

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on September 15, 2026 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on September 2, 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 the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman L. Wayne Johnson stated that the open meetings act was posted on the West wall and presided with roll call showing the following present: Scott Bitterman, Eric Samuelson, Glen Becker, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson; absent: James Pavelka.

Minutes of the meeting held August 28, 2026 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Samuelson to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 28, 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Fee Reports were presented to the Board. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of August 2026: County Clerk \$6,323.33; County Court \$9,903.46; Clerk of District Court \$45,161.86; Sheriff's fees \$2,217.32; County Health Department \$1,721.50 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 26080001 through 26080053 in the amount of \$403,791.01. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Samuelson to reappoint Wayne Peshek and Lynn Lipovsky to the Clay County Board of Adjustment for another 3-year term, effective September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2029. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

James Pavelka entered the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Thomas Roemmich, II, Highway Superintendent presented the roads report and the mechanic's report for August.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to sign an agreement with Olsson & Associates for Rd C Box Culvert Project #C-18(373) & Rd X Box Culvert Project #C-18(375). Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The County Annual Certification of Program Compliance was presented. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2026 and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Resolution #2026-17 for the Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2026 was presented. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #2026-17 for the Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion Carried. *(Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)*

Jason Gerdes spoke for public input to communicate his appreciation and support for Clay County services.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Pavelka to open bids for a motor grader at 9:23 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:

Murphy John Deere base price \$415,647.31 less trade \$110,000.00 net price: \$305,647.31

NMC CAT base price \$432,400.00 less trade \$119,875.00 net price: \$312,525.00

Discuss was had regarding the bids and trade equipment. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to accept the bid from NMC CAT. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: Mohnike. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, provided his monthly report.

Pam Maynard presented the 2025-2026 annual report of the Visitor Improvement and Visitor Promotion Funds. Pam presented the 2026-2027 requests for approval of applications of funds from said County Visitor Improvement Fund in the amount of \$6,500.00 and Clay County Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of \$4,000.00. Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk, provided Pam and the Board of Supervisors with the 2025-2026 fiscal year revenue. Additional discussion was had regarding current revenue sources and possible additional sources. Pam and the County Treasurer will look into this. Motion by Becker and seconded by Bitterman to approve the 2026-2027 fiscal year requests 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 Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to approve the Proposed Project Agreement with CERRIS Systems to clean the waterside of the chiller evaporator in the amount of \$10,017.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tina Nelson and Heather Moore were present to discuss this year's County Government Day which will be hosted on Monday, October 26th. A request was made for reimbursement of expenses for the event. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Pavelka to approve reimbursement of expenses for County Government Day up to \$1,000.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the proposed Budget numbers in preparation of the upcoming Budget Hearings.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, was unable to attend the meeting.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting 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.

Cassie Aksamit, County Clerk

L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman