COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met at the Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska on October 20, 2026 at 9:00 A.M., as per public notice given in the Clay County News on October 7, 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, James Pavelka, Jesse Mohnike, Richard Shaw and L. Wayne Johnson.

Minutes of the meeting held October 13, 2026 were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Pavelka to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 13, 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.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Becker to note a correction to the September 22, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting. The minutes were inadvertently published with a meeting date of September 15, 2026; however, the meeting took place on September 22, 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.

Jennifer Fleischer, County Attorney, provided her department report.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff, provided his department report.

Quotes for repair to the Weeds Department shop roof were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Mohnike and seconded by Shaw to approve the quote from Tillotson in the amount of $11,000.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the resignation of the County Planning & Zoning Administrator. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to accept the resignation of Barb Barnett. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Bitterman, Samuelson, Becker, Pavelka, Mohnike, Shaw and Johnson; Nay: None. Motion carried. The Board will have Zelle HR post a lob listing for the position and continue discussion on the department during the recruitment process.

The Board was approached with the request to reimburse the County Court Bailiff for noon meals, invoiced prior to the Resolution adopted on August 18, 2026, which granted the Clay County Board of Supervisors the authority to make such meal reimbursements. The Board does not believe their authority could be retroactive to the Resolution.

A phone system update quote was presented as received from BTS. This would be a county department-wide phone equipment update. The Board requested that the County Clerk reach out to Glenwood for a proposal for comparison.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn this meeting at 10:20 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