

The regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners was held on August 3, 2026, in the Commissioner Room. The notice of this meeting was published on July 30, 2026, in the issue of the Scoop Media News.

Present: Chairman Sye Tecker, Commissioner Aaron Keiser, Commissioner Tom Richard, Clerk-Christina Collier, Assessor-Tish Burrell, Treasurer-Penny Denny, Sheriff KC Bang, Chief Deputy Alex Lucci, Ag Extension Director-Wendi Vanderford, County Attorney-Arlan Wine, Karen Baker, Amy Frederick, and Pam Reichert.

Chairman Sye Tecker called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act on the board on the south wall.

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

Commissioner Keiser moved to approve the minutes of July 20, 2026, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Unanimous.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioners reviewed claims for the pay period of July 12 – July 25, 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	860.97
Ameritas	Employee Retirement	8322.66
Baker, Karen	Insurance Reimbursement	15.08
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC	Training Meals	27.9
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska	Employee Health Insurance	8771.94
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska	Employee Dental Insurance	414.91
BW Telcom	Phone Services	5595.13
City of Benkelman	Utilities	3688.42
Code 2 Canine Services, LLC.	Drug Class	450
Colonial Life	Employee Benefits	481.42
Discover Bank	Garnishment	382.84
Eakes Office Solutions	Office Supplies	387.85
EFTPS	Payroll Taxes	18236.37
First Concord "HSA"	Employee Benefits	1362.54
First Concord "HRA"	Employee Benefits	1453.32
Fries, Jennifer	Custodial Agreement	240
Guernsey, Tabitha	Custodial Agreement	600
Hometown Leasing	Copier Leases	314.81

Ideal Linen Supply	Janitorial Agreement	79.91
Industrial Tower West	Tower Rent	10485.32
Lashley, Baleigh	Communications/Mileage	150.83
Law Office of Ashley K Spahn	Court Appointment	550
Liberty National Life Insurance Co.	Employee Benefits	31.33
Madison National Life Insurance Co, Inc	Employee Benefits	104.53
Medical Air Services Association	Employee Benefits	128.12
NACO	Conference Fees	225
Nebraska Department of Revenue	Payroll Taxes	2765.24
Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy	Firearm Class	185
Owens Implement & Supply	Supplies	129.85
Paul Rooney Painting	Blinds	250
Petty Cash (General)	Postage	98.95
Pinnacle Bank	Conference Fees	155
Product Accounts Receivable	Drug Tests	106.25
Quill Corporation	Office Supplies	106.66
Scoop Media LLC	July Publishing	846.78
Spectra Associates, Inc.	Office Supplies	1647
TKO Pest Control, LLC	Pest Control	75
Trustmark	Employee Benefits	552.8
Vanderford, Wendi	Communications/Mileage	224.72
Vision Service Plan	Employee Vision Insurance	137.39
Wiese Carpentry	Grounds Contract	1027
Salaries		40908.85
Total		112577.7
Road Fund		
Ameritas	Employee Retirement	1327.81
Anderson, Kent	Mileage	245.78
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska	Employee Health Insurance	6145.01
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska	Employee Dental Insurance	143.33
Borchard Automotive & Repair	Repairs	181.09
BW Telcom	Phone Services	402.76
City of Benkelman	Utilities	193.95
Colonial Life	Employee Benefits	11.5
EFTPS	Payroll Taxes	1524.7
First Concord "HSA"	Employee Benefits	340.14
Madison National Life Insurance Co, Inc	Employee Benefits	3.15
Medical Air Services Association	Employee Benefits	71.88
NAGI	CDL Exam	125
Owens Implement & Supply	Shop Supplies/Parts	127.08
Slick Spot Farm Truck & Auto	Repairs	150
Southwest Public Power District	Utilities	156.81
Salaries		16089.94

Total		27239.93
Ambulance Fund		
BW Telcom	Phone Services	100.42
Candlewood Suites	Conference Lodging	767
City of Benkelman	Utilities	160.39
Clark, Coy	EMT Labor	25
EFTPS	Payroll Taxes	7.51
Heyne, Stan	EMT Labor	25
Reichert, Pam	EMT Labor	145
Reichert, Richard	EMT Labor	60
Stamm, Deborah	EMT Labor	75
Turpin, Shauna	EMT Labor	110
Turpin, Vince	EMT Labor	125
Unger, Keisha	EMT Labor	85
Wiese, Heather	EMT Labor	25
Salaries		89.17
Total		1799.49

It was deemed necessary to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund to cover claims. Commissioner Keiser made a motion to pass Resolution 76-2026-12 to transfer \$50,000 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to County General, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Unanimous.

Emergency Manager Pam Reichert presented the quarterly report for Region 51 Management. This included activities which the group was involved in, classes attended, and grant updates. Ms. Reichert mentioned classes that have required attendance for the commissioners. She also spoke on emergency sirens and the fees to replace them in each municipality. The sirens are all approximately 30 years old with parts for repairs obsolete. To replace three sirens will cost approximately \$104,720. Ms. Reichert has been working on grants to cover the costs of the replacements. Another topic she covered was the generator; she stated that when the generator fails to start up it leaves communications "dead". Discussion was had pertaining to another replacement possibility for the county. Another topic of conversation for Ms. Reichert was in regard to the planning commission. She stated the planning commission has been meeting monthly for about the last year, while working on regulations for the Comprehensive Plan and would like feedback from the commissioners prior to moving forward with the completion of the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Reichert's final topic was the plan to set up the courthouse doors on an auto-locking system. The original bid for the two outside doors was \$9,711.59 (which the county will be fully reimbursed for through grants that have already been obtained. The second bid includes another interior door and battery back-up for the system at \$12,512.89. A motion was made by Chairman Tecker to approve commencement of the project after September 1, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Richard. Ayes: Unanimous.

Assessor Tish Burrell presented the list of cemeteries report to the commissioners, which showed no changes from the previous year. Commissioner Keiser to approve the cemetery report as presented, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Unanimous.

Ms. Karen Baker discussed the status of elevator repairs in the courthouse. The authorization that was sent out in March and signed in June had expired and requires a new authorization signed by the commissioners. Ms. Baker will present the new authorization once it is received.

Clerk Christina Collier discussed changes to meeting notifications and the Open Meetings Act due to LB 596. Meeting notices are to be made at least quarterly, with one annual notification in the newspaper. She gave a copy to the commissioners of how the wording will be with the changes. The Open Meetings Act will now require the most recent copy of the Act to be available to anyone asking for a copy. A motion was made by Chairman Tecker to proceed with the changes as LB596 requires and Ms. Collier shared, seconded by Commissioner Keiser. Ayes: Unanimous. Ms. Collier also asked the commissioners to change signers on the clerk's checking account. Chairman Tecker made a motion to remove former Clerk Mary Seybold and add Clerk Assistant Misty Tyson to the account, seconded by Commissioner Keiser. Ayes: Unanimous.

Commissioner Richard asked if there was a copy of the road map after making the recent changes to district responsibilities. Commissioner Keiser stated that the revised map is at the road supervisor's office. Commissioner Richard requested a copy of the revised map to take to the Max shop.

Amy Frederick approached the commissioners regarding the extension of the lease for the Food Pantry. Commissioner Keiser read the agreement aloud for the group (summarize). Commissioner Keiser made a motion to extend the lease for the Hearts and Hands Charitable Foundation and Dundy County Food Pantry, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Unanimous.

The report for County Attorney Arlan Wine included that his office has closed out fiscal year 2025 and has begun 2026. He also stated Ms. Baker has completed grant training for Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services.

Sheriff KC Bang shared his monthly report for July 2026 and stated that the Dundy County Fair went well for his office with no major incidents.

At 10:15 am, Chairman Tecker made a motion to go into recess and return at 1:00 pm, seconded by Commissioner Keiser. Ayes: Unanimous.

At 1:04 pm, Chairman Tecker motioned to come out of recess, seconded by Commissioner Keiser. Ayes: Unanimous.

At this point the commissioners began the budget workshop with the budget preparer, Dan Miller. Mr. Miller will be back to complete the budget preparation process on Monday, August 17th at 1:00 pm.

With no further business, there was a motion made by Commissioner Keiser to adjourn the meeting at 2:51pm, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Unanimous. The next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 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
County Clerk

/s/ Sye Tecker
Chairman