

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

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

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 March 17, 2026 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 17, 2026. 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 an easement request from Elting 1950. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Shaw to approve the easement request from Elting 1950 to bury an electrical line from the NW ¼ of 34-5-5 crossing County Road 302 to the SW ¼ of 27-5-5. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on the change order for asphalt overlay of the Fairfield Cemetery road. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve change order #2 for Fairfield Cemetery Asphalt Overlay Project C-18(372). Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Holli Alley and David Wangila with the UNL Extension office presented their quarterly reports for the department. Holli also turned in the annual report for the department.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager presented her monthly report.

Mark Johnson, Building & Grounds Superintendent presented his monthly report. Mark, the Board and the County Clerk discussed some ideas on how to commemorate and celebrate America's 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Mark and the Clerk will continue to bring forward ideas for further discussion with the Board.

Brad Slaughter with MasinMiskoSlaughter was present to answer questions of the Board regarding county investment opportunities.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, presented the Board with the renewal quote for the Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance. The renewal was presented at \$8,529.60 for April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. This is about a 3% increase from last year. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Becker to approve renewal as presented. Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Aksamit discussed the Public Defender listing. Zelle has advised that the Board create a Public Defender Policy Board to be made up of three people, consisting of two practicing attorneys and one layperson (none can be judges, prosecutors or law enforcement). The Clay County Board of Supervisors are encouraged to start talking to the community to come up with recommendations of appointments of the Public Defender Policy Board and bring the recommendations back to the regular board meeting no later than April 14th. The appointments will be made at that time. Once applications are received and the Public Defender Policy Board is created, Zelle HR

will send all received applications to the Public Defender Policy Board for review and consideration.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$150,552.85
A & L Plumbing and Heating LLC, Replace Showerheads	\$203.80
A Street Auto Parts Inc, Parts	\$27.31
Adams County Justice Center, Inmate Holds	\$385.00
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,129.90
Applied Connective Technologies, IT & Surveillance & Computer	\$7,779.96
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$1,023.68
Axon Enterprises, Camera	\$4,885.65
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,382.39
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$75,097.66
Brandy VanDewalle, Mileage Reimbursement	\$35.82
BTS Communications, Phone Admin Fee	\$3,324.92
Business World, Supplies	\$470.11
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$61.02
Carey's Pest Control, February Spraying	\$121.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$428.68
Clay County Court, Court Costs	\$256.00
Clay County News, Advertising & Subscriptions	\$809.88
Clay County Treasurer, Postage	\$5,000.00
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund	\$65,245.25
Clearly, Phone System	\$389.31
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$114.00
Collection Associates, Garnishment	\$279.56
Colonial, Insurance	\$395.02
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$98,784.42
CPI, Fuel	\$3,499.23
Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment	\$85.75
Crown Plaza, Lodging	\$479.85
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$138.90
DAS State Accounting, Services	\$1,132.80
David Wangila, Mileage Reimbursement	\$43.40
Eakes, Supplies	\$998.96
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,671.67
Glenwood, Internet Service	\$119.95
Goding Law LLC, Attorney Fees	\$1,069.50
Hall County Department of Corrections, Inmate Hold	\$303.00
Hamilton County Treasurer, VSO Contract	\$2,291.67
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,563.56
Lieske Lieske & Ensz PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$142.50
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$327.81
MDM Pest & Termite Control, Spray Treatment	\$115.50
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$850.00
Menards, Supplies & Vacuum	\$172.55
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
MIPS, Service	\$3,684.41
Murray Law PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$9,854.55
Mutual of Omaha, Insurance	\$1,384.70
Nationwide, Retirement	\$2,075.00
Nebraska State Patrol, Licenses	\$706.00
Nebraska.gov, Certified Copies	\$34.00
NIRMA, Legal Services	\$5,000.00
Platte County Sheriff Office, Service Fees	\$39.04
Platte Valley Communications, Equipment & Installation	\$10,533.20
Point C Health, Insurance	\$312.00

Propio, Interpretation Services	\$52.14
RMA Armament Inc, Armor Plates	\$568.44
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law, Attorney Fees	\$3,617.67
Sorsen's Corner Market, Supplies	\$1,036.74
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$1,539.45
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Superior Industries LLC, Cage	\$1,794.00
Sutton Auto Supply Inc, Parts	\$9.55
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$37.76
Sutton Pharmacy, Medication	\$40.81
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters, Certified Copies	\$570.95
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$1,477.50
University of Nebraska County Extension, Laptop	\$3,028.80
US Bank, Supplies/Subscriptions	\$491.50
US Cellular, Phones	\$152.45
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision Insurance	\$835.72
Windstream, Service	\$555.33
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$357.50
Zelle Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,500.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$57,431.48
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$51.90
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$1,578.39
BNSF Railway Co, Road W Overpass	\$776.41
Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies	\$111.80
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$274.21
Carey's Pest Control, February Spraying	\$152.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$93.04
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$88.56
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$79.75
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$130.65
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$10,894.19
Cornhusker Cleaning Supply, Supplies	\$614.58
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$5,998.66
Fastenal Co, Supplies	\$23.41
Filter Care of Nebraska LLC, Filters	\$806.35
Fleetpride, Parts	\$98.74
Floyd's Truck Center, Parts	\$65.61
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$4,279.00
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$12,257.86
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$346.61
Glenwood, Internet	\$209.70
Hamilton Telephone, Internet	\$74.95
Hays Land Surveying LLC, Section 8-8-6 Survey	\$672.50
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$17.14
John Deer Financial, Parts	\$994.89
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc, Supplies	\$1,019.61
LCL Truck Equipment, Painting & Supplies	\$2,276.00
Menards, Supplies	\$1,098.74
Midwest Service & Sales Co, Culverts	\$19,795.30
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment, Parts	\$1,069.09
Newman Signs Inc, Signs	\$5,964.75
NMC Exchange, Repairs	\$5,684.55
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc, Supplies	\$51.00
Olsson Inc, Fairfield Cemetary Overlay	\$46,210.00
Overland Sand and Gravel, Gravel	\$16,695.48
Raynor Garage Doors Inc, Shop Door	\$326.50
Rush Truck Centers Inc, Parts	\$19.18

Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$625.16
Southern Public Power District, Utilities	\$139.44
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$1,314.25
Sutton Electric Inc, Supplies & Labor	\$198.93
Todd's Feed Supply & Trailer Sales, Project Supplies	\$13,948.00
US Bank, Supplies	\$50.70
Van Kirk Sand & Gravel Inc, Supplies	\$35.16
Vestis Uniforms & Workplace Inc, Uniforms	\$440.29
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
INHERITANCE FUND	
Axon Enterprises, Cameras Installment Payment	\$23,356.72
JT Construction, Concrete for Dispatch Sidewalk	\$4,600.00
HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$9,310.25
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$165.96
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$42.63
CLIA Laboratory Program, Licensure Renewal	\$248.00
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$1,631.28
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$36.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$103.31
US Bank, Supplies	\$344.53
911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$157.89
ERC Communications, Tower Rent	\$1,080.00
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
Platte Valley Communications, Transmitter Repair	\$12,585.31
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$83.84
E911 FUND	
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, Insurance	\$84.61
E911 HOLDING FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,661.34

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman 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.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent was unable to attend the meeting.
Steve Johnson, Councilman of the City of Clay Center was unable to attend the meeting.

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 11:26 a.m.; next regular meeting scheduled for March 31, 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