

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on August 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 19, 2026 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in 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.

There was no public input.

Minutes of the meeting held August 18, 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 August 18, 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 Hamilton Telecommunications to bury fiber optics starting at a point 1460 feet south of the north section line of the NW ¼ of 17-8-8, thence west 60 feet across Road B to a point on the NE ¼ of 18-8-8, thence south along the west side of Road B for 1750 feet, along the east side of the NE ¼ & SE ¼ of 18-8-8. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tom discussed getting a bid for a motor grader. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to take bids for a motor grader on September 15, 2026 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. The Board will consider the expenditure to come from the Inheritance Tax Fund once bids are received for review.

Greg Shuck, Weed Superintendent, presented his monthly report.

Mark Johnson, Building & Grounds, presented his monthly report. AL's Old House Repairs visited the Courthouse to assess plaster issues on the third floor. A Repair & Improvement Proposal from AL's Old House Repairs LLC was reviewed. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to accept the proposal and request that the repairs be made as soon as possible. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

A proposal for flushing the HVAC Chillers at the Courthouse was discussed. The proposal will be placed on the next agenda.

Haley Malone, Emergency Manager, provided a Resolution for the Clay County Local Emergency Operations Plan prior to the meeting. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve and adopt Resolution #2026-16 for the Clay County Local Emergency Operations Plan ('LEOP'). Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to remove Mike Irons from the Veterans Service Office bank account at Cornerstone Bank and add Kady Schnitker. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

David Wangila, UNL Extension Educator presented an update for the Clay County Extension Program.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to approve the following inventories: Supervisor Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 & 7; Supervisor District 3 is not required to submit an inventory as there is no county personal property within Supervisor District 3; County owned property: Board of Supervisor's Board Room, Clerk, Assessor, Treasurer, County Court, Clerk of District Court, Extension, Sheriff, County Attorney, Communications Center, Jail, Emergency Management, Veteran Service Officer, Zoning, Custodian, Weed Department, Highway Department and Health Department and placed on file in the County Clerk's office. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Samuelson to open the budget hearing and budget summary hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for School Creek Township at 10:00 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The budget notice for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget of School Creek Township was printed and available for review. There were no members of the public present.

The budget notice for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget of School Creek Township was published in the Clay County News on August 19, 2026.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer, presented the Board with a claim for payment from School Creek Township as follows: Cindy Johnson for preparation of the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget request in the amount of \$250.00. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to approve the claim as presented and authorize the County Treasurer to pay from the appropriate funds. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Shaw; Nay: None; Abstain: Johnson. Motion carried.

Chairman Johnson asked the Board if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget of School Creek Township, as prepared by Cindy Johnson. Nothing noted.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Shaw to close the budget hearing and budget summary hearing of School Creek Township at 10:05 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to approve the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 School Creek Township budget as the audit waiver and to increase the budget request by an additional 1% allowance. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Becker to approve the bills paid in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year and approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 School Creek Township budget as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Preliminary Levy Requests have been received from the Fire Districts, Townships and Ag Society for fiscal year 2026-2027. The levy requests were: **Fire Districts:** Clay Center Rural General \$48,610.00 Sinking \$9,300.00; Edgar Rural General \$44,000.00 Sinking \$19,000.00; Fairfield Rural General \$44,018.00 Sinking \$20,872.00; Glenvil Rural Fire General \$8,100.00 Sinking \$2,500.00 Bond \$35,000.00; Harvard Rural General \$43,811.55; Sutton Rural General \$76,264.82; Trumbull Rural General \$38,050.00 Sinking \$24,900.00; Bond \$36,195.00. **Townships:** Edgar \$13,190.97; Eldorado \$7,163.00; Fairfield \$6,903.00; Glenvil \$12,642.01; Harvard \$10,398.65; Inland \$8,867.88; Leicester \$12,500.00; Lewis \$11,190.42; Logan \$6,730.09; Lonetree \$3,774.13; Lynn \$6,190.67; Marshall \$3,225.00; School Creek \$3,225.00; Sheridan

\$10,815.00; Spring Ranch \$13,196.25; Sutton \$14,463.09. **Clay County Ag Society**
General \$73,425.00 Sinking \$15,835.00 Building \$1,090.00.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to approve the preliminary requests for levy allocation from the Fire Districts, Townships and the Clay County Agricultural Society as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Mohnike to advertise the Notice of Budget and Budget Summary Hearing for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Mohnike to advertise the Notice of Special Hearing to set Final Tax request at a different amount than the prior year’s tax request. Hearing to be held September 22, 2026, immediately following the conclusion of the budget hearing. 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 Mohnike to open the budget hearing and budget summary hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for Marshall Township at 10:30 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The budget notice for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget of Marshall Township was published in the Clay County News on August 19, 2026.

Robin Gilbert, County Treasurer, presented the Board with a claim for payment from Marshall Township as follows: Cindy Johnson for preparation of the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget request in the amount of \$250.00. Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to approve the claim as presented and authorize the County Treasurer to pay from the appropriate funds. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike and Shaw; Nay: None; Abstain: Johnson. Motion carried.

Chairman Johnson asked the Board if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget of Marshall Township, as prepared by Cindy Johnson. Nothing noted.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to close the budget hearing and budget summary hearing of Marshall Township at 10:36 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to approve the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Marshall Township budget as the audit waiver and to increase the budget request by an additional 1% allowance. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Becker to approve the bills paid in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year and approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Marshall Township budget as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$161,667.63
Adams County District Court, Mental Health Board Hearings	\$1,545.45
Adams County Justice Center, Inmate Holds	\$2,600.00
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,585.05

Applied Connective Technologies, IT/Surveillance	\$7,883.83
Arbor Day Foundation, Lodging	\$145.00
Aspegren Repair, Wipers/Tires Repair/Motor Replacement	\$11,385.66
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$1,024.28
AXON Enterprise Inc, Taser Certification	\$8,335.44
Bert's Pharmacy, Inmate Prescriptions	\$458.60
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$20.36
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$76,686.54
Brandy VanDewalle, Mileage Reimbursement	\$218.88
Buffalo County Sheriff, Service Fees	\$6.00
Business World, Supplies	\$229.63
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$61.02
Capital City Transfer, Transport Fees	\$495.30
CASA of South Central Nebraska, 4th Quarter Services	\$4,784.22
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$817.91
Clay County News, Advertising & Subscription	\$1,392.62
Clay County Sheriff's Office, Service Fees	\$253.75
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund	\$101,895.61
Clearly, Phone System	\$410.09
Clerk of the District Court, Filing Fees	\$219.00
Colonial, Insurance	\$326.70
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$117,519.09
CPI, Fuel	\$5,483.69
Credit Management Services, Wage Garnishment	\$138.70
Culligan of Hastings, Water System Rent	\$76.20
Cummins Sales & Service, Maintenance	\$2,398.19
DAS State Accounting, Services	\$1,132.80
David Wangila, Mileage Reimbursement	\$241.22
Dollar General, Supplies	\$62.00
Don's Lawn Service, Lawn Mowing	\$1,100.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$1,379.81
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,047.50
Friesen Chevrolet, Oil Change & Tire Repair	\$183.49
Galls, Supplies	\$78.98
Glenwood, Internet Service	\$119.95
Holiday Inn, Lodging	\$279.90
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,443.56
Julie L Bellis, Deposition Transcript	\$308.80
Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices LLC, Attorney Fees	\$747.50
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$271.93
MASE Enterprises, Locating Fee	\$1,050.00
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$825.00
Memorial Community Health, Inmate Visit	\$330.00
Menards, Supplies	\$513.25
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
Midland Credit Management, Wage Garnishment	\$430.55
MIPS, Service	\$3,728.53
Murray Law PC, District Court Attorney Fees	\$9,201.25
Nationwide, Retirement	\$2,075.00
Nebraska.Gov, Certified Transcripts	\$16.00
NIRMA, Legal Services	\$5,320.28
One Call Concepts LLC, Locate Fee	\$0.82
Physicians Lab Services, Autopsy Services	\$424.00
Pitney Bowes, Lease Agreement	\$400.89
Platte Valley Communications, Repairs	\$555.00
Point C Health, Insurance	\$296.00
Propio, Interpretation Services	\$5.53
Quality Sound & Communications Inc, Water System Rental	\$147.00
Samantha R Samuelson, Bill of Exceptions	\$332.00
Secretary of State, Certified Copy	\$40.00

Security Equipment Inc, Alarm Monitoring & Inspection	\$2,291.33
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law, County Attorney Fees	\$3,628.54
Sorsen's Corner Market, Food Supplies	\$4,911.18
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$3,086.45
Sutton Auto Supply Inc, Battery	\$249.99
Sutton Electric, Electrical Work	\$121.68
Sutton Pharmacy, Prescriptions for Inmates	\$96.65
TK Elevator Corporation, Elevator Service	\$410.07
T-Mobile, Cell Service	\$94.42
Todd's Body & Glass, Repair Work	\$4,112.12
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$2,607.70
US Bank, Supplies/Subscriptions	\$243.33
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision Insurance	\$823.12
Windstream, Internet	\$554.53
Woodward's Disposal, Trash Service	\$340.00
Zelle Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,629.20

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$68,969.16
A Street Auto Parts Inc, Parts	\$41.58
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$80.99
Beck's Farm Equipment Inc, Parts & Supplies	\$452.81
Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies	\$101.47
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$3,381.90
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$104.76
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$88.56
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$79.75
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$111.86
Clay County News, Report Books	\$267.21
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$13,031.69
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$4,649.64
Diamond Lime LLC, Lime Rock	\$16,139.84
Don's Lawn Service, Lawn Mowing	\$712.00
Eakes Office Solutions, Office Supplies	\$171.75
Filter Care of Nebraska LLC, Filters	\$87.00
Fleetpride, Parts	\$22.18
Floyd's Truck Center, Parts	\$1,402.72
Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$646.92
Geneva Tire & Auto Inc, Parts & Labor	\$1,612.58
George Bros. Propane, Fuel	\$34,805.59
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$345.48
Glenwood, Internet	\$209.70
Hamilton Telephone Co, Internet	\$74.95
Inland Truck Parts & Service, Parts	\$1,777.42
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$115.94
John Deere Financial, Parts	\$2,436.45
Kelly Supply Company, Vise	\$563.07
LCL Truck Equipment, Parts	\$466.68
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Drug Screening	\$75.00
Matt Friend Truck Equipment, Parts	\$178.00
Medical Enterprises Inc, Drug Screening	\$108.00
Menard Inc, Supplies & Parts	\$238.62
MH Equipment Company, Brake	\$2,094.89
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$30,548.44
Midwest Service & Sales Co, Culverts	\$16,833.35
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co Inc, Parts & Supplies	\$56.63
NAPA Auto Parts, Parts	\$975.48
NMC Exchange, Repairs & Parts	\$1,032.10
Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc, Fuel	\$170.35

Protex Central Inc, Fire Extinguishers	\$236.00
Richweld Fabrication Inc, Supplies	\$1,606.92
Rush Truck Centers Inc, Parts & Supplies	\$454.80
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$375.00
Shirt Shack, Safety Clothing	\$315.22
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$599.55
Southern Public Power District, Utilities	\$104.49
Sutton Auto Supply, Parts	\$1,196.30
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$146.13
Truck Center Companies West, Supplies	\$2,383.14
US Bank, Parts	\$75.20
Van Kirk Sand & Gravel Inc, Crushed Concrete	\$637.56
Vestis Uniforms & Workplace Inc, Uniforms	\$680.18
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Windstream, Internet	\$295.12
Woodward's, Garbage Service	\$65.00

ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

MIPS Inc, Program costs	\$544.78
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INHERITANCE FUND

Central Square Technologies, Subscription	\$20,258.74
Cerris Systems, Chiller Repair	\$1,800.00
MASE Enterprises, Repair Damaged Fiber	\$4,250.00

HEALTH FUND

Employees, Wages	\$10,644.57
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$42.79
Clay County News, Advertising	\$75.72
Cooney Refrigeration LLC, AC Repair	\$85.00
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$1,809.90
Culligan of Hastings, Water System Rent	\$104.45
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$260.49
US Bank, Supplies	\$389.91
Woodwards Disposal, Garbage Service	\$17.50

911 FUND

ERC Communications, Tower Rent	\$2,160.00
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$112.03

E911 HOLDING FUND

Central Square Technologies, Services & Subscription	\$32,502.60
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,684.59

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Mohnike 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, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 11:10 a.m.; next regular meeting scheduled for September 15, 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 ClerkL. Wayne Johnson, Chairman