2025-2026
STATE OF NEBRASKA
CITY/VILLAGE BUDGET FORM

City of Clay Center

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF
Clay County

This budget is for the Period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

Upon Filing, The Entity Certifies the Information Submitted on this Form to be Correct:

The following **PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX** is requested for the ensuing year:

269,455.00	Property Taxes for Non-Bond Purposes
98,000.00	Principal and Interest on Bonds
367,455.00	**Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required**

53,891,066.00	**Total Certified Valuation (All Counties)**

*(Certification of Valuation(s) from County Assessor **MUST** be attached)*

County Clerk's Use ONLY

Projected Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of October 1, 2025
(As of the Beginning of the Budget Year)

Principal	3,305,000.00
Interest	578,717.00
Total Bonded Indebtedness	3,883,717.00

Report of Joint Public Agency & Interlocal Agreements

Was this Subdivision involved in any Interlocal Agreements or Joint Public Agencies for the reporting period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[X] YES [ ] NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Interlocal Agreement Report by September 30th.*

Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names

Did the Subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or other Business Name during the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[ ] YES [X] NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Trade Name Report by September 30th.*

APA Contact Information

Auditor of Public Accounts
PO Box 98917
Lincoln, NE 68509

Telephone: (402) 471-2111 **FAX:** (402) 471-3301

Website: auditors.nebraska.gov

Questions - E-Mail: Jeff.Schreier@nebraska.gov

Submission Information

Budget Due by 9-30-2025

Submit budget to:

1. Auditor of Public Accounts -Electronically on Website or Mail
2. County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk

City of Clay Center in Clay County

Line No.	Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers	Actual 2023 - 2024 (Column 1)	Actual/Estimated 2024 - 2025 (Column 2)	Adopted Budget 2025 - 2026 (Column 3)
1	Net Cash Balance	658,034.00	523,745.00	255,718.00
2	Investments			
3	County Treasurer's Balance	13,062.00	15,021.00	15,021.00
4	Beginning Balance Proprietary Function Funds (Only If Page 6 is Used)			-
5	**Subtotal of Beginning Balances** (Lines 1 thru 4)	**671,096.00**	**538,766.00**	**270,739.00**
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes (Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)	330,083.00	301,576.00	363,816.83
7	Federal Receipts			
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate	112.00		215.00
9				
10	State Receipts: Highway Allocation and Incentives	142,338.00	148,554.00	140,309.00
11	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Fee	10,100.00		500.00
12	State Receipts: State Aid			
13	State Receipts: Municipal Equalization Aid	28,539.00	19,411.00	32,795.00
14	State Receipts: Other	2,866.00		
15	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit	3,704.00		
16	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax			
17	Local Receipts: Motor Vehicle Tax	36,215.00	31,920.00	50,559.00
18	Local Receipts: Local Option Sales Tax	127,983.00	120,714.00	73,128.00
19	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax	2,501.00		5,700.00
20	Local Receipts: Other	991,855.00	1,419,577.00	1,206,604.00
21	Transfers In of Surplus Fees			
22	Transfers In Other Than Surplus Fees	337,232.00	257,376.00	76,398.00
23	Proprietary Function Funds (Only if Page 6 is Used)			-
24	**Total Resources Available** (Lines 5 thru 23)	**2,684,624.00**	**2,837,894.00**	**2,220,763.83**
25	**Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Line 22, Pg 3, 4 & 5)	**2,145,858.00**	**2,567,155.00**	**2,198,406.00**
26	**Balance Forward/Cash Reserve** (Line 24 MINUS Line 25)	**538,766.00**	**270,739.00**	**22,357.83**
27	Cash Reserve Percentage			1%

PROPERTY TAX RECAP

Tax from Line 6	363,816.83
County Treasurer Commission at 1%	3,638.17
Total Property Tax Requirement	367,455.00

To Assist the County For Levy Setting Purposes

The Cover Page identifies the Property Tax Request between Principal & Interest on Bonds and All Other Purposes. If your municipality needs more of a breakdown for levy setting purposes, complete the section below.

Property Tax Request by Fund:

	Property Tax Request
General Fund	$ 269,455.00
Bond Fund	$ 98,000.00
_____ Fund	
_____ Fund	
Total Tax Request	** $ 367,455.00

** This Amount should agree to the Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required on the Cover Page 1.

Cash Reserve Funds

Statute 13-503 says cash reserve means funds required for the period before revenue would become available for expenditure but shall not include funds held in any special reserve fund. If the cash reserve on Page 2 exceeds 50%, you can list below funds being held in a special reserve fund.

Special Reserve Fund Name	Amount
Total Special Reserve Funds	$ -
Total Cash Reserve	$ 22,357.83
Remaining Cash Reserve	$ 22,357.83
Remaining Cash Reserve %	1%

Documentation of Transfers of Surplus Fees:

(Only complete if Transfers of Surplus Fees Were Budgeted)

Please explain where the monies will be transferred from, where the monies will be transferred to, and the reason for the transfer.

Transfer From: _____ Transfer To: _____

Amount:

Reason:

Transfer From: _____ Transfer To: _____

Amount: _____

Reason:

Transfer From: _____ Transfer To: _____

Amount:

Reason:

City of Clay Center in Clay County

Line No.	2025-2026 ADOPTED BUDGET Disbursements & Transfers	Operating Expenses (A)	Capital Improvements (B)	Other Capital Outlay (C)	Debt Service (D)	Other (E)	Transfers Out (F)	TOTAL
1	Governmental:							
2	General Government	476,904.00		198,699.00			65,502.00	741,105.00
3	Public Safety - Police							-
3a	Public Safety - Fire							-
4	Public Safety - Other	356,136.00						356,136.00
5	Public Works - Streets	175,274.00		53,876.00	233,387.00			462,537.00
6	Public Works - Other							-
7	Public Health and Social Services	20,129.00					10,896.00	31,025.00
8	Culture and Recreation	279,283.00						279,283.00
9	Community Development							-
10	Miscellaneous							-
11	Business-Type Activities:							
12	Airport							-
13	Nursing Home							-
14	Hospital							-
15	Electric Utility							-
16	Solid Waste							-
17	Transportation							-
18	Wastewater	38,965.00						38,965.00
19	Water	241,601.00			47,754.00			289,355.00
20	Other							-
21	Proprietary Function Funds (Page 6)					-		-
22	**Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Lns 2 thru 21)	1,588,292.00	-	252,575.00	281,141.00	-	76,398.00	2,198,406.00

(A) **Operating Expenses** should include Personal Services, Operating Expenses, Supplies and Materials, and Equipment Rental.
(B) **Capital Improvements** should include acquisition of real property or acquisition, construction, or extension of any improvements on real property.
(C) **Other Capital Outlay** should include other items to be inventoried (i.e. equipment, vehicles, etc.).
(D) **Debt Service** should include Bond Principal and Interest Payments, Payments to Retirement Interest-Free Loans from NDA (Airports) and other debt payments.
(E) **Other** should include Judgments, and Proprietary Function Funds if a separate budget is filed.
(F) **Transfers** should include Transfers and Transfers of Surplus Fees

City of Clay Center in Clay County

Line No.	2024-2025 ACTUAL/ESTIMATED Disbursements & Transfers	Operating Expenses (A)	Capital Improvements (B)	Other Capital Outlay (C)	Debt Service (D)	Other (E)	Transfers Out (F)	TOTAL
1	Governmental:							
2	General Government	463,012.00			72,000.00		256,506.00	791,518.00
3	Public Safety - Police							-
3a	Public Safety - Fire							-
4	Public Safety - Other	734,113.00						734,113.00
5	Public Works - Streets	170,170.00		52,307.00	235,913.00			458,390.00
6	Public Works - Other							-
7	Public Health and Social Services	19,542.00					870.00	20,412.00
8	Culture and Recreation	243,623.00						243,623.00
9	Community Development							-
10	Miscellaneous							-
11	Business-Type Activities:							
12	Airport							-
13	Nursing Home							-
14	Hospital							-
15	Electric Utility							-
16	Solid Waste							-
17	Transportation							-
18	Wastewater	37,830.00						37,830.00
19	Water	233,331.00			47,938.00			281,269.00
20	Other							-
21	Proprietary Function Funds							-
22	Total Disbursements & Transfers (Ln 2 thru 21)	1,901,621.00	-	52,307.00	355,851.00	-	257,376.00	2,567,155.00

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City of Clay Center in Clay County

Line No.	2023-2024 ACTUAL Disbursements & Transfers	Operating Expenses (A)	Capital Improvements (B)	Other Capital Outlay (C)	Debt Service (D)	Other (E)	Transfers Out (F)	TOTAL
1	Governmental:							
2	General Government	454,187.00		1,081.00			65,826.00	521,094.00
3	Public Safety - Police							-
3a	Public Safety - Fire							-
4	Public Safety - Other	39,640.00						39,640.00
5	Public Works - Streets	267,196.00		13,943.00	238,885.00			520,024.00
6	Public Works - Other							-
7	Public Health and Social Services	9,695.00						9,695.00
8	Culture and Recreation	151,950.00		975.00			72,800.00	225,725.00
9	Community Development						198,606.00	198,606.00
10	Miscellaneous							-
11	Business-Type Activities:							
12	Airport							-
13	Nursing Home							-
14	Hospital							-
15	Electric Utility							-
16	Solid Waste							-
17	Transportation							-
18	Wastewater	23,189.00						23,189.00
19	Water	169,367.00		399,973.00	38,545.00			607,885.00
20	Other							-
21	Proprietary Function Funds							-
22	Total Disbursements & Transfers (Ln 2 thru 21)	1,115,224.00	-	415,972.00	277,430.00	-	337,232.00	2,145,858.00

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City of Clay Center in Clay County

2025-2026 SUMMARY OF PROPRIETARY FUNCTION FUNDS

NOTE: COMPLETE THIS PAGE ONLY IF A SEPARATE PROPRIETARY FUNCTION FUND BUDGET IS FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF PROPRIETARY FUNCTION FUNDS ONLY

Funds (List)	Beginning Balance	Total Budget of Receipts	Total Budget of Disbursements	Cash Reserve
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-
	(Forward to Page 2, Line 4)	(Forward to Page 2, Line 23)	(Forward to Page 3, Line 21)	

NOTE: State Statute Section 13-504 requires a uniform summary of the proposed budget statement including each proprietary function fund included in a separate proprietary budget statement prepared pursuant to the Municipal Proprietary Function Act. Proprietary function shall mean a water supply or distribution utility, a waste-water collection or treatment utility, an electric generation, transmission, or distribution utility, a gas supply, transmission, or distribution utility, an integrated solid waste management collection, disposal, or handling utility, or a hospital or a nursing home owned by a municipality.

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

If no official address, please provide address where correspondence should be sent

NAME	City of Clay Center
ADDRESS	P.O. Box 163
CITY & ZIP CODE	Clay Center, 68933
TELEPHONE	402-762-3356
WEBSITE	

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Nanette Shackelford	Mitzi Messenger	Eugene V. Ulmer, CPA
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Mayor	City Clerk/Treasurer	Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP
TELEPHONE	402-762-3356	402-762-3356	308-382-3400
EMAIL ADDRESS	nanette.shackelford@sandycreek.us	cityoffice@clay-center.net	ulmer@danacole.com

For Questions on this form, who should we contact (please √ one): Contact will be via email if supplied.

- [ ] Board Chairperson
- [ ] Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other
- [x] Preparer

City of Clay Center

2025-2026 PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY COMPUTATION FORM

Calculation of Preliminary Property Tax Request Authority

2024-2025 Total Property Tax Request (1) $ **324,000.00**
(from prior year budget - Cover Page submitted to the State Auditor)

Less: Prior Year Exceptions Utilized
(Will all be zero for 2025-2026 budget because first year of new cap)

Approved Bonds *(prior year line 16)*	(2)	-
Emergency Response *(prior year line 17)*	(3)	-
Public Safety Services *(prior year line 18)*	(4)	-
County Attorneys *(prior year line 19)*	(5)	-
County Public Defenders *(prior year line 20)*	(6)	-
Response to Public Safety Threat *(prior year line 21)*	(7)	-
Public Safety Interlocal Agreements *(prior year line 22)*	(8)	-
Voter Approved Increase *(prior year line 23)*	(9)	-
Unused authority used in the prior year *(prior year line 24)*	(10)	-
TOTAL Prior Year Exceptions Utilized (total line 2 thru 10)	**(11)**	-

Preliminary Property Tax Request Authority (line 1 - line 11) (12) **324,000.00**

Allowed Increases to Preliminary Property Tax Request Authority

2024 Property Taxes Levied (per Taxes Levied Reports from Department of Revenue) 324,112.73
See instructions below for where to find this amount (13)

Growth Percentage per County Assessor

104,410.00 / 54,244,547.00 = 0.19%
2025 Growth Value / 2024 Total Valuation (14a)

623.85
Increase due to Growth (14)
(Line 14 equals Line 13 minus line 2 & 3, multiplied by line 14a)

Inflation Percentage 5.17% (15a)
(Line 15 equals Line 13 minus line 2 & 3, multiplied by line 15a)

16,756.63
Increase due to Inflation (15)

Allowable Exceptions Utilized (§ 13-3404)

2025-2026 Property Taxes Budgeted For:

Approved Bonds *(Cannot exceed property tax request for principal & interest on bonds on cover page (page 1))*	(16)	26,074.52
Response to a declared emergency in the prior year & certified to the Auditor *(Must agree to total on Schedule 2)*	(17)	-
Public Safety Services, as defined in §13-320 *(Must agree to total on Schedule 3)*	(18)	-
County Attorneys	(19)	-
County Public Defenders	(20)	-
Support of service relating to an imminent & significant threat to public safety that was not previously provided by the political subdivision & is the subject of an agreement or modification of an existing agreement executed after 8/21/2024	(21)	-
Support of an interlocal agreement relating to public safety	(22)	
Voter approved increase pursuant to § 13-3405 *(MUST attach sample ballot language and certified election results)*	(23)	-
Prior Year's Unused Property Tax Request Authority used this year *(Cannot exceed amount on Supporting Schedule 1, line 1)*	(24)	-

Total Exceptions Utilized *(Total lines 16 thru 24)*	(25)	**26,074.52**
2025-2026 Total Property Tax Request Authority *(Total lines 12, 14, 15, 25)*	(26)	**367,455.00**
2025-2026 ACTUAL Property Tax Request *(from Cover Page - Page 1)*	(27)	367,455.00
Unused Property Tax Request Authority Created for Future Years *(To Schedule 1, line 3)* *(Line 26 - Line 27, MUST be greater than or equal to $0.00)*	(28)	-

City of Clay Center
2025-2026 PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY SUPPORTING SCHEDULES

Schedule 1 - Calculation of Unused Property Tax Request Authority Carryforward

	Line No.	
Converted 2024-2025 Unused Restricted Funds Authority *(See instructions below for how to determine this amount)*	(1)	$ 16,205.64
Less: Amount used this year *(from Computation Form, line 24) (cannot exceed line 1)*	(2)	-
Add: Unused Authority created this year *(from Computation Form, line 28)*	(3)	-
Total Unused Property Tax Request Authority available for future years ***(cannot be less than $0.00)***	(4)	16,205.64

Schedule 2 - DECLARED EMERGENCY EXCEPTION CERTIFICATION

If using a declared emergency response exception on the Property Tax Request Authority Computation Form, line 17, the following must be completed. Additionally, supporting documentation for the emergency declaration must be attached to the budget submission if the emergency was declared by the principal executive of the local government.

Description of Emergency (Column A)	Date of Emergency Declaration (Column B)	Emergency Declared by Who? (Column C)	Amount Used as Exception (Column D)
			$ -
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
Total Emergency Response Exception *(must agree to Computation Form, line 17)*			-

Schedule 3 - DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES EXCEPTION

If using a public safety services exception on the Property Tax Request Authority Computation Form, line 18, the following must be completed:

Description of Public Safety Services Exception (Column A)	Amount Used as Exception (Column B)
	$ -
	-
	-
	-
	-
	-
	-
	-
	-
Total Public Safety Exception *(must agree to Computation Form, line 18)*	-

Municipality Levy Limit Form

City of Clay Center in Clay County

Municipality Levy				
Personal and Real Property Tax Request	(1)			367,455.00
Judgments (Not Paid by Liability Insurance)	(2)	0.00		
Pre-Existing Lease - Purchase Contracts-7/98	(3)	0.00		
Bonded Indebtedness	(4)	98,000.00		
Interest Free Financing (Public Airports)	(5)	0.00		
Benefits Paid Under Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act	(6)	0.00		
Total Levy Exemptions	(7)			98,000.00
Tax Request Subject to Levy Limit	(8)			269,455.00
Valuation	(9)			53,891,066
Municipality Levy Subject to Levy Authority	(10)			0.499999
Levy Authority Allocated to Others-				
Airport Authority	(11)			0.000000
Community Redevelopment Authority	(12)			0.000000
Transit Authority	(13)			0.000000
Off Street Parking District Valuation	(14)			
Off Street Parking District Levy (Statute 77-3443(2))	(15)	0.000000		0.000000
Other	(16)			0.000000
Total Levy for Compliance Purposes	(17)			0.499999 **(A)**
Levy Authority				
Municipality Levy Limit	(18			0.450000
Municipality property taxes designated for interlocal agreements	(19)	27,122.01		0.050000
Total Municipality Levy Authority	(20)			0.500000 **(B)**
Voter Approved Levy Override	(21)			0.000000 **(C)**

Note: (A) must be less than the greater of (B) or (C) to be in compliance with the Statutes

This Form is to be completed to ensure compliance with the levy limits established in State Statute Section 77-3442. The levy limit applicable to municipalities is 45 cents plus 5 cents for interlocal agreements.

State Statute Section 86-416 allows for a special tax to fund Public Safety Communication projects, the tax has the same status as bonded indebtedness. State Statute 72-2301 through 72-2308 allows bonds to be issued for Public Facilities Construction Projects. Amounts should be included as Bonded Indebtedness on Line 7 above.

A municipality may exceed the limits in State Statute Section 77-3442 by completing the requirements of State Statute Section 77-3444 (Election or Townhall Meeting). **If an amount is entered on Line 21, a sample ballot and election results MUST be submitted with budget. If voter approved override was completed at a Townhall Meeting, minutes of that meeting, and a list of registered voters in the municipality must be submitted.** Please refer to the statutes to ensure all requirements are met.

2025-2026 ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE COMPUTATION FORM

YES

☐ This budget is for a VILLAGE; therefore the allowable growth provisions of the Property Tax Request Act DO NOT apply.

CALCULATION OF ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE

Prior Year Total Property Tax Request (1) 324,000.00
*(Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required from **prior year** budget - Cover Page)*

Base Limitation Percentage Increase (2%) 2.00 % (2)

Real Growth Percentage Increase

104,410.00 (2025 Real Growth Value per Assessor) / 54,244,547.00 (Prior Year Total Real Property Valuation per Assessor) = 0.19 % (3)

Total Allowable Growth Percentage Increase (Line 2 + Line 3) (4) 2.19 %

Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Property Tax Request (Line 1 x Line 4) (5) 7,095.60

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST (Line 1 + Line 5) (6) **331,095.60**
(Without needing to attend Joint Public Hearing, or be included on postcard notification)

ACTUAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

2025-2026 ACTUAL Total Property Tax Request (7) 367,455.00
(Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required from Cover Page)

Property Tax Request exceeds allowable growth percentage. Political subdivision MUST complete the postcard notification requirements, and participate in the joint public hearing.

If line (7) is greater than line (6), your political subdivision is required to participate in the joint public hearing, and complete the postcard notification requirements of §77-1633. You must provide your information to the County Assessor electronically by September 4th. You are not required to hold the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request outlined in §77-1632. The joint public hearing is completed in lieu of this hearing.

If line (7) is less than line (6), your political subdivision is not required to participate in the joint public hearing, or complete the postcard notification requirements of §77-1633. You are required to hold the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request outlined in §77-1632.

City of Clay Center

IN

Clay County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 23rd day of September 2025, at 7 o'clock P.M., at City Community Room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$	2,145,858.00
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$	2,567,155.00
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$	2,198,406.00
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	$	22,357.83
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	$	2,220,763.83
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$	367,455.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$	16,205.64

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$	269,455.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$	98,000.00

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the day of , at o'clock _____, at for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget	1,682,041.00	2,198,406.00	31%
Property Tax Request	$ 324,000.00	$ 367,455.00	13%
Valuation	54,244,547	53,891,066	-1%
Tax Rate	0.597295	0.681848	14%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.601213		

See Summary of Significant Accounting Assumptions and Limiting Conditions and Accountants' Compilation Report

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

City of Clay Center — SUBDIVISION NAME

Clay County — COUNTY

Parties to Agreement (Column 1)	Agreement Period (Column 2)	Description (Column 3)
LARM INSURANCE	10/1/25-9/30/26	GENERAL INSURANCE SERVICES

See Summary of Significant Accounting Assumptions and Limiting Conditions and Accountants' Compilation Report

REPORT OF TRADE NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES, BUSINESS NAMES

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

City of Clay Center — SUBDIVISION NAME

Clay County — COUNTY

List all Trade Names, Corporate Names and Business Names under which the political subdivision conducted business.

CITY OF CLAY CENTER IN CLAY COUNTY
ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITING CONDITIONS
SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

This financial forecast presents to the best of management's knowledge and belief, the City's expected cash receipts and disbursements for the forecast periods. Accordingly, the forecast reflects management's judgment as of the date of this forecast, the expected conditions, and its expected course of action. The assumptions disclosed herein are those that management believes are significant to the forecast. There will usually be differences between the forecasted and actual results, because events and circumstances frequently do not occur as expected and those differences may be material.

2024 Amounts - Receipts and disbursements for the year ended September 30, 2024, are based on actual amounts.

2025 Amounts - Receipts and disbursements for the year ended September 30, 2025, are based on actual amounts through June 30, 2025, and estimated amounts for the remaining time period are determined in most instances by the same ratio throughout the year.

General - The budget for the year ended September 30, 2026, was developed based on amounts approved by the governing body as an upper limit on disbursements.

Receipts - The Municipal Equalization Aid and Highway Allocation receipts are based upon the state estimations. All other receipts are based on the prior year amounts. No significant increases in revenue sources are expected.

Disbursements - Disbursements for the year ended September 30, 2026, are based in general on historical amounts adjusted for a reasonable inflation rate and reserves allowed for unexpected or emergency situations. Capital outlay is based on management's estimates.

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND GROWTH VALUE

{format for all counties and cities.}

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th of each year}

CLAY CENTER CITY

TO:

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: CLAY

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CLAY CENTER CITY	City/Village	104,410	53,891,066	54,244,547	0.19

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I BRENDA HANSEN, CLAY County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-509 and 13-518.

Brenda Hansen
(signature of county assessor)

August 16, 2025
(date)

CC: County Clerk, CLAY County
CC: County Clerk where district is headquartered, if different county, _____ County

Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document.

Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment Division (July 2025)

Assessor's Use Only

3,150,063 Pers Prior
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CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND GROWTH VALUE

(format for all counties and cities.)

TAX YEAR 2025

(certification required on or before August 20th of each year)

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RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Clay Center passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Clay Center resolves that:

1. The 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	$	269,455.00
Bond Fund:	$	98,000.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by -0.65 percent.

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.601213 per $100 of assessed value.

4. The City of Clay Center proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.681848 per $100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the City of Clay Center will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 30.7 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

Motion by Swenson, seconded by Huffaker to adopt Resolution #2025-4.

Voting yes were:	Voting no were:
Allan Swenson	
Doug Huffaker	
John Story	
Steve Johnson	

Dated this 23rd day of Sept., 2025

PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

(Proof of Legal Publication as Required by Law)

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
)ss.
CLAY COUNTY)

Tory Duncan, being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says that The Clay County News, published weekly at Sutton, Nebraska, and having a general circulation in said county. That to the personal knowledge of affiant, a true copy of the attached notice was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in a supplement, on

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

See back for publication

That said newspaper is printed in the English language, and has a bona fide paid in advance circulation, of more than three hundred copies weekly and has been published within said county for more than fifty-two successive weeks, prior to the publication of said notice and is printed wholly, or in part, in an office maintained at the place of publication, and is a legal newspaper under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Managing Editor

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me

this 10th day of September, 2025

Notary Public

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
LINDA L. SCHROETLIN
My Comm. Exp. May 20, 2028

Publisher's Fee: **$232.50**

City of Clay Center

IN

Clay County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 23rd day of September 2025, at 7 o'clock P.M., at City Community Room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$	2,145,858.00
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$	2,567,155.00
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$	2,198,406.00
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	$	22,357.83
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	$	2,220,763.83
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$	367,455.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$	16,205.64

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$	269,455.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$	98,000.00

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Clay Center City Council
Sept 23rd, 2025

Special Budget Hearing
Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request

The Clay Center City Council held a special budget hearing at 7:00 PM in the Community room at 219 W Fairfield St in Clay Center, NE on Sept. 23rd, 2025 for the purpose of hearing support or opposition from the taxpayers relating to the proposed budget. Roll call showed all council present: Huffaker, Swenson, Johnson and Story.

Mayor Shackelford reviewed the 2025-2026 proposed budget with the council, with there being no public present for or against the proposed budget.

Following the budget hearing Mayor Shackelford opened the hearing to set the final tax request for the City of Clay Center. Shackelford explained the property tax request for 2025-2026 will be set at $367.455. A motion was made by Huffaker seconded by Story to close hearing. Motion carried.

Council Meeting

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on September 23rd, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room. Notice of the meeting had been given to all concerned by publication in the Clay County News. Mayor Shackelford informed the public of the Open Meetings Act located on the east wall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call showed the following council present: Allan Swenson, Doug Huffaker, John Story, and Steve Johnson.

A motion was made by Huffaker seconded by Swenson to approve the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Mayor Shackelford introduced the following resolution and Swenson moved for adoption seconded by Huffaker.
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6. A copy of this resolution will be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before September 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Story seconded by Huffaker to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mitzi Messenger
City Clerk

Nanette Shackelford
Mayor

DANA F. COLE
& COMPANY LLP
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

To The Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Clay Center, Nebraska

Management is responsible for the accompanying cash basis financial forecast of the City of Clay Center, which comprises the forecasted statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year ending September 30, 2026 and 2025, including the related summaries of significant assumptions included in the accompanying prescribed form, in accordance with guidelines for the presentation of a financial forecast established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

Management is also responsible for the accompanying comparative historical statements of cash receipts and disbursements of the City of Clay Center for the year ended September 30, 2024, included in the accompanying prescribed form.

We have performed the compilation engagements in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services, promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the forecast or the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on the forecast or these financial statements.

These forecasted and historical statements of cash receipts and disbursements and accompanying schedules included in the accompanying prescribed form are presented in accordance with the requirements of the State of Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts and are not intended to be a presentation in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The forecasted results may not be achieved, as there will usually be differences between the forecasted and actual results because events and circumstances frequently do not occur as expected, and these differences may be material. We have no responsibility to update this report for events and circumstances occurring after the date of this report.

Management has elected to omit substantially all the disclosures required by guidelines for presentation of a forecast established by the AICPA, other than those related to the significant assumptions. If the omitted disclosures were included in the forecast, they might influence the user's conclusions about the City's forecasted statements of cash receipts and disbursements. Accordingly, this forecast is not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP

Grand Island, Nebraska
September 4, 2025