

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on February 24, 2026 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on February 18, 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.

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

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held February 17, 2026 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 17, 2026. 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 provided a report on the roads.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement request from Tim Yost to bury an electrical line from the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1-7-7 crossing County Road N to the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 6-7-6 for irrigation purposes. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to approve the easement request from Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC to bury a natural gas pipeline as follows: Crossing #1: a diagonal bore crossing under the intersection of S. Saunders Ave and Road 317 running from the NE corner (Part of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 11-7-5) of the intersection to the SW corner (Part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 14-7-5) of the same intersection. Crossing #2: a bore under S. Saunders Ave running E-W in part of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 11-7-5, approximately 900' North of the intersection of S. Saunders Ave and Road 317. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The gravel contracts for last week's motion to accept bids were presented to the Board. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Mohnike to approve the contracts with Overland Sand & Gravel, Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc and Werner Aggregates, Inc and authorize the 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.

Tom discussed some quotes received for a salt shed. No action was taken.

Ryan Powers with the USDA Wildlife Services was able to speak for public input and to introduce Evan Blankenbaker to the Board as the new Wildlife Specialist assigned to Clay County. Ryan also presented information to the Board on Legislative Bill 1231 which is focused on getting funding assistance from the State for mandated Animal Damage Control costs that Counties across the state are absorbing.

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

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager presented her monthly report and some updates from the Safety Committee.

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

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent presented his monthly report.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer presented a resolution for the Canine (K-9) Program as recommended by the State Auditor's office. Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to approve and adopt Resolution #26-05 to establish the 2430 Canine (K-9) Fund that will reflect both the revenues and expenses of the Canine (K-9) Program. 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)

Robin discussed investment options with MasonMiskoSlaughter and provided the Board with guidelines from the State Auditor's office. Robin has had and will continue to have discussions with Brad Slaughter and the State Auditor's office before making any investment decisions. Robin reminded the Board that they would need to provide investment authority to someone for future investments. Motion by Becker and second by Bitterman to authorize Robin Gilbert, Clay County Treasurer, with investment authority on behalf of Clay County for 2026 for all revenues of Clay County. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$149,800.78
A Street Auto Parts Inc, Parts	\$36.54
Adams County Justice Center, Inmate Holds	\$1,320.00
Advanced Family Healthcare, Inmate Medical Care	\$110.80
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,129.90
Applied Connective Technologies, IT & Surveillance & Computer	\$6,515.68
Aspegren Repair, Vehicle Repairs	\$2,100.02
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$1,023.68
Becks Farm Equipment, Fuse	\$2.73
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$2,197.52
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$84,084.04
Brandy VanDewalle, Mileage Reimbursement	\$35.82
Business World, Supplies	\$586.17
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$61.02
Cash-WA Distributing, Food Supplies	\$1,009.46
Central Nebraska Assessor's Association, Dues	\$25.00
Cerris Systems, Boiler Repair	\$1,646.48
Christine Flesner, Prior Service	\$144.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$435.29
Clay County Ag Society, Building Usage	\$1,000.00
Clay County News, Advertising & Subscriptions	\$2,139.43
Clay County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$96.29
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund	\$48,987.43
Clearly, Phone System	\$431.19
Colonial, Insurance	\$395.02
Collection Associates, Garnishment	\$509.27
Contryman Associates, Audit 2024-2025	\$18,800.00
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions & Checks	\$104,413.29
CPI, Fuel	\$3,451.10
Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment	\$835.66
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$114.15
DAS State Accounting, Services	\$1,132.80
David Wangila, Mileage Reimbursement	\$54.95
Dollar General, Supplies	\$107.10
Eakes, Supplies	\$1,171.30
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,671.67
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$1,002.95
Galls, Supplies	\$579.51
Glenwood, Internet Service	\$119.95
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,563.56

Jack Cox, Prior Service	\$72.00
Janet Hajny, Prior Service	\$25.00
Janice Stratman, Prior Service	\$60.00
Justin Norris, Equipment Remove & Install	\$1,400.00
Kustom Signals Inc, Supplies	\$80.60
Lieske Lieske & Ensz PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$302.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$389.67
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$850.00
Memorial Community Health, Inmate Visit	\$851.00
Menards, Supplies & Vacuum	\$287.03
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center, Member Fees	\$100.00
Midland Area Agency on Aging, Meal Program & Dues	\$6,299.00
MIPS, Service	\$4,512.71
Mutual of Omaha, Insurance	\$1,384.70
NACEB-Assoc County Extension Boards, Registration Fee	\$50.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$2,075.00
Nebraska Assoc of County Clerks, ROD, Election Comm, Member Dues	\$100.00
Nebraska Association of Emergency Management, Registration	\$150.00
NACO, Membership Dues & Conference Registration	\$2,710.00
Nebraska Planning & Zoning Association, Registration & Membership Fees	\$275.00
Nebraska Weed Control Association, Registration Fee	\$150.00
Nebraska.gov, Certified Copies	\$16.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, Lodging	\$260.00
Physicians Laboratory Services Inc, Autopsy Services	\$531.00
Pitney Bowes, Lease Agreement	\$400.89
Point C Health, Insurance	\$336.00
Quality Healthcare Clinic, Drug Screen	\$20.00
Quality Sound Communications, Rental	\$147.00
Secretary of State, Voter Cards	\$20.00
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law, Attorney Fees	\$3,498.00
Sorsen's Corner Market, Supplies	\$862.04
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$1,836.05
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Sutton Auto Supply Inc, Parts	\$8.81
Sutton Electric Inc, Supplies & Labor	\$908.43
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$25.46
Ted Griess, Prior Service	\$60.00
Theobald Law Office, Attorney Fees	\$4,409.25
Tonya Schmidt, Prior Service	\$48.00
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$1,477.50
US Bank, Supplies/Subscriptions	\$2,693.06
US Cellular, Phones	\$152.40
Van Diest, Chemicals	\$1,786.80
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision Insurance	\$900.91
Windstream, Service	\$555.33
Woods & Aitken LLP, Professional Services	\$104.00
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$357.50
Zelle Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,500.00
ROAD FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$58,159.59
A Street Auto Parts Inc, Parts	\$26.76
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$195.03
Barco Municipal Products, Barricades & Frames	\$9,820.00
Beck's Farm Equipment Inc, Parts	\$11.99
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$2,410.35
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$2,711.28
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$91.35
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67

City of Harvard, Utilities	\$79.75
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$124.95
Clay County News, Notices	\$407.53
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$11,067.22
Cornhusker Cleaning Supply, Supplies	\$333.42
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$4,647.32
Diamond Lime LLC, Lime Rock	\$16,992.34
Eakes, Supplies	\$883.69
Fleetpride, Parts	\$326.56
Floyd's Truck Center, Parts	\$189.66
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$164.11
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$14,324.50
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$531.47
Glenwood, Internet	\$209.70
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Inland Truck Parts & Service, Parts	\$484.68
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$240.26
John Deer Financial, Service	\$592.36
Kelly Supply Company, Parts	\$76.85
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc, Supplies	\$547.79
Menards, Supplies	\$547.69
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$2,998.82
Midwest Service & Sales Co, Culverts	\$5,544.00
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment, Parts	\$2,976.57
NAPA Auto Parts, Parts	\$128.09
NACO, Conference Registration	\$175.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$4,994.51
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc, Supplies	\$50.02
Pat Gewecke, Prior Service	\$96.00
Platte Valley Communications, Service	\$147.90
Richweld Fabrication Inc, Snow Blades & Tank	\$7,318.18
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$375.00
Shirt Shack, Uniforms	\$128.06
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$798.41
Southern Public Power District, Utilities	\$142.41
Superior Outdoor Power Center Inc, Chain Saw Supplies	\$1,158.07
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$2,132.29
Theis Inspection Services LLC, Drainage Study	\$5,203.20
Thermo King Christensen, Parts	\$304.37
Trausch Dynamics Inc, Parts	\$187.98
Vestis Uniforms & Workplace Inc, Uniforms	\$426.80
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Windstream, Internet	\$294.77
Woodward's, Garbage	\$65.00

ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

MIPS Inc, Program costs	\$538.81
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HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$9,397.77
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$232.89
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$42.59
Clay County News, Advertising	\$98.25
Control Solutions Inc, Vaccine Supplies	\$816.15
Copycat Printing & Signs, Laminating	\$30.92
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$1,631.19
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$48.17
Maria Del Carmen Ramirez, Interpreter	\$75.00
McKesson, Supplies	\$171.32
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$117.14

US Bank, Subscription		\$149.50
	911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities		\$212.68
Glenwood, Internet		\$204.95
South Central Public Power District, Utilities		\$86.25
	E911 HOLDING FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet		\$2,678.25

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

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 11:14 a.m.; next regular meeting scheduled for March 17, 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Pavelka; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

James Pavelka, Vice-Chairman