

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on July 28, 2026 at 9:02 a.m., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 22, 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, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: Glen Becker.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the special meeting held July 21, 2026 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike to approve the minutes of the special meeting held July 21, 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Josh Anderson spoke during public input to offer his assistance with educating county residents regarding Townships. Chairman Johnson said that the Board would table a Resolution for the Dissolution of Township Governance to be placed on the 2026 General ballot until further discussion and outreach. The Board would plan to place the Resolution on the Board Meeting Agenda on August 11th.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent provided a report on the roads and the mechanic's report for the month of June.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to open the public hearing on the conditional use permit of The Towers, LLC at 9:30 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Barb Barnett, Planning & Zoning Administrator, presented the Conditional Use Permit of The Towers, LLC and the recommendation of the Clay County Joint Planning & Zoning Commission. Woody Krog was present on behalf of The Towers, LLC to provide additional information on the application. Supervisor Samuelson asked for confirmation that there would be no danger / risk for field aviation sprayers. Mr. Krog provided that they received a 'determination of no hazard to air navigation'. There were no further questions.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to close the public hearing on the conditional use permit of The Towers, LLC at 9:39 a.m. 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 Samuelson to approve the recommendation of the Clay County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission for the Conditional Use Permit Application of The Towers, LLC. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

RuAnn Root with CASA presented the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget request in the amount of \$18,000.00. This is the same amount of the request as last year.

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

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

Greg Shuck, Weeds Superintendent, presented his monthly report. The Board discussed the Little Blue Natural Resources District (NRD) and found it was supportive

of the Chairman signing a Letter of Support for the Little Blue NRD grand application for the 2027-2028 fiscal year.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the revenues and expenditures of Marshall and School Creek Townships as provided by the County Treasurer.

Based on the financial information provided by the County Treasurer and the 2025 expenses for Marshall Township, a motion was made by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to adopt Resolution #26-01 for Marshall Township for a Preliminary Levy Request in the amount of \$3,225.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Based on the financial information provided by the County Treasurer and the 2025 expenses for School Creek Township, a motion was made by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution #26-01 for School Creek Township for a Preliminary Levy Request in the amount of \$3,225.00. 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 information to the Board regarding the Joint Public Hearing Postcards. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Shaw to designate the State Print Shop as the printing service for the 2026 Joint Public Hearing Postcards. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Aksamit presented the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget request of District 10 Probation Office in the amount of \$4,684.68. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to approve the budget request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Aksamit presented the following inventory surplus requests:
Assessor’s office: 2019 Lenovo 20KS003SUS Laptop S/N SPF1L9V9W – does not work; 2022 HP Desktop Computer S/N MXL2104CZF – does not work.
Extension office: 3 Panasonic microwaves – do not work; 1 video camera; 1 digital postage scale; 1 small computer table; 1 portable projector table; 2 office chairs; 1 HP Deskjet 6980 Printer; 1 HP Laser 2100 TN Printer; 2 metal bookcases with two shelves.

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

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$160,910.43
Adams County District Court, Mental Health Board Hearings	\$473.30
Adams County Justice Center, Inmate Holds	\$3,410.00
Adams County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$19.50
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,585.05
Applied Connective Technologies, IT/Surveillance/Service	\$9,149.83
Aspegren Repair, Tires and Repair	\$701.11
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$1,024.28
Becks Farm Equipment, Gloves	\$15.98
Bert’s Pharmacy, Inmate Prescriptions	\$82.05
Big G Ace, Flag	\$48.34
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$251.31
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$77,120.41
Buffalo County, Dues	\$200.00
Business World, Supplies	\$175.97
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$61.02
Cash-WA Distributing, Jail Food Supplies	\$1,323.45

City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$537.45
Clay County News, Advertising & Subscription	\$637.70
Clay County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$156.70
Clay County Treasurer, Fees & Taxes	\$124.50
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund	\$281,873.49
Clearly, Phone System	\$410.09
Colonial, Insurance	\$359.33
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$116,078.37
CPI, Fuel	\$6,101.66
Credit Management Services, Wage Garnishment	\$1,231.74
Culligan of Hastings, Rent	\$84.45
DAS State Accounting, Services	\$288.00
David Wangila, Mileage Reimbursement	\$280.64
Dollar General, Supplies	\$83.77
Don's Lawn Service, Lawn Mowing	\$4,703.23
Douglas County Court, Certified Copy	\$1.00
Douglas County Sheriff, Certified Copy	-\$1.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$3,556.46
Engineered Controls, Maintenance Contract & Firmware Update	\$5,152.00
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,090.00
Futurity IT Inc, Orion Damage Assessment Solution	\$1,000.00
Galls, Supplies	\$77.94
Glenwood, Internet Service	\$119.95
gWorks, Subscriptions	\$6,615.00
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,443.56
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$277.15
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$825.00
Menards, Supplies	\$239.32
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
Mid Nebraska Individual Services, Quarterly Services	\$1,526.00
MIPS, Service	\$3,728.53
Murray Law PC, District Court Attorney Fees	\$10,287.95
NACO, Assessor Workshop	\$450.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$2,075.00
Nebraska.Gov, Certified Transcripts	\$63.00
Phyllis Gundersen APRN LLC, Inmate Care	\$224.00
Physicians Lab Services, Autopsy Services	\$3,669.00
Platte Valley Communications, Testing & Repairs	\$207.50
Point C Health, Insurance	\$645.00
Region 3 BHS, County Match Support	\$4,026.51
Samantha R Samuelson, Court Transcript	\$66.40
Security Equipment Inc, Alarm Monitoring & Inspection	\$3,271.97
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law, County Attorney Fees	\$2,635.85
Sorsen's Corner Market, Food Supplies	\$1,565.62
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$2,545.13
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$30.39
Sutton Electric, Electrical Work	\$761.34
Sutton Pharmacy, Inmate Prescription	\$88.39
T-Mobile, Cell Service	\$35.74
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$2,717.40
US Bank, Supplies/Subscriptions	\$2,762.22
US Cellular, Phones	\$54.31
USDA APHIS, Service Contract	\$2,248.02
UNL Printing & Copy Services, Car Magnets for Extension	\$109.62
Van Diest, Chemicals	\$1,433.25
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision Insurance	\$854.96
Voss Plumbing, Replace Toilets	\$120.00
Windstream, Internet	\$557.45
Woodward's Disposal, Garbage	\$340.00
Zelle Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,500.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$75,832.32
A Street Auto Parts Inc, Parts	\$131.83
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$44.62
Ben Pavelka Excavating & Crushing, Crushed Concrete	\$7,998.55
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$398.41
Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies	\$11.24
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$614.43
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$96.86
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$79.75
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$120.41
Clay County News, Subscription	\$44.20
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$14,457.36
Cornhusker Cleaning Supply, Supplies	\$108.00
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$12,596.93
Diamond Lime LLC, Lime Rock	\$221.65
Dollar General, Supplies	\$54.70
Don's Lawn Service, Lawn Mowing	\$712.00
Eakes Office Solutions, Office Supplies	\$147.93
Fastenal Company, Supplies	\$17.80
Filter Care of Nebraska LLC, Filters	\$384.45
Fleetpride, Parts	\$83.38
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$1,634.31
George Bro's Propane, Fuel	\$22,368.67
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$93.48
Glenwood, Internet	\$209.70
Hamilton Telephone Co, Internet	\$74.95
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$171.78
John Deere Financial, Parts	\$242.61
Kelly Supply Company, Supplies	\$44.99
Kimball Midwest, Supplies	\$117.84
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply Inc, Supplies	\$2,002.55
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Drug Screening	\$100.00
Menard Inc, Supplies & Parts	\$255.69
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$25,985.15
Miller Tire & Service Point S, Repairs	\$2,166.80
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co GI, New Motor Grader	\$269,975.00
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co Inc, Parts & Supplies	\$1,992.02
NAPA Auto Parts, Tools & Parts	\$130.96
Nippon Sanso Matheson Inc, Parts	\$267.63
NMC Exchange, Repairs & Parts	\$6,226.43
Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc, Fuel	\$101.45
Olsson Inc, Professional Services Project #373	\$8,685.00
Overland Sand and Gravel, Gravel	\$442.38
Platte Valley Communications, Radios	\$1,476.20
Rush Truck Centers Inc, Parts & Supplies	\$1,602.60
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$511.86
Southern Public Power District, Utilities	\$80.17
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$2,840.32
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$46.67
Trausch Dynamics Inc, Parts	\$423.82
Truck Center Companies West, Supplies & Repair	\$5,753.40
US Bank, Parts & Fuel	\$380.32
Vestis Uniforms & Workplace Inc, Uniforms	\$541.20
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00

Werner Aggregates Inc, Road Gravel	\$14,549.18
Windstream, Internet	\$294.60
Woodward's, Garbage Service	\$65.00

ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

MIPS Inc, Program costs	\$544.78
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INHERITANCE FUND

Applied Connective Technologies, Switch Replacement	\$11,927.25
Cerris Systems, Compressor & Chiller Repair	\$22,229.44

HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$10,501.21
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$48.78
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$42.68
Clay County News, Advertising & Subscription	\$76.35
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$1,783.15
Culligan of Hastings, Water System Rent	\$36.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$207.45
US Bank, Supplies	\$568.29
VaxCare LLC, Vaccine Hub Fee	\$3.00
Woodwards Disposal, Garbage Service	\$17.50

911 FUND

Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$100.74
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$103.07

E911 HOLDING FUND

Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,671.91
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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, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Cassie Aksamit, County ClerkL. Wayne Johnson, Chairman