

## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on May 26, 2026 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on May 20, 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 May 19, 2026 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 19, 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

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

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report. Electronic recycling is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 2pm.

Discussion on motor graders was had and it was agreed upon to take care of the remaining agenda items first thing this morning and open and review bids after them.

Kady Schnitker has accepted the position of the Clay County Veteran Service Officer (VSO) for Clay County. She will be in the Clay Center VSO office most often on Wednesday and Thursday of each week. Motion by Becker and seconded by Shaw to appoint Kady Schnitker as the Clay County Veteran Service Officer effective June 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.

The Clay County Attorney has provided information on the Application for County Burial Financial Affidavit & Agreement regarding the decedent, Ky Maxwell. Following information provided, there was a motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to approve the Application for County Burial Financial Affidavit & Agreement in the amount of \$2,000.00. 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 provided her monthly update.

Holli Alley, 4-H Associate for the Clay County Extension Office provided her quarterly update and introduced Grace Eckhardt whose has been hired to fill the Clay County Extension Office Manager position.

Judd Allen with Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) was present to give the Board updates within the NACO benefits pool.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to open bids for a motor grader at 10:17 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:**

NMC CAT: 150M Motor Grader	John Deere/Murphy: 772P Motor Grader
Machine Cost \$452,800	Machine Cost \$396,975
Trade \$205,175	Trade \$127,000
<b>Clay County Cost \$247,625</b>	<b>Clay County Cost \$269,975</b>

The Board discussed the variance in the trade offer from both dealers. The Board along with Tom and both dealer representatives discussed auction options for the machine available for trade and it was decided that Clay County would attempt to private auction the machine if the County can get somewhere between the two trade prices provided by the dealers' bids.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to accept the bid from John Deere / Murphy and find an auction site for the trade-in machine. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: Mohnike. Motion carried.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND

Employees, Wages	\$162,719.23
Adams County Justice Center, Inmate Holds	\$2,255.00
Adams County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$113.00
Advanced Family Healthcare, Inmate Medical	\$110.80
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,129.90
Applied Connective Technologies, IT/Surveillance/Camera/Workstation/Backup	\$8,915.96
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$1,023.00
Beck's Farm Equipment, Supplies	\$24.48
Bert's Pharmacy, Inmate Prescriptions	\$60.00
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$266.44
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$74,062.56
Brandy VanDewalle, Mileage Reimbursement	\$60.90
Business World, Supplies	\$1,452.04
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$61.02
Carey's Pest Control, Biannual Service	\$280.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$1,821.06
Clay County News, Advertising & Subscriptions	\$4,796.33

Clay County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$77.60
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund	\$292,287.39
Clearly, Phone System	\$409.14
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$252.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$395.02
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$114,138.72
CPI, Fuel	\$4,986.91
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lodging for Training	\$639.80
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$67.95
DAS State Accounting, Services	\$844.80
Deanna Peshek, Election Worker	\$438.30
Deb Hankins, County Court Witness Fee	\$20.00
Don's Lawn Service, Lawn Mowing	\$1,175.00
Donna Alberts, Election Worker	\$562.80
Eakes, Supplies	\$1,351.54
Election Systems & Software LLC, Election Supplies	\$2,531.84
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,471.67
Franklin County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$44.28
Gayle Roemmich, Election Worker	\$540.00
Glenwood, Internet Service	\$119.95
Gregg Lemke, Election Worker	\$66.75
gWorks, Data Maintenance/Support/Subscription/Contract	\$22,465.00
Holiday Inn-Kearney, Conference Lodging	\$330.00
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,443.56
Jill Cunningham, Attorney Fees	\$1,971.00
JJ Keller Associates, State & Federal Posters	\$348.84
Joe Hankins, County Court Witness Fee	\$20.00
Justice Data Solutions Inc, Software Support	\$5,475.00
Lieske Lieske & Ensz PC LLO, Attorney Fees	\$321.50
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$320.91
MDM Pest & Termite Control, Treatment	\$115.50
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$825.00
Menards, Sprayer/Step Ladder/Lamps/Supplies	\$309.60
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
MIPS, Service	\$3,684.41
Mutual of Omaha, Insurance	\$1,318.88
Nationwide, Retirement	\$2,075.00
NE Clerk of District Court Assoc, Workshop Fee	\$75.00
Nicole Stoner, Mileage Reimbursement	\$113.73
NWCA, Weed Fall Training	\$150.00
One Call Concepts LLC, Locate Fee	\$6.56
Onsolve, Code Red Renewal	\$5,209.83
Pitney Bowes, Lease Agreement	\$400.89
Point C Health, Insurance	\$288.00
Quality Sound & Communications, Water System Rental	\$147.00

Security Equipment Inc, Alarm Monitoring & Inspection	\$426.00
Shala Illingworth, County Court Witness Fee & Mileage Reimbursement	\$53.40
Shirley Johnson, Election Worker	\$78.75
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law, Attorney Fees	\$4,092.07
Sorsen's Corner Market, Food Supplies	\$1,070.23
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$1,364.84
Stanard Appraisal Service, Commercial Appraiser Contract	\$41,640.00
Sullivan Shoemaker, Public Defender	\$2,600.00
Summit Fire Protection, Inspection Services	\$995.75
Sutton Auto Supply Inc, Parts	\$319.20
Sutton Pharmacy, Inmate Prescription	\$20.58
TK Elevator Corporation, Elevator Service	\$410.07
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$1,477.50
US Bank, Supplies/Subscriptions/Lodging/Fuel	\$1,264.28
US Cellular, Phones	\$152.43
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision Insurance	\$826.10
Windstream, Service	\$554.98
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$357.50
Zelle Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,500.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$66,916.35
A & L Plumbing & Heating LLC, Parts	\$33.50
A Street Auto Parts Inc, Parts	\$19.54
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$152.71
Auto Glass Experts LLC, Glass Replacement	\$750.00
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$676.33
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$326.19
Certified Truck & Trailer Repair Inc, Repairs	\$16,815.81
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$93.04
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$79.75
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$117.98
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$12,638.73
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$10,736.30
Diamond Mowers LLC, Parts	\$2,562.26
Don's Lawn Service, Lawn Mowing	\$712.00
Eakes Office Solutions, Office Supplies	\$509.40
Equipment Blades Inc, Bits & Parts	\$8,078.40
Extreme Transfer LLC, Truck	\$23,500.00
Filter Care of Nebraska LLC, Filters	\$447.95
Fleetpride, Parts	\$289.98
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$389.81
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$29,889.23
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$716.40

Glenwood, Internet	\$209.70
Gworks, Annual Maintenance & Support	\$577.00
Hamilton Telephone Co, Internet	\$74.95
Hays Land Surveying LLC, 15 thru 24-6-6 Stake Road ROW	\$1,266.80
Inland Truck Parts & Service, Parts	\$7,580.21
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$292.75
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc, Supplies	\$542.29
LCL Truck Equipment, Supplies	\$43.20
Menard Inc, Supplies & Parts	\$509.79
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$113,569.89
Midwest Service & Sales Co, Culverts	\$15,603.00
Miller Seed and Supply Company, Road B Project	\$413.05
Miller Tire & Service Point S, Repairs	\$507.50
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co Inc, Filters	\$871.76
Newman Signs Inc, Traffic Signs	\$9,433.16
NMC Exchange, Repairs & Parts	\$2,204.08
Nutrien AG Solutions Inc, Supplies	\$209.11
Platte Valley Communications, Parts	\$218.15
Protex Central Inc, Fire Extinguisher Inspection & Recharge	\$513.00
RAKA, Skidsteer Angle Sweeper Broom	\$536.00
Rush Truck Centers Inc, Parts	\$38.46
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$375.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$451.89
Southern Public Power District, Utilities	\$61.40
Straight-Line Striping Inc, Pavement Painting	\$32,495.97
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$1,178.03
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$68.39
US Bank, Parts	\$152.95
Van Kirk Sand & Gravel Inc, Trench Box Rental	\$571.70
Vestis Uniforms & Workplace Inc, Uniforms	\$502.97
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Werner Aggregates Inc, Road Gravel	\$25,890.08
Werner Construction, Road Asphalt Overlay Project	\$243,071.59
Windstream, Internet	\$294.60
Woodward's, Garbage Service	\$65.00

ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

MIPS Inc, Program costs	\$538.81
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INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Applied Connective Technologies LLC, Connections	\$9,643.64
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HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$9,948.95
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$68.64
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$42.69
Clay County News, Advertising	\$54.25

Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$1,733.37
Culligan of Hastings, Water System Rent	\$36.00
Eakes, Office & Nursing Supplies	\$210.40
Maria Del Carmen Ramirez, Interpreter	\$210.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$107.16
US Bank, Supplies	\$674.45
VaxCare, Hub Fee	\$3.00
911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$99.31
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$82.84
E911 HOLDING FUND	
CentralSquare Technologies, Services	\$15,620.71
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,675.08
ROAD IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND	
BOK Financial Corporate Trust, Road Bond Payment	\$265,277.50

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

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 10:37 a.m.; next regular meeting scheduled for June 16, 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