C Repair		\$2,768.81
South Central Public Power Dist, Utilities		\$97.59

E911 HOLDING FUND

Century Link dba Lumen, Internet

\$2,672.98

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman 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 Mohnike to adjourn this meeting at 10:48 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for August 12, 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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on August 12, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 6, 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 July 29, 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 July 29, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Tom discussed an Interlocal Agreement. This has been sent to the County Attorney for review.

Tom asked the Board if he was okay to look for a truck and belly dump trailer for hauling gravel as replacement to one of the older dump trucks. The Board is okay with this.

An Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury natural gas pipeline from the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 5-8-5 crossing County Road 324 to the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 8-8-5 crossing County Road V to the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 9-5-8. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike 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.

An Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury natural gas pipeline from the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 10-8-5 crossing County Road X to the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 11-8-5. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker 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.

An Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury natural gas pipeline from the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1-8-5 crossing County Road Y to the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 2-8-5. 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.

An Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury natural gas pipeline from the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 35-9-5 (Hamilton County) crossing County Road 325 and County South X Road to the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 3-8-5. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike 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.

An Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury natural gas pipeline from the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 35-9-5 (Hamilton County) crossing County Road 325 to the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 2-8-5. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Mohnike 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.

An Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury natural gas pipeline from the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 32-9-5 (Hamilton County) crossing County Road 325 to the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 5-8-5. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka 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.

An Easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury natural gas pipeline from the NE ¼ of 10-8-5 crossing County Road 324 to the SE ¼ of 3-8-5. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Becker 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.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to open tractor bids at 9:15 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

*Bids received:*

- *Landmark Implement for 2012 John Deere 7280R Tractor \$136,792.24*

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to accept the bid from Landmark Implement for a 2012 John Deere 7280R Tractor in the amount of \$136,792.24 less trade value of \$25,500.00 for the 1990 John Deere 8760 Tractor owned by Clay County for a total cost to Clay County of \$111,292.24. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, discussed an Interlocal Agreement with the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN). This has been sent to the County Attorney for review.

The July 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 July 2025: County Clerk \$8,698.00; County Court \$4,928.74; Clerk of District Court \$8,518.28; Sheriff \$1,552.77; County Health Department \$1,949.50 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 25060094 and 25070001 through 25070059 in the amount of \$376,806.00. 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 Assessor and Building & Grounds. Motion by Becker and seconded by Mohnike to approve the following items for surplus:

Blower, 58v backpack – doesn't work	6 gallon air compressor – doesn't work
Bissell upright vacuum – doesn't work	Gas powered lawn edger – doesn't work
Leaf blower – doesn't work	Riccar standup cordless vacuum – doesn't work
Think chair – burgundy	Think chair – gray
Chair – gray/black	Steelcase chair – black
ViewSonic flatscreen 24" (x8)	Dehumidifier

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 send a letter of support for the Little Blue Natural Resources District's grant application for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for recycling events in our communities. 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 Mohnike to adjourn this meeting at 10:25 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for August 19, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on August 19, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 13, 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.

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All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public input.

Minutes of the meeting held August 12, 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 12, 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 and the mechanic's work report for July. No action was taken regarding the interlocal agreement as the Board would like to wait until the County Attorney reviews the same.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, presented his monthly report.

Pam Maynard presented the annual report of activity for the Visitor Promotion Fund and Visitor Improvement Fund. Pam presented the budget request for the funds for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to approve the budget requests as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, presented her monthly report, gave some insight into the Attorney General's opinion that was recently released regarding property assessment methods, advised the Board of some upcoming tax sales and gave some insight into the progress of the cannabis laws.

A surplus request was presented from the Board of Supervisor's Inventory. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to approve the following items for surplus:

1 chair, green upholstered – broken	Blackboard with easel - broken
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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 open the public hearing on the vacancy of the Marshall Township Board 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.

Kyle Kinyoun, resident of Clay County, was present to ask questions regarding the vacancy of Marshall Township such as but not limited to: what led to the vacancy, how vacant is the township board, what are the requirements to sit on the board, etc. Discussion continued regarding how township operations vary across the State of Nebraska (only 19 other counties in the State operate under a township form of government) and what the functions of the townships in Clay County are. Chairman Johnson and County Clerk Aksamit provided information to describe how townships used to operate as their own political subdivision in which they owned their equipment, employed and provided benefits to their employees, and covered their liabilities all as a township operation; however, that is just not how townships operate anymore in Clay County. It's not a bad thing but seems to be more of just an oversight in operations.

Elimination of a Township would not mean reduced local representation for any township resident nor would it mean the addition of another layer of government. The current Board of Supervisors would simply act as the Board for the townships until they can be officially dissolved and then Clay County would switch to a Board of Commissioners form of government. Same number of Commissioners and still holding public meetings in which all Clay County residents are welcome to attend and participate in.

Cody Jester was present to discuss a business plan for a cannabis cultivation location in Clay County. Commended for his enthusiasm and well-presented business plan, it is simply too early in the game with the new laws, and that without guidance from the legislature on what is expected of the local governments, the Clay County Board will not be taking action on anything until the guidelines are provided. The Board encouraged Mr. Jester to reach out to his local district representative to discuss the status of the legislation.

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Bitterman to close the public hearing at 10:35 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the Interlocal Agreement with the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) as the Board would like to wait until the County Attorney reviews the same.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 10:36 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for August 26, 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

## 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

## 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

## 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.

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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 27<sup>th</sup> 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
INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
Security Equipment Inc, Fire Alarm Replacement	\$8,890.50
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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on September 30, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on September 24, 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, Glen Becker, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Eric Samuelson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jon Capps, District 38 Candidate for Legislature, introduced himself and discussed some of his campaign agenda items with the Board. Our Board provided Mr. Capps with issues in Clay County that they would like to see addressed. A priority for the Board is to find a way to gain property tax revenue from the federal lands in Clay County.

Minutes of the meeting held September 23, 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 23, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, provided his monthly report.

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

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to open the budget hearing and budget summary hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for Marshall Township at 9:30 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The budget notice for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget of Marshall Township was published in the Clay County News on September 3, 2025.

After review of the County Attorney and no concerns reported, motion was made by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to authorize the Chairman to sign the Master Services Agreement with EagleView as approved on September 16, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Due to an incomplete application, a motion was made by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to deny the Application for County Burial Financial Affidavit & Agreement from Kay Jones regarding Tracey Allen Jones, decedent. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution #25-15 for the Clay County FSA Plan through First Concord for the 25-26 Fiscal Year. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to advertise for bids for the S ½ SW ¼ of Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 8 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Clay County, Nebraska ('Leicester Farm'). Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw 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 Marshall Township, as prepared by Cindy Johnson. Nothing noted.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to close the budget hearing and budget summary hearing of Marshall Township at 9:53 A.M. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Marshall 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, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to approve the bills paid in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Marshall Township budget as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Members of the Board will make the quarterly jail visit.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 9:57 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for October 14, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on October 14, 2025 at 9:13 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on October 8, 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.

Vice-Chairman Jim Pavelka 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 Jim Pavelka; absent: L. Wayne Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public input.

Minutes of the meeting held September 30, 2025 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 September 30, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his roads report as well as the mechanic's report for September. The County received \$5,000.00 in a NIRMA Assist Grant as reimbursement towards the cost of placing security cameras at the Highway Roads Department shops in 2024.

The County Annual Certification of Program Compliance presented. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to approve the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2025 and authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Resolution #25-16 for the Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025 was presented. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #25-16 for the Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion Carried. (Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

The September Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of September 2025: County Clerk \$13,657.88; County Court \$7,778.83; Clerk of District Court \$51,188.05; Sheriff \$1,898.31; County Health Department \$3,623.30 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 25090001 and 25090059 in the amount of \$552,132.59. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to adjourn this meeting at 10:12 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for October 21, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

Jim Pavelka, Vice-Chairman

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on October 21, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on October 15, 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, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Jim Pavelka.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held October 14, 2025 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 October 14, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his roads report. Discussion was had regarding the possible need for a stop sign on Road 3025. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to start an engineering study for stop sign installation on Road 3025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, provided his monthly report.

Nicholas Schaefer, Mayor of the City of Edgar, was present to express concerns of the citizens of the Edgar regarding drug activity in Edgar. Mr. Schaefer will continue the conversation with Sheriff Franklin.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, provided her monthly report.

Barb Barnett, Planning & Zoning Administrator, presented the quarterly report.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the Maintenance Agreement with Cerris Systems for semi-annual inspections of the HVAC system at the Courthouse for the 25-26 fiscal year in the amount of \$5,586.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. 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 Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 10:29 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for October 28, 2025. 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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on October 28, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on October 22, 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, Jim Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held October 21, 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 October 21, 2025. 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 presented his roads report. Discussion was had regarding the putting a stop sign at Road 3025 and Road S. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adopt and sign Resolution #25-17 for stop sign installation at Road 3025 and Road S. 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)

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, provided his monthly report.

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

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, provided her monthly report.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to place the Chairman on the NACO Voter Registration for the 2025 December Election and the Clerk as the alternate. 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 presented the Board with a Resolution to Participate in Operation Green Light for Veterans this year. Aksamit explained to the Board the plan for participation which includes illuminating the Courthouse in green from November 4<sup>th</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of our Veterans. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution #25-18 Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. 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)

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

### GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$144,782.56
Adams County District Court, Mental Health Board	\$255.00
Aflac, Insurance	\$205.20
Aksamit, Cassie, Supplies & Mileage Reimbursement	\$460.74
Alberts, Donna, Edgar Election Worker	\$37.50
Alley, Holli, Mileage Reimbursement	\$163.80
APCO International, Membership Fee	\$391.00
Applied Connective Technologies, IT, Surveillance & Computers	\$8,694.46
Aspegren Repair, 2022 Dodge Durango	\$607.56
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$1,008.46

Barnett, Barb, Mileage Reimbursement	\$103.60
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC, Meals	\$560.65
Bitterman, Joni, Mileage Reimbursement	\$47.60
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$247.10
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$73,942.07
Brenfoerder, Stan, Cemetery Mowing	\$595.00
Business World Products, Supplies	\$71.57
Butler County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$18.00
Butler Volland Funeral Home, Services	\$625.00
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$101.95
Carey's Pest Control, Spraying	\$280.00
Cerris Systems, Repairs	\$3,794.01
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$558.53
Clay Center American Legion #87, Government Day Supplies	\$600.67
Clay County News, Advertising	\$1,828.51
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road & Bridge	\$129,056.70
Clearly, Phone System	\$430.78
Colonial, Insurance	\$130.42
CPI, Fuel	\$3,197.18
Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,564.29
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions, HRA	\$82,240.08
Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment	\$861.91
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$105.90
Dana F. Cole Company LLP, Budget Consultation	\$2,350.00
DAS State Accounting, Services	\$1,132.80
Dittmer, Christina, Mileage Reimbursement	\$96.60
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$6,827.50
Eakes, Supplies	\$5,254.93
Emergency Services Marketing Inc, Subscription	\$3,654.99
Engineered Controls, UPS Backup	\$500.14
Felber, Cara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$204.40
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,054.17
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$451.05
Galls, Uniforms	\$469.95
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hampton Inn, Lodging	\$449.85
Harvard Rod & Gun Club, Membership	\$50.00
Hastings Tribune, Subscription	\$205.00
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Hoy, Joni, Meals Reimbursement	\$111.18
Integrated Security Solutions, Smoke Detectors	\$133.43
Ives, Michelle, Meals & Mileage Reimbursement	\$325.14
Johnson, Shirley, Edgar Election Worker	\$37.50
Kansas Highway Patrol, 2023 Dodge Durango	\$38,825.00
Lemke, Greg, Edgar Election Worker	\$37.50
Lieske Lieske & Ensz PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$325.47
Madison County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$18.41
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$330.23
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$800.00
Memorial Community Health, Inmate Visit	\$436.00
Menards, Supplies	\$102.12
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
MIPS, Service, Supplies	\$3,309.52
Murray Law PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$1,063.75
Mutual of Omaha, Insurance	\$1,111.05
NACO, Conference Registrations	\$725.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$1,775.00
Nebraska APCO NENA, Conference Registration	\$345.40
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, Training	\$175.00
Nebraska.gov, Certified Driving Record	\$16.00

NENA, Dues	\$750.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, Depreciation Class Lodging	\$1,100.00
Peshek, Deanna, Edgar Election Worker	\$60.00
Point C Health, Employee Benefits	\$408.00
Professional Choice Recovery, Garnishment	\$429.59
Region 3 BHS, 2nd Qtr Match	\$3,997.86
Roemmich, Gayle, Edgar Election Worker	\$37.50
Secretary of State, Election Training Conference	\$120.00
Security Equipment Inc, Alarm Monitoring	\$326.60
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$2,327.49
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,807.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$18.36
Sutton Electric, Fan Repair	\$823.19
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$345.68
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Supplies & Subscriptions	\$2,387.51
US Cellular, Phones	\$66.24
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage Reimbursement	\$34.58
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$548.89
Voss Plumbing Inc, Replace Hydrant	\$1,247.48
Wangila, David, Mileage Reimbursement	\$107.17
Windstream, Service	\$747.54
WJE Consulting, Services	\$1,095.00
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$357.50
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,500.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$64,711.89
Aflac, Insurance	\$924.70
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$107.69
Beck's Farm Equipment Inc, Parts	\$42.10
Beyke Signs Inc, Signs	\$160.00
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$410.20
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$1,723.80
Bomgaars Supply Inc, Cattle Panel	\$107.96
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$2,615.76
Carey's Pest Control, Spraying	\$128.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$88.48
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$88.56
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$70.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$121.11
Clay County Treasurer, Trailer Registration	\$10.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$264.60
Consolidated Concrete Co, Concrete	\$401.30
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$31,090.21
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$4,708.01
Dollar General, Supplies	\$37.95
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$640.00
Eakes Office Solutions, Office Supplies	\$106.54
Fastenal Company, Parts	\$8.58
Filter Care of Nebraska LLC, Filter Cleaning	\$504.50
First Concord, Insurance	\$275.00
Fleetpride, Supplies	\$308.24
Floyd's Truck Center, Part	\$8.75
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$1,508.66
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$17,428.28
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$575.31
Glenwood, Internet	\$210.55
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Island Landhandlers Inc, Gravel	\$8,239.70

Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$105.60
John Deer Financial, Service	\$1,162.46
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc, Generators	\$1,488.15
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$10.77
Menards, Supplies	\$54.57
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$39,716.70
Miller Tire & Service Point S, Repairs	\$18,513.41
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Mutual of Omaha, Insurance	\$462.69
Nationwide, Retirement	\$250.00
NACO, Conference Registration	\$50.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$17,431.37
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc, Fuel	\$297.70
Olsson Inc, Asphalt Overlay	\$19,753.14
Overland Sand and Gravel, Gravel	\$1,300.13
Petro Plus Inc, Tire Service	\$120.00
Rush Truck Centers of NE Inc, Parts	\$8,460.05
Sahling Kenworth-Kearney, Filters	\$657.91
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$431.05
Southern Public Power District, Utilities	\$80.93
Straight-Line Striping Inc, Asphalt Striping	\$3,841.50
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$385.14
Sutton Lumber, Parts	\$74.16
Thermo King Christensen, Parts	\$35.96
Truck Center Companies West, Gauge	\$111.37
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$310.43
US Bank, Supplies	\$1,100.00
Van Kirk Sand & Gravel Inc, Rock	\$39,622.96
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$200.22
Werner Construction, Asphalt Overlay	\$2,263,913.76
Windstream, Internet	\$288.58
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00
ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND	
MIPS Inc, Program costs	\$538.81
VETERAN'S AID FUND	
Clay County Vet Service Officer, Funding of Vet Aid	\$2,000.00
INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
Security Equipment Inc, Fire Alarm Replacement	\$8,890.50
HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$8,668.27
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$49.78
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$721.96
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$78.13
Clay County News, Advertising	\$54.25
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$3,548.66
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$46.56
First Concord, Insurance	\$475.00
Marshall, Sara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$499.80
Mertens, Sara, Mileage Reimbursement	\$175.00
Rongo, Maria, Mileage Reimbursement	\$86.10
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$157.66
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$106.30
US Bank, Supplies	\$42.51
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$51.15
911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$102.91
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95

South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$96.88
E911 HOLDING FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,666.62

Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw 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 Bitterman and seconded by Becker to adjourn this meeting at 10:40 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for November 12, 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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on November 12, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on November 5, 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: Glen Becker, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Scott Bitterman, Eric Samuelson and Jim Pavelka.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public input.

Minutes of the meeting held October 28, 2025 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 October 28, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his roads report as well as the mechanic's report for October.

An Easement request from Daniel Shaw to bury an electrical line from the SW ¼ of 28-6-6 crossing County Road 308 to the N ½ NW ¼ of 33-6-6. Motion by Becker and seconded by Mohnike to approve the easement as requested. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The October Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of October 2025: County Clerk \$6,156.49; County Court \$11,518.74; Clerk of District Court \$14,004.88; Sheriff \$8,729.02; County Health Department \$3,638.25 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 25100001 and 25100052 in the amount of \$454,095.44. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs and Clay County effective from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028 and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Becker to approve the quote/service order with Glenwood to provide and install a Business Broadband Fiber Internet connection for Clay County for a 36-month term and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to approve the Firewall Security Subscription Renewal through Applied Connective for a 3-year subscription and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Mohnike to adjourn this meeting at 9:39 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for November 18, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on November 18, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on November 12, 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, Jim Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public input.

Minutes of the meeting held November 12, 2025 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 November 12, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer, presented the Clay County Sheriff's Department Distress Warrants.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, presented his monthly report.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, presented her monthly report. The Board inquired about the process of recouping unpaid taxes that are listed in the distress warrants. Jennifer will gather information and provide it to the Board at a later date.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 9:45 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for November 25, 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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on November 25, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on November 19, 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, Glen Becker, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Eric Samuelson and Jim Pavelka.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held November 18, 2025 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 November 18, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his roads report.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, provided his monthly report. The Board provided Greg with a printed job description and duties and asked that he review and provide feedback as needed. The Board will meet with Greg in December to discuss the same and for an annual evaluation.

Mark Johnson, Building & Grounds, provided his monthly report. The Board provided Mark with a printed job description and duties and asked that he review and provide feedback as needed. The Board will meet with Mark in December to discuss the same and for an annual evaluation.

Cassie Aksamit, Clay County Clerk, advised the Board that correspondence was received from Cerris Systems regarding the quote for replacement of compressors to the HVAC unit. Cerris has updated the quote to include the cost for the 2<sup>nd</sup> compressor putting the total replacement cost at \$11,862.00.

Sara Mertens, Clay County Health Department Director, presented the quarterly report. The Board provided Sara with a printed job description and duties and asked that she review and provide feedback as needed. The Board will meet with Sara in December to discuss the same and for an annual evaluation.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to open bids for the Clay County Farm at Section 10-8-8 'Leicester Farm' at 9:45am. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Bids received for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 crop years:

- Ian Askey of Giltner, NE: lump sum bid of \$29,898 (\$9,966/year)
- 1949 Farms, LLC of Saronville, NE: lump sum bid of \$29,730 (\$9,910/year)

Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to accept the bid from Ian Askey for the Clay County Farm at Section 10-8-8 'Leicester Farm'. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

### GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$126,811.66
Adams County District Court, Mental Health Board	\$218.30
Adams County Justice Center, Inmate Holds	\$2,035.00
Advanced Family Healthcare LLC, Inmate Care	\$188.36

Aflac, Insurance	\$1,129.90
Applied Connective Technologies, IT, Surveillance	\$7,737.80
Aspegren Repair, Vehicle Repair	\$350.58
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$1,013.04
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Window Repair	\$405.00
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC, Meals	\$1,286.00
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$807.65
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$76,387.83
Business World Products, Supplies	\$303.89
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$89.47
Cash-WA Distributing, Food & Supplies	\$1,669.49
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$429.07
Clay County News, Advertising	\$582.50
Clay County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$192.48
Clay County Treasurer, Postage	\$8,254.96
Clay County Treasurer, Title & Registration	\$10.00
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road & Bridge	\$173,458.50
Clearly, Phone System	\$430.78
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$485.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$395.02
CPI, Fuel	\$3,462.67
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions/HRA/Safety Deposit Box	\$108,427.14
Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment	\$819.18
Crowne Plaza, Lodging	\$779.70
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$76.20
DAS State Accounting, Services	\$1,132.80
Dollar General, Supplies	\$114.15
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$920.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$1,377.89
Fairfield Inn Suites, Lodging	\$298.00
First Concord, Insurance	\$2,004.17
Fleischer, Jennifer, Attorney Fees	\$250.00
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$1,116.90
Galls, Uniforms	\$377.30
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,292.48
Lieske Lieske & Ensz PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$469.00
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MDM Pest & Termite Control, Pest Control	\$110.00
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$800.00
Menards, Supplies	\$128.45
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
MIPS, Service/Supplies	\$4,361.04
Mutual of Omaha, Insurance	\$1,567.94
NACO, Conference Registrations/Dues	\$2,419.44
National Emergency Number Association, Online Course	\$299.00
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Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, Certification Fee	\$75.00
Nebraska State Fire Marshall, Boiler Inspection Certificate	\$108.00
Nebraska Weed Control Association, Dues	\$235.00
Nebraska.gov, Certified Driving Record	\$16.00
NWCA-Region 4, Dues	\$15.00
Oldham, Michelle, Attorney Fees	\$375.00
Pitney Bowes, Lease Agreement	\$400.89
Platte Valley Communications, Service	\$510.00
Point C Health, Employee Benefits	\$312.00
Polk County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$12.00
Professional Choice Recovery, Garnishment	\$1,189.12
Quality Sound Communications, Water System Rental	\$147.00

RR Donnelley, Gun Application	\$136.47
Security Equipment Inc, Alarm Monitoring	\$426.00
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law, Attorney Fees	\$3,106.40
Sorsen's Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,389.09
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$1,646.72
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,715.00
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$134.53
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$46.87
TK Elevator Corporation, Elevator Service	\$130.18
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$762.41
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
US Bank, Supplies/Subscriptions/Meal	\$1,268.26
US Cellular, Phones	\$54.26
VanDewalle, Brandy, Mileage Reimbursement	\$127.96
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$863.94
Wangila, David, Mileage Reimbursement	\$122.08
Windstream, Service	\$606.76
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$357.50
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,500.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$94,466.68
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$59.20
Beck's Farm Equipment Inc, Parts	\$5.99
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$546.24
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$2,763.15
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$97.70
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$111.65
Clay County Weed Control, Roadside Spraying	\$11,745.00
Consolidated Concrete Co, Concrete	\$1,914.91
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$13,268.34
Cornhusker Cleaning Supply, Supplies	\$192.42
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$8,326.61
Don's Lawn Service, Mowing	\$350.00
Filter Care of Nebraska LLC, Filter Cleaning	\$523.25
Floyd's Truck Center, Parts	\$1,460.25
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$4,272.42
Geneva Tire & Auto Inc, Repair	\$1,443.56
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$21,611.38
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$422.38
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Independent Salt Company, Salt Sand	\$3,824.00
Inland Truck Parts & Service, Part	\$64.90
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$109.12
John Deer Financial, Service	\$920.96
Diamond Lime, Lime Rock	\$33,514.89
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Drug Testing	\$25.00
Menards, Supplies	\$211.02
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$23,298.36
Miller Tire & Service Point S, Repairs	\$4,641.50
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment, Parts	\$1,969.80
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$1,821.63
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc, Fuel	\$157.80
Olsson Inc, Asphalt Overlay	\$12,632.95
Overland Sand and Gravel, Gravel	\$33,893.93
Sahling Kenworth-Kearney, Parts	\$18,358.29
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$375.00

Shirt Shack, Safety Clothing	\$359.40
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$373.35
Southern Public Power District, Utilities	\$67.35
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$3,978.55
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$139.73
Thermo King Christensen, Parts	\$102.67
Vestis Uniforms & Workplace Inc, Uniforms	\$1,072.20
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Werner Construction, Asphalt Overlay	\$4,046,776.40
Windstream, Internet	\$288.58
Winzer, Parts	\$833.51
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00

ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

MIPS Inc, Program costs	\$538.81
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INHERITANCE FUND

Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road Improvement Bond Fund	\$238,783.38
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HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$13,789.58
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$114.96
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$4.02
Clay County News, Advertising	\$100.75
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$1,794.53
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Dash, Medical Gloves	\$88.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$160.49
Sanofi Pasteur Inc, Vaccine	\$293.50
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$109.43
US Bank, Supplies	\$238.52

911 FUND

Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$122.87
ERC Communications, Edgar Tower Rent	\$1,080.00
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$81.26

E911 HOLDING FUND

Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,680.89
Geocomm, Dispatch Map Licensing	\$6,028.00

ROAD IMPROVEMENT BOND

BOK Financial, Bond Payments	\$636,655.66
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Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike 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, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 10:30 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for December 16, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on December 16, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 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, Jim Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public input.

Minutes of the meeting held November 25, 2025 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 November 25, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented his roads report as well as the mechanic's report for November. Tom notified the Board that Clay County received \$2,000 from the NIRMA Assist Grant as reimbursement for road barricades.

An Easement request from Paul Wiler of Hersh Digging, Inc to bury an electrical line 230 feet South of County Road 308 from the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section Thirty-Five (35), Township Six (6) North, Range Seven (7) going under County Road L to the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section Thirty-Four (34), Township Six (6) North, Range Seven (7) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Clay County, Nebraska. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka 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.

An Easement request from Viaero Fiber Networks, LLC to bury conduit and fiber optic on County Road 318 at a point approximately 1,920 feet East of County Road D, or 375 feet East to the West side of the BNSF Railroad Right-of-Way in Section Ten (10), Township Seven (7) North, Range Eight (8) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Clay County, Nebraska. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman 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.

Tom requested permission to advertise for On-Call Engineering Services for 2026. Motion by Becker and seconded by Mohnike to advertise for On-Call Engineer Services for 2026; bids to be opened December 30, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote

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

Roemmich presented the Year-End Certification for the State of Nebraska. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #25-19 authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification and approve the Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent. 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)

Tom brought to discussion repairs on the tractor purchased in from Landmark Implement. Jeff Mach of Landmark Implement was present to answer questions from the Board regarding repairs. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Shaw to pay the agreed upon reduced repair expense to Landmark Implement in the amount of \$10,000.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, presented his monthly report. Franklin notified the Board that Deputy Sneed would be graduating from the academy this week.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, presented her monthly report.

Robin Gilbert, Clay County Treasurer, presented a Resolution to release Pledges with Waypoint Bank. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to adopt Resolution #25-20 to release the Waypoint Pledges (CUSIP #054623BP7 & CUSIP #978599DV7) as recommended by the County Treasurer. 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)

The November Fee Reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of November 2025: County Clerk \$20,703.15; County Court \$7,902.46; Clerk of District Court \$37,162.81; Sheriff \$972.33; County Health Department \$1,620.50 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 25110001 and 25110044 in the amount of \$630,846.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Katie Kulhanek, Program Director at Diversion of South Central Nebraska had provided the Community Based Aid Interlocal Agreement for Juvenile Services prior to the meeting. The County Attorney has reviewed the Agreement and found no concerns with the same. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the Community Based Aid 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.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, discussed the new High Deductible Health Plan option with Health Savings Account. Employee informational meetings took place last week and a special enrollment period is open from December 15 through December 17. The

High Deductible Health Plan will be carried with Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Health Savings Accounts will be administered by First Concord.

Motion by Becker and second by Bitterman to authorize the County Clerk to sign the new Subgroup Application with Blue Cross Blue Shield for the implementation of the new health plan option with an effective date of January 1, 2026. 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 second by Samuelson to authorize the County Clerk to sign the Administrative Agreement with First Concord for the Health Savings Accounts with implementation of the new health plan option effective date of January 1, 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Recommendation was received for appointment to the Clay County Health Department Board. Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to appoint Kris Sedersten of Harvard, NE to fulfill the position, replacing Judy Schwenk whom will finish her term on the Board in January 2026. 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 Mohnike to recess from the Board of Supervisors regular meeting at 10:25 a.m. and enter into closed session. 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 Samuelson to exit closed session and resume session for the Board of Supervisors regular meeting at 11:56 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 Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 11:57 a.m; next regular meeting scheduled for December 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

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on December 23, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 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, Jim Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held December 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 December 16, 2025. 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 presented his roads report. The Board provided Tom with a printed job description and duties and asked that he review and provide feedback as needed. The Board will meet with Tom again to discuss the same and for an annual evaluation.

Holli Alley presented the quarterly report. The Board provided Holli with a printed job description and duties and asked that she review and provide feedback as needed. The Board will meet with Holli again to discuss the same and for an annual evaluation.

The Board provided Cara Felber, UNL Extension Office Manager with a printed job description and duties and asked that she review and provide feedback as needed. The Board will meet with Cara again to discuss the same and for an annual evaluation.

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

Barb Barnett was unable to make today's meeting. Recommendation for appointments to the Joint Planning and Zoning Commission was received and reviewed.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to reappoint Mary Lynne Ellis, Dan Baumert and Brett Nunnenkamp to the Joint Planning and Zoning Commission to serve for three years, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028. 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 Shaw to appoint Shelli Traudt to the Joint Planning and Zoning Commission as replacement to Robyn VonSpreckelsen and complete the term from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. 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 Mohnike to approve the Agreement between Clay County and WJE Consulting, LLC for preparing professional indirect cost allocation plans for Clay County for FY 2025, 2026 and 2027. 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	\$144,226.36
A Street Auto Parts, Parts	\$36.54
Adams County District Court, Mental Health Board	\$586.70
Adams County Justice Center, Inmate Holds	\$2,327.97
Adams County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$33.57
Advanced Family Healthcare LLC, Inmate Care	\$110.80
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,129.90
Applied Connective Technologies, IT, Surveillance, Laptop, Server Update	\$14,212.75
Aspegren Repair, Vehicle Repair	\$738.80
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$1,019.96
Bert's Pharmacy, Prescriptions	\$13.51
Big G Ace, Brass Key	\$5.99
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,711.64
Blue 360 Media LLC, Traffic Law Manual	\$105.95
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$75,496.89
Brandy VanDewalle, Mileage Reimbursement	\$138.32
Brett Nunnenkamp, Mileage Reimbursement	\$16.10
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$107.19
Capital City Transfer, Transport Fees	\$481.45
Carey's Pest Control, Spraying	\$121.00
CenTec Cast Metal Products Inc, Veteran Markers	\$1,637.80
Cerris Systems, Preventive Maintenance Agreement	\$5,586.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$394.24
Clay County Clerk, Filing Fees	\$30.00
Clay County Court, Court Costs	\$344.00
Clay County News, Advertising	\$658.74
Clay County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$235.83
Clay County Treasurer, Postage	\$72.95
Clay County Treasurer, Real Estate Taxes 1st Half	\$17,167.66
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund	\$172,270.23
Clearly, Phone System	\$430.78
Colonial, Insurance	\$395.02
CPI, Fuel	\$3,017.80
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions/HRA	\$102,417.03
Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment	\$1,280.21
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$76.20
Dan Baumert, Mileage Reimbursement	\$20.30
DAS State Accounting, Services	\$1,132.80
Eakes, Supplies	\$797.36
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,804.17
Goding Law LLC, Attorney Fees	\$1,345.50
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hastings Tribune, Legal Notices	\$100.65
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,563.56
Integrated Security Solutions, Smoke Detectors	\$179.91
Jackson Glass, Handicap Door Repair	\$330.80
Jim Farmer, Meal Reimbursements	\$57.15
Keith Johnson, Mileage Reimbursement	\$20.30
Lancaster County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$25.46
Lieske Lieske & Ensz PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$235.50
Lonny Godtel, Cemetary Mowing	\$600.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$323.66
Mary Lanning Healthcare, ER Visit	\$9,825.23
Mary Lynn Ellis, Mileage Reimbursement	\$30.80
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$812.50
Melissa A Wentling, Attorney Fees	\$115.00
Menards, Supplies	\$230.73
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, 3rd Qtr Billing	\$1,526.00

MIPS, Service	\$3,525.38
Murray Law PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$4,471.00
Mutual of Omaha, Insurance	\$1,567.94
Nationwide, Retirement	\$2,025.00
NESCA, Membership Dues	\$45.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, Field Training	\$800.00
Nebraska Sheriff's Association, Membership	\$200.00
Nebraska Weed Control Association, Annual Conference Fee	\$150.00
Nebraska.gov, Certified Copies	\$2.00
Professional Choice Recovery, Garnishment	\$370.66
Propio LS LLC, Interpretation Services	\$15.80
Quality Healthcare Clinic, Drug Testing	\$20.00
Samantha Samuelson, Court Transcript	\$141.10
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law, Attorney Fees	\$3,968.00
Smith Lawn Care, Spraying & Sprinklers	\$900.00
Sorsen's Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,014.28
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$1,399.18
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Summit Fire Protection, Inspections	\$995.75
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$56.97
The Radar Shop, Recertification	\$448.00
Theobald Law Office, Attorney Fees	\$2,255.55
TK Elevator Corporation, Elevator Service	\$410.07
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$762.41
Unite Private Network LLC, Internet	\$1,156.00
University of Nebraska-Lincoln Ext, 4-H Fair Program	\$225.00
US Bank, Supplies/Subscriptions/Registration	\$415.78
US Cellular, Phones	\$54.26
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision	\$832.10
VK Electronics & Appliances, Dishwasher	\$610.99
Windstream, Service	\$548.83
WJE Consulting, Plan Services	\$1,460.00
Woods Aitken LLP, Professional Services	\$104.00
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$502.50
Zelle, Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,780.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$66,886.18
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$49.39
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Windshield Repairs	\$865.00
Beck's Farm Equipment Inc, Parts	\$133.74
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,542.48
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$1,594.45
Carey's Pest Control, Spraying	\$152.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$91.41
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$74.50
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$100.21
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$12,895.47
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$8,496.19
Eakes, Supplies	\$77.16
Fleetpride, Parts	\$23.59
Floyd's Truck Center, Parts	\$1,463.31
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$65.83
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$21,471.94
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$331.97
Gessford Machine Shop Inc, Repairs	\$5,654.08
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Husker Power Products, Generator Pads	\$3,182.40
Island Landhandlers Inc, Gravel	\$13,922.72

Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$105.60
John Deer Financial, Service	\$10,000.00
Diamond Lime, Lime Rock	\$9,282.80
Matt Friend Truck Equipment, Repairs	\$4,668.02
Menards, Supplies	\$45.99
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$25,225.28
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment, Parts	\$245.35
Newman Signs, Signage	\$1,224.99
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$5,754.08
Platte Valley Communications, Service	\$811.20
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
Shirt Shack, Safety Clothing	\$201.40
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$390.20
Southern Public Power District, Utilities	\$84.79
Straight-Line Striping Inc, Asphalt Project	\$8,323.25
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$10,274.29
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$248.95
Trausch Dynamics Inc, Parts	\$400.55
Vestis Uniforms & Workplace Inc, Uniforms	\$601.77
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Werner Aggregates Inc, Road Gravel	\$67,963.94
Werner Construction, Asphalt Overlay Project	\$520,239.25
Windstream, Internet	\$294.97
Winzer, Parts	\$279.55
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00
VISITOR PROMOTION FUND	
Fairfield Community Club, Triple F Advertising	\$400.00
ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND	
MIPS Inc, Program costs	\$538.81
STOP FUND	
Clay County Treasurer, Intoximeter Grant	\$3,500.00
HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$9,367.19
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$181.88
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$42.63
Clay County News, Advertising	\$54.25
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$1,662.85
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
DHHS Licensure Unit, Licensure Renewal	\$650.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$9.39
Maria Del Carmen Ramirez, Interpreter Services	\$210.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$86.02
US Bank, Supplies	\$157.46
911 FUND	
Applied Connective Technologies, Battery Backup	\$943.80
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$164.42
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$76.00
E911 FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,695.16
E911 HOLDING FUND	
First Wireless Inc, Microphone	\$655.25
Justice Data Solutions Inc, Software Support	\$2,100.00
Platte Valley Communications, Service	\$752.50

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka 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 Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 10:42 A.M; next regular meeting scheduled for December 30, 2025. Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on December 30, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 24, 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, Jim Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held December 23, 2025 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 23, 2025. 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 presented his roads report.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to open bids for On-Call Engineering Services for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

### BIDS RECEIVED:

<b>Oak Creek Engineering</b>	
<u>Personnel Group</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Professional Engineer	\$165/hour
Bridge Inspection Team Leader	\$130/hour
Professional Land Surveyor	\$140/hour
Project Manager	\$140/hour
Survey Technician	\$100/hour
Bridge Inspection Tech	\$110/hour
CAD Drafter	\$90/hour
Observation Resident	\$90/hour
Lab Testing	Direct Expense
Mileage	Prevailing IRS rate
Reproduction	At cost

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to accept the bid received by Oak Creek Engineering and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board provided Barb Barnett, Planning & Zoning Administrator with a printed job description and duties and asked that she review and provide feedback as needed. The Board will meet with Barb again to discuss the same and for an annual evaluation.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report and the Trailblazer Annual Report of 2025. Greg reported to the Board that grant applications have been unsuccessful and there unfortunately will not be tire collection again in 2026.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to recess as the Board of Supervisors at 9:43 a.m. and enter session as the Weed Control Board. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Copies of the Weed Control Board Roster Report, Activity Report, Weed Infestations Report and the Weed Control Plan for 2026 were provided to the board for their review. Revisions are needed to the Weed Control Authority Board Roster. Greg Shuck will make the revisions and present the same to the Board again in January along with the Budget Report.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to adjourn at 9:47 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, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Auto Fleet, Inland Marine, and Building & Contents Schedules were received from Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA). The Clerk has provided these schedules to the Highway Superintendent, Emergency Manager, Board of Supervisors and Sheriff for review. The Clerk will complete the process with NIRMA.

Tom Roemmich re-entered the meeting to advise the Board that there is a date error in the bid from Oak Creek Engineering. The contract that was approved and signed by the Chairman shows an agreement period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. This will cause for re-advertising for bids for services for 2026.

Members of the Board will do a quarterly jail visit.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 10:56 a.m.; next regular meeting scheduled for January 13, 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