

The regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners was held on July 20, 2026, in the Commissioner Room. The notice of this meeting was published on July 16, 2026, in the issue of the Scoop Media News.

Present: Chairman Sye Tecker, Commissioner Aaron Keiser, Commissioner Tom Richard, Deputy Clerk – Christina Collier, Assessor-Tish Burrell, Treasurer-Penny Denny, Sheriff KC Bang, County Attorney-Arlan Wine, Karen Baker, Amy Frederick, Mark Fanning, and Jeremiah Hanes.

Chairman Sye Tecker called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act on the board on the south wall.

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

Commissioner Richard moved to approve the minutes of July 6, 2026, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Tecker, Richard. Absent: Keiser

Public Comment: Amy Frederick spoke about an incident at the Food Pantry. Due to the water damage and subsequent floor removal, patrons are not currently allowed to be in the Food Pantry. Volunteers make up boxes of food for those in need to pick up. The volunteer fell over one of those boxes and sustained injuries. Ms. Frederick stressed the need for the Food Pantry to be open for patrons in need. She also stated that the lease between the Food Pantry and Dundy County is expiring in September.

Commissioners reviewed claims for the pay period of June 28 – July 11, 2026. Questions and/or comments were addressed and discussed as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Keiser to approve claims as presented, seconded by Commissioner Richard. Ayes: Unanimous.

General Fund		Amount
Aflac	Employee Benefits	882.56
Ameritas	Employee Retirement	6951.24
AT&T	Sheriff Cell Phone	567.77
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Taser Contract	4664.16
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC	Academy Meals/Fell	22.9
Bizco Technologies	Laptop	1220.81
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	204.18
Blecha Bungalow	Tourism Board/Missoula Theater	1000
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Employee Health Insurance	9454.5
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Employee Dental Insurance	419.63
Burrell, Tish	Meal Reimbursement	18.25
BW Telcom	Phone Service	53.7
City of Benkelman	C&D Site	5759.16

Colonial Life	Employee Benefits	531.34
Das State Acct-Central Finance	Data Processing	150
Department of Treasury	Excise Tax/941	138.67
Discover Bank	Garnishment	421.01
Dundy County Treasurer	Interest	243.37
Eakes Office Solutions	Office Supplies	480.7
EFTPS	Payroll Taxes	14829.89
FIRST CONCORD "HSA"	Employee Benefits	1362.56
First Concord HRA County	Employee Benefits	1304.02
Frenchman Valley Coop	Sheriff Fuel	2423.79
Hometown Leasing	Copier Lease	241.01
Ideal Linen Supply	Janitorial Agreement	79.91
Liberty National Life Insurance Co.	Employee Benefits	31.33
Life Saver Wellness	Training	6000
Madison National Life Insurance Co, Inc.	Employee Benefits	110.74
McCook Public Power District	Rack Rental	71.71
Medical Air Services Association	Employee Benefits	128.13
Nebraska Department of Revenue	Payroll Taxes	2396.73
Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy	Training/Fell	50
North America Benefits Co	Employee Benefits	206.1
Pinnacle Bank	Jail Refrigerator/Fair Handouts	466.71
Pritchard & Abbott, Inc.	Mineral Valuation Contract	7200
Red Willow County Sheriff	Inmate Housing	1430
Red Willow County Treasurer	Judge Fees	133.09
Region 51 Emergency Management	Emergency Management	8511.25
Region II Services	Annual Match	3639
Reichert, Pam	Computer/Internet	50
Scollard, Laurie	Cleaning Supplies	17.74
Scoop Media LLC	June Publishing	430.58
Trustmark	Employee Benefits	95.13
US Postal Service	Po Box Fees	106
US Postal Service (AG Ext.)	Po Box Fees	172
Us Postal Service (Assessor)	Po Box Fees	172
Vision Service Plan (CT)	Employee Vision Insurance	146.98
Wiese Carpentry	Sprinkler Repairs	231.87
Salaries		34506.74
Road Fund		
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas	Employee Retirement	1484.6
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	76.77
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Employee Health Insurance	6691.44
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Employee Dental Insurance	156.86
Colonial Life	Employee Benefits	11.5
EFTPS	Payroll Taxes	1688.11

FIRST CONCORD "HSA"	Employee Benefits	476.17
Frenchman Valley Coop	Fuel/Tire Repair	7499.56
Madison National Life Insurance Co, Inc.	Employee Benefits	7.84
Medical Air Services Association	Employee Benefits	71.87
Prairie States Communications Serv.	Radio Repair	200
Sapp Bros, Inc.	Fuel	2987.11
Southwest Public Power District	Utilities	200.44
St. Francis Equity	Fuel	9508.82
Waste Connections, Inc.	Trash Disposal	90
Yost Farm Supply	Parts	786.88
Salaries		17872.59
Ambulance Fund		
Bolio, Roger	EMT Labor	249.75
EFTPS	Payroll Taxes	7.75
Frenchman Valley Coop	Ambulance Fuel	219.43
One Billing Solution	Ambulance Billing	1368.23
Reichert, Pam	EMT Labor	100
Trupin, Shauna	EMT Labor	299.75
Turpin, Vince	EMT Labor	50
Salaries		91.98

No monies were transferred from the Inheritance Tax account.

Jeremiah Hanes presented the Dundy County Hospital budget to the commissioners. The budget included the amount of property taxes received equated to approximately 1.4% of financial resources for the hospital. The hospital is currently looking for funding for a new mammography machine and recently purchased a new chiller.

Mark Fanning was in to discuss the condition of roads around Road 721 and Avenue 348. He started by thanking Commissioner Keiser for having a presence in the neighborhood after the last major rainfall in the area. He also stated that the "road crew has done a good job with what they have to work with." He would like to see more work done with the curve of the road as it is causing issues with washouts in the surrounding land.

Chairman Tecker, who is also on the tourism board, presented Amy Shillington as a recommendation for membership. There was a motion made by Commissioner Keiser to approve Amy Shillington as a member of the Dundy County Tourism Board, seconded by Commissioner Richard. Ayes: Unanimous.

Treasurer Penny Denny shared the treasurer's semi-annual report along with the previous report for comparison. Ms. Denny also shared the tax collection report that showed several years' results.

Commissioner Keiser took a brief moment to remind department heads of the upcoming budget workshop on August 3, 2026. Completed department budgets are due by August 1, 2026.

The commissioners did not feel that a formal interview for the County Clerk position was necessary as there was only one application that had been returned to the clerk's office, which was for the current Deputy Clerk Christina Collier. With no questions for Ms. Collier, Commissioner Richard made a motion to appoint Christina Collier as the Dundy County Clerk, seconded by Commissioner Keiser. Ayes: Unanimous. Ms. Collier will be sworn into office on Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

County Attorney Arlan Wine gave his meeting report which was primarily information from the safety meeting that morning. The safety committee will be changing their next meeting on September 21st to 3:00 pm in hopes of increasing attendance. Ms. Karen Baker shared that Ms. Pam Reichert is interested in hosting a CPR class with the road crew as she did for the courthouse employees. The commissioners will check with the employees in their respective districts and relay interest. Mr. Wine stated Ms. Baker has completed a grant management training. His office has a complex criminal case coming up that he has asked for assistance from the State Attorney General's office. There are no fees for the work completed by the assisting attorney but there may be mileage fees.

County Sheriff KC Bang discussed effects from the major electrical outage that spanned several counties on Sunday, July 19, 2026. The biggest issue the courthouse had was that the generator did not start automatically that evening as it should. This resulted in losing all local communications with deputies and the 911 telephone line. Thankfully, the few calls did come in that had rolled over to the non-emergency line. Deputies were able to manually start the generator and found that it was nearly out of diesel after putting in fuel the generator ran perfectly. Sheriff Bang asked about backup technical assistance as the servicer is from Kearney. The sheriff spoke on past and upcoming events of the month. There has been an uptick in traffic violations, primarily due to a selective enforcement operation. His department is ready for the Dundy County Fair and will have a booth again this year.

Executive Session: None

At 9:52 am, there was a motion by Commissioner Richard to go into recess until the Board of Equalization meeting at 1:00 pm, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Unanimous.

Chairman Tecker declared the end of the recess and the entering of the Board of Equalization meeting at 1:00 pm.

Present: Chairman Sye Tecker, Commissioner Aaron Keiser, Commissioner Tom Richard, Deputy Clerk – Christina Collier, Assessor-Tish Burrell, Treasurer-Penny Denny, Brian Hill (Lake Mac Assessments), Elmer Case, and Scott McDonald.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keiser to approve the Board of Equalization agenda, seconded by Commissioner Richard. Ayes: Unanimous.

Scott McDonald was the first landowner to discuss his dispute with the valuation of his storage unit property. After Mr. McDonald presented the initial figure he was given and his personal calculations, Mr. Brian Hill explained the different ways that valuation can be figured. Ms. Burrell and Mr. Hill looked over the figures again and proposed a decrease in the amount to \$63,750. Mr. McDonald was amenable to the change in valuation.

Elmer Case was the next landowner to speak with the commissioners about the appraisal of his home. He requested clarification as to why the depreciation percentage on his home went down instead of an increase in depreciation as there have been no upgrades done to the house. Mr. Case allowed Mr. Hill to assess the home from the inside leading Mr. Hill to suggest a lower amount for the land and home at \$552,460.

Two other landowners had submitted disputes; they chose to keep the valuation or worked with the assessor to lower it. A motion was made by Commissioner Keiser to approve the property protest valuations, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Unanimous.

Ms. Burrell went over the damaged property report. There was a motion made by Commissioner to approve the report of destroyed property, seconded by Commissioner Richard. Ayes: Unanimous.

The over/under valuations were submitted by Ms. Burrell. A motion to approve the values was made by Commissioner Keiser, seconded by Chairman Tecker.

A motion to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 1:39 pm was made by Chairman Tecker, seconded by Commissioner Keiser. Ayes: Unanimous.

With no further business, there was a motion made by Commissioner Keiser to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 pm, seconded by Commissioner Richard. Ayes: Unanimous. The next meeting is scheduled for August 3, 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

/s/ Sye Tecker

Deputy County Clerk

Chairman