

**CLAY COUNTY BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY AND
SPECIAL HEARING TO SET THE FINAL TAX REQUEST
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 MINUTES**

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, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Budget Hearings were held prior to the regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Bitterman to open the Public Hearing for the proposed county budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 at 9:00 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Copies of the proposed budget were given to the board members as well as three copies printed and available for viewing by the public.

The notice was published in the Clay County News.

The Public Hearing on the proposed county budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 was held.

Those present during the public hearing: Robin Gilbert, Thomas Roemmich II.

No written or oral comments or objections were received from the public.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Shaw to close the Public Hearing on the proposed county budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 at 9:14 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 Samuelson to open the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax request for fiscal year 2026-2027 at 9:15 a.m. (immediately following the proposed budget hearing). Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Those present during the public hearing: Robin Gilbert, Brenda Hansen and Thomas Roemmich II.

The notice was published in the Clay County News.

The Special Hearing to set Final Tax Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 was held.

No written or oral comments or objections were received from the public.

Motion by Becker and seconded by Pavelka to close the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax request for fiscal year 2026-2027 at 9:19 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on September 15, 2026 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.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors meeting began at 9:19 a.m. upon the adjournment of the Special Hearing.

Minutes of the meeting held September 15, 2026 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Samuelson to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 15, 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 presented the roads report and an easement request from Glenwood Telecommunications.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to approve the easement request from Glenwood Telecommunications to bury fiber optic cable starting at a point approx. 2,550 feet South of Road 309; thence South for 900 feet to the pedestal point. Along the East side of the NE ¼ and the SE ¼ of 28-6-8, along the West side of Road D. 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 adopt Resolution #2026-18 to accept the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. *(Copy of Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)*

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Bitterman to adopt Resolution #2026-19 to set the final 2026-2027 proposed tax request at \$6,624,345.20. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. *(Copy of Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)*

Claims were submitted by the County Clerk to be reviewed.

GENERAL FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$164,946.50
Adams County Justice Center, Inmate Holds	\$1,885.00
Aflac, Insurance	\$1,585.05
Andrew Leichleiter, Mileage Reimbursement	\$10.72
Applied Connective Technologies, IT/Surveillance/Wi-Fi on Roof	\$9,326.59
AT & T Mobility, Cell Phones	\$1,044.78
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Generator Fuel	\$120.33
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$224.96
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance	\$77,810.58
Brandy VanDewalle, Mileage Reimbursement	\$36.48
Brett Nunnenkamp, Mileage Reimbursement	\$17.48
Bryan Health, Medical Records	\$42.90
Business World, Supplies	\$492.00
Capital Business Systems Inc, Copier Lease	\$61.02
Capital City Transfer, Transport Fees	\$1,434.60
Carey's Pest Control Inc, Spraying	\$121.00
Cash-WA Distributing, Food Supplies	\$879.81
Central Community College, CPR Class	\$402.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$841.20
CJIS Operational Protection Services, Protection Package	\$2,880.00
Clay County Court, Court Costs	\$862.00
Clay County News, Published Notices & Minutes	\$1,174.40
Clay County Treasurer, Postage	\$10,246.00
Clay County Treasurer, Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund	\$389,180.97
Clearly, Phone System	\$410.09
Colonial, Insurance	\$326.70
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$112,934.83
CPI, Fuel	\$6,030.21
Culligan of Hastings, Water System Rent	\$139.00
Dan Baumert, Mileage Reimbursement	\$22.04
DAS State Accounting, Services	\$1,132.80
David Wangila, Mileage Reimbursement	\$156.03
Don's Lawn Service, Lawn Mowing	\$1,050.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$1,266.64
Election Systems & Software LLC, Memory Device	\$720.00
First Concord, Insurance	\$1,047.50
Galls, Supplies	\$94.97

Glenwood, Internet Service	\$119.95
Heather Wharton, Mileage Reimbursement	\$18.24
Holiday Inn, Lodging	\$839.70
Hometown Leasing, Lease	\$1,443.56
Jackie Queen, Deposition Transcript	\$205.00
Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices LLC, Attorney Fees	\$5,512.00
Keith Johnson, Mileage Reimbursement	\$22.04
Klein, Brewster, Brandt, & Messersmith, Attorney Fees	\$552.00
Madison National Life, Insurance	\$304.45
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Inmate Visit	\$522.06
Mary Lynne Ellis, Mileage Reimbursement	\$33.44
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA), Insurance	\$825.00
Menards, Supplies	\$379.71
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, Rental	\$49.00
Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, 2nd Qtr Billing for Services	\$1,526.00
Midland Area Agency, July-December 2026 Programs	\$8,299.00
Midland Credit Management, Wage Garnishment	\$430.31
MIPS, Service	\$3,728.53
NACO, Clerk Workshop	\$125.00
Nationwide, Retirement	\$2,075.00
Nebraska.Gov, Certified Transcripts	\$16.00
Phyllis Gundersen APRN LLC, Inmate Visit	\$112.00
Point C Health, Insurance	\$296.00
Secretary of State-Elections Division, Voter Registration Cards	\$20.00
Skalka, Baack & Fiala Law, Attorney Fees	\$2,841.42
Smith Lawn Care, Lawn Spraying	\$1,250.00
Sorsen's Corner Market, Food Supplies	\$1,881.77
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$2,766.70
Sutton Auto Supply Inc, Brake Pads & Rotors	\$313.20
Sutton Pharmacy, Prescriptions for Inmates	\$170.43
Svehla Law Offices, Attorney Fees	\$5,668.50
T-Mobile, Cell Service	\$116.07
Theobald Law Office, Attorney Fees	\$7,159.89
Trustmark Universal Life, Insurance	\$2,607.70
US Bank, Supplies/Subscriptions/Postage	\$580.63
Vision Service Plan (CT), Vision Insurance	\$813.50
Windstream, Internet	\$556.19
Woodward's Disposal, Trash Service	\$340.00
Zelle Human Resource Solutions, Consulting Services	\$4,500.00
Ziembra Roofing, Repair Roof	\$215.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Wages	\$68,013.68
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co, Fuel	\$141.94
Beck's Farm Equipment Inc, Parts & Supplies	\$2,855.08
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$189.59
C & M Supply Inc, Fuel	\$6,744.37
Carey's Pest Control Inc, Spraying	\$152.00
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$102.35
City of Edgar, Utilities	\$71.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	\$83.67
City of Harvard, Utilities	\$79.75
City of Sutton, Utilities	\$130.12
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$12,820.91
Cornhusker Cleaning Supply, Shop Towels	\$448.50
CPI-Juniata, Fuel	\$15,321.01
Diamond Lime LLC, Lime Rock	\$3,374.35
Don's Lawn Service, Lawn Mowing	\$675.00
Eakes Office Solutions, Office Supplies	\$125.84
Filter Care of Nebraska LLC, Filters	\$414.60
Floyd's Truck Center, Parts	\$831.83

Friesen Chevrolet Inc, Repairs	\$454.03
George Bros. Propane, Fuel	\$23,050.89
George's 66 Service, Fuel	\$455.90
Glenwood, Internet	\$209.70
Hamilton Telephone Co, Internet	\$74.95
Husker Power Products Inc, Generator	\$498.78
Inland Truck Parts & Service, Parts	\$2,096.24
Interstate All Battery Center, Batteries	\$264.90
Island Supply Welding Co, Supplies	\$115.94
John Deere Financial, Parts	\$1,000.57
Menard Inc, Supplies & Parts	\$491.43
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate Inc, Gravel	\$15,704.89
MIPS, Service	\$131.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co Inc, Parts & Supplies	\$2,512.56
NMC-Doniphan, Equipment Rental & Motorgrader	\$326,725.00
NMC Exchange, Repairs & Parts	\$4,843.57
Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc, Fuel	\$85.40
RAKA Rentals, Equipment Rental & Fuel	\$7,763.00
Raynor Garage Doors, Door Repair	\$130.00
Rush Truck Centers Inc, Parts & Supplies	\$745.14
Sarah Dasher, Cleaning	\$300.00
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$563.77
Southern Public Power District, Utilities	\$140.29
Superior Outdoor Power Center Inc, Supplies	\$167.83
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	\$113.12
Truck Center Companies West, Supplies	\$216.30
Van Kirk Sand & Gravel Inc, Supplies	\$17.74
Vestis Uniforms & Workplace Inc, Uniforms	\$807.74
Village of Trumbull, Utilities	\$89.00
Woodward's, Garbage Service	\$65.00
VISITOR PROMOTION	
Edgar Community Club, Reimbursement for 2026 Edgar Fest	\$800.00
ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND	
MIPS Inc, Program costs	\$544.78
INHERITANCE FUND	
Al's Old House Repairs LLC, Court 3rd Floor Repair	\$11,100.00
Cerris Systems, Chiller Repair	\$787.41
HEALTH FUND	
Employees, Wages	\$10,872.15
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$48.82
City of Clay Center, Utilities	\$42.91
Clay County News, Advertising	\$54.25
Cornerstone Bank, Deductions	\$1,806.64
Culligan of Hastings, Water System Rent	\$16.00
Eakes, Supplies	\$56.85
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$230.16
Woodwards Disposal, Garbage Service	\$17.50
911 FUND	
Black Hills Energy, Utilities	\$46.97
Glenwood, Internet	\$204.95
South Central Public Power District, Utilities	\$107.75
E911 HOLDING FUND	
Century Link dba Lumen, Internet	\$2,697.27
GovWorx Inc, Subscription	\$8,800.00

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. 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 Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 10:18 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