

The regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners was held on May 4, 2026, in the Commissioner Room. The notice of this meeting was published on April 30, 2026, in the issue of the Scoop Media News.

Present: Chairman Sye Tecker, Commissioner Aaron Keiser and Commissioner Tom Richard, Deputy Clerk – Christina Collier, Assessor-Tish Burrell, Treasurer-Penny Denny, Sheriff Bang, County Attorney-Arlan Wine, Karen Baker, Travis Kier, Nick Baney, and Kenny Haines.

Chairman Sye Tecker called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act on the board on the south wall.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richard to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Keiser. Ayes: Unanimous

Commissioner Keiser moved to approve the minutes of April 6, 2026, Commissioner Richard seconded. Ayes: Unanimous

Public Comment: None

Commissioners reviewed claims for the pay period of 4/12-4/25/2026. Questions and/or comments were addressed and discussed as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Keiser to approve claims with removal of the above-mentioned claim, seconded by Commissioner Richard. Ayes: Unanimous

General Fund		Amount
Aflac	Employee Benefits	692.25
Ameritas	Employee Retirement	6647.33
Applied Connective Technologies	IT Support	44.76
Blackshirts Inc.	Dispatch Uniforms	103.83
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska	Employee Health Insurance	9422.97
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska	Employee Dental Insurance	398.29
BW Telcom	Phone Services	5507.98
City of Benkelman	Utilities	2474.34
Collier, Christina	Mileage	54.32
Colonial Life	Employee Benefits	547.34
Credit Management Services	Garnishment	290.69
Culligan Water Conditioning	Service Agreement	132.5
Deveny Chrysler Jeep Dodge	Vehicle Maintenance	183.44
Discover Bank	Garnishment	418.49
Dundy County Hospital	Inmate Meal	5
Eakes Office Supplies	Office Supplies/Equipment	553.88
EFTPS	Payroll Taxes	14269.11
Election Systems & Software, LLC	Election Supplies/Software	2480.87

First Concord "HSA"	Employee Benefits	1293.11
First Concord Benefits Group, LLC	Maintenance Fees	271.5
Flagship Publishing Co	Visitor Advertising	1600
Fries, Jennifer	Custodial Agreement	240
Guernsey, Tabitha	Custodial Agreement	600
Hometown Leasing	Copier Leases	498.04
Ideal Linen Supply	Janitorial Agreement	63.81
Imperial NAPA	Vehicle Maintenance	120.52
Lake Mac Assessment, LLC	Property Assessment Fees	63000
Law Office of Ashley K Spahn	Court Appointment	1600
Liberty National Life Insurance Co.	Employee Benefits	31.33
Lincoln County Detention Center	Inmate Housing	825
Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc	Employee Benefits	116.64
Medical Air Services Association	Employee Benefits	137.5
Motorola Solutions, Inc	Body Cam & Radio Parts	934.88
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider, Mustion	Court Appointment	1578.93
NACO	Online Course	100
Nebraska Department of Revenue	Payroll Taxes	2289.29
Nebraska Generator Service	Generator Service	1486.41
North America Benefits Co	Employee Benefits	221.68
Owens Implement & Supply	Office Supplies/Equipment	273.96
Pinnacle Bank	Conference lodging/Supplies	714.14
Pursley, Bettye	Retirement	12
	4th Qtr Behavioral Health	
Region II Human Services	Match	1806.98
Safe Life Defense	Body Armor	585
Scoop Media LLC	April Publishing	808.8
Vanderford, Wendi	Communications	18
Vision Service Plan	Employee Vision Insurance	142.2
Wiese Carpentry	Grounds Contract	1027
Salaries		33915.15
Roads Department		
Ameritas	Employee Retirement	1461.45
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska	Employee Health Insurance	4957.02
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska	Employee Dental Insurance	109.2
BW Telcom	Phone Services	403.53
City of Benkelman	Utilities	221.22
Colonial Life	Employee Benefits	10
EFTPS	Payroll Taxes	1593.85
First Concord "HSA"	Employee Benefits	259.94
Glass Pros	Glass Repair	2455.63
Jenkins, Brenden	Reimbursement CDL	61.49
Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc	Employee Benefits	5.41

Medical Air Services Association	Employee Benefits	62.5
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug Testing	36
Sapp Bros, Inc	Fuel	24104.12
Southwest Public Power District	Utilities	114.13
Village of Haigler	Utilities	97.93
Wray Auto Parts Inc.	Parts	27.99
Salaries		15872.94
Ambulance Fund		
Bolio, Roger	EMT Labor	25
BW Telcom	Phone Services	100.26
City of Benkelman	Utilities	173.65
EFTPS	Payroll Taxes	4.59
Ham, Brandy	EMT Labor	25
Reichert, Pam	EMT Labor	50
Stamm, Deborah	EMT Labor	25
Turpin, Shauna	EMT Labor	100
Turpin, Vince	EMT Labor	25
Unger, Keisha	EMT Labor	25
Wheaton, Barbara	Defibrillator Battery	76.82
Salaries		54.45

No monies were transferred from the Inheritance Tax account.

Discussion about the Haigler shop was initiated with a motion made by Commissioner Keiser to accept the resignation of Lorena McArthur, Haigler shop supervisor, seconded by Commissioner Richard. Ayes: Unanimous. Nick Baney and Travis Kier shared their thoughts with the commissioners about ways to fix the roads in the Haigler district. Chairman Tecker asked Nick and Travis if they would be interested in transferring to the Haigler shop to fill the supervisor position. Both gentlemen would like to have more discussion with the commissioners prior to making that decision.

The topic of contractors using county equipment to perform tasks was revisited. The deputy clerk shared an email of conversation between the clerk, Mary Seybold, and John Christensen with NIRMA regarding insurance coverage. Mr. Christensen stated the contractor should confirm that they will be responsible for any damage while they are using county property and the contractor's insurance should be the primary insurance in the case of damage. At this point only one bid had been received from Richard Boon with Boon Trucking. Commissioner Richard called Mr. Boon during the meeting to have a discussion regarding the findings of Mr. Christensen. Mr. Boon stated that his insurance is already set up to cover damage of that nature and he is comfortable with being responsible for damage to the county property. With the rising cost of fuel, Mr. Boon would like to resubmit a bid for consideration. Commissioner Keiser informed him that would mean that the

commissioners would need to reopen the bidding process and Mr. Boon agreed. The deputy clerk will put the bidding opportunity in the local newspaper and include this in the next agenda.

There has been one application received regarding the part-time Class A Road Superintendent position with Dundy County from Kent Anderson. Commissioner Keiser contacted Mr. Anderson during the meeting via phone to discuss details. After the call, a motion was made by Commissioner Keiser to hire Kent Anderson for bridge inspections, as well as filing state & federal paperwork, seconded by Commissioner Richard. Ayes: Unanimous. Mr. Anderson will be compensated at the rate of \$60/hr. plus mileage.

The discussion of changing road maintenance routes was revisited. Commissioners had conversations with their respective shop employees about the proposed changes. None of the employees seemed to be against the changes but some would like to wait for a decision until after the primary election next week. The commissioner opted to wait for further discussion and/or decisions until the next meeting.

The commissioners resumed the discussion of leasing a truck for the Roads Department. Commissioner Keiser stated he had gotten a bid from Bruckner's in Hays, KS. He was given two terms to consider: 4 years at \$30,494.63/yr with a buyout/trade-in amount of \$97,000 or 5 years at \$27,986.93/yr with a buyout/trade-in amount of \$89,750. Commissioner Keiser is waiting on a bid from RDO in Lexington and would like to do more research on the road budget before making a decision. The commissioners agreed that there are three working trucks in the department and there is no rush to get into a leased truck.

Chairman Tecker shared about a discussion he had with Tallgrass Energy. The company will be upgrading 10-15 miles of pipeline to 24" pipes. The new pipe will be laid next to the existing pipeline and may cause a slight amount of road reconstruction. Commissioner Keiser asked if the company would be returning the land to its original state to which Chairman Tecker confirmed they would. Commissioner Keiser also inquired about any zoning issues with this project. Chairman Tecker had spoken with Pam Reichert (Zoning Administrator) and was told that she didn't feel there would be an issue. The project is slated to begin in spring/summer 2027.

Employee benefit renewal period was the next item on the agenda as it is July 1<sup>st</sup>. The commissioners had read over the information prior to the meeting and requested a NACO representative to attend the next meeting to go over options for the new fiscal year.

The assessor, Tish Burrell, shared a tax adjustment due to a transfer of ownership of the "old NAPA building" downtown. Daisy Ruiz has deeded the property over to the City of Benkelman. This property will now be on the tax roll as it is not currently being used for a public purpose. The City of Benkelman can submit a protest to the Board of Equalization.

There was a discussion regarding serrated blades for the road department. Currently, the Haigler shop has a serrated blade which seems to be working well. One of the benefits of this type of blade is that it shortens the blade passes from four to two per stretch of road. The commissioner would like to get a couple more serrated blades for the other shops to try. Commissioner Keiser is going to look into where to get them and the costs of such.

The first topic of the County Attorney's list was an update on the Catastrophic Illness Donation Policy. Mr. Wine presented the finished copy of the policy for the commissioners' approval. Commissioner Keiser made a motion to approve Resolution 76-26-24 Catastrophic Illness Donation Policy, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Unanimous. To notify employees, the deputy clerk will put copies with the appropriate employees' timecards.

Mr. Wine's second topic was the interlocal agreement for Region 51 Emergency Management. The payment agreement dictates the following percentages to be paid: County – 50%, City of Benkelman – 40%, and Village of Haigler – 10%. A motion was made to approve the interlocal agreement by Commissioner Keiser, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Unanimous. Ms. Baker was asked to send copies of the approved agreement to the City of Benkelman and the Village of Haigler.

The Max tornado siren was the last topic for the attorney's report. The siren is not functioning currently. Region 51 Emergency Management is looking into a grant to cover costs of replacing the siren. The county attorney's office is in midst of contacting Brophy Electric to complete the work. Once completed, the plan is for the siren to be able to be set off by the Communication Center in the courthouse.

Sheriff Bang's report began with an update concerning the Communication Center remodeling project. The 911 center is completed with two stations for dispatchers. Sheriff Bang is pleased with the new setup. He stated the jail is back in service mode and the sheriff's department is back to its original state.

The excess filing cabinets were discussed again this week. Sheriff Bang contacted local businesses that would qualify as a non-profit type organization to see if they would like them. The Sarah Ann Hester Home was the only entity that was interested in the excess inventory. Commissioner Keiser made a motion to surplus four filing cabinets from the 911 center to donate to the Sarah Ann Hester Home, seconded by Commissioner Richard. Ayes: Unanimous.

The final topic of the sheriff's report was updating software in the Communication Center. Currently, the department uses Caseware with an annual renewal fee of \$24,000. Sheriff Bang would like to change the software program to Justice. Initial cost will be \$27,000, then \$4,400 annually. Commissioner Keiser asked about the difficulty of training for the new program. Sheriff Bang said that the programs are very similar, so it should be pretty easy. A

motion was made by Commissioner Keiser to make the change from Caseware to Justice, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Unanimous.

With no further business, Commissioner Keiser made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 AM, seconded by Commissioner Richard. Ayes: Unanimous. The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. in the Commissioners Room.

These minutes are not the official record and may be corrected. A copy of the approved minutes is available to The Public in the Dundy County Clerk's Office. Any resolutions contained herein are available for viewing at the Dundy County Clerk's Office.

/s/ Christina Collier

Deputy County Clerk

/s/ Sye Tecker

Chairman