

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on February 17, 2026 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on February 11, 2026 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman L. Wayne Johnson stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room and presided with roll call showing the following present: Scott Bitterman, Eric Samuelson, Glen Becker, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held February 10, 2026 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 February 10, 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Shawna Lindblad introduced herself to the Board as a candidate for the County Clerk of the District Court position.

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

Tom presented the Board with a Weight Limit Resolution. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to adopt Resolution #26-04 Asphalt Road Weight Limits to begin immediately and be in effect for 90 days. 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)

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike 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.

Representatives of Mid-Nebraska Aggregate and Werner Aggregate were 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: \$18.25 per cu. yd.

Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, 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 \$24.35 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 \$26.00 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 \$28.00 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 \$35.00 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: \$14.50 per cu. yd.

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

Thayer County Pit: no bid

Merrick County Pit: no bid

Werner Aggregates, 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 \$26.25 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 \$30.00 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 \$27.25 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 \$31.25 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: \$22.50 per cu. yd.

Buffalo County Pit: no bid

Hall County Pit: \$16.25 per cu. yd.

Thayer County Pit: no bid

Merrick County Pit: no bid

Nuckolls County Pit: \$21.50 per cu. yd.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to accept all bids received to supply gravel to Clay County from March 15, 2026 through March 15, 2027; 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. Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, asked Jeff if it was okay to authorize SEI to adjust his monthly billing for the fire system monitoring, increasing it by \$14.00/month so that he is provided with semi-annual inspections. Jeff was fine with this.

Mike Doremus, Administrator of the Adams County Justice Center, was present to discuss inmate housing options for Clay County. The Board plans to continue discussions of utilization of the Adams County Justice Center with Mr. Doremus and the Sheriff.

Donnie Batterman was present to discuss mowing of county properties. Donnie advised the Board that he plans to do some tree and gate maintenance in the cemeteries this year. Donnie also brought attention to the Board and Sheriff that there is some constant vandalism in the Spring Ranch Cemetery and asked for additional patrol of the area by law enforcement.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, provided her monthly report.

Brenda Hansen presented a contract with Stanard Appraisal Services, Inc for commercial review work in Clay County. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker 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.

A recommendation for appointment to the South Heartland District Health Department Board was received. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to appoint Sandra (Sam) Nejezchleb as recommended for a term of 3 years beginning in April 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Audit was received from Contryman Associates. Motion by Becker and seconded by Bitterman to accept the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Audit ending June 30, 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 adjourn this meeting at 10:24 a.m.; next regular meeting scheduled for February 24, 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