

The regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners was held on September 8, 2026, in the Jury Room. The notice of this meeting was published on September 3, 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, Chief Deputy Alex Lucci, County Attorney-Arlan Wine, Karen Baker, Roads Dept (Todd Pankonin, Sean Rogers, Michael Schrader, Jason Nichols, Travis Kier, Nick Baney, Chris Zuege, David Jardine, Nick Ohrman, Justin Nichols), Jesse & Tessa Mallet, Laneta Carlock, Merna Mulligan, Brad Wiese, Steve Barenberg, Relgene Zimbelman, Kelly Raichart, and Gary & Jane Munson.

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 Richard to approve the agenda, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Tecker, Richard. Absent: Keiser.

Commissioner Richard moved to approve the minutes of August 17, 2026, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Tecker, Richard. Absent: Keiser.

Commissioner Richard moved to approve the public hearing minutes of August 28, 2026 with a correction regarding Chairman Tecker's name, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Tecker, Richard. Absent: Keiser.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioners reviewed claims for the pay period of August 9 - August 29, 2026. Questions and/or comments were addressed and discussed as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Richard approve claims as presented, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Tecker, Richard. Absent: Keiser.

General Fund		Amount
Aflac	Employee Benefits	793.99
Ameritas	Employee Retirement	7836.91
Applied Connective Technologies	IT Support	5714.11
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	206.48
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Employee Health Insurance	8771.97
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Employee Dental Insurance	414.91
Burrell, Tish	Mileage/Meals Reimbursement	236.27
BW Telcom	Phone Services	5400.79
City of Benkelman	Utilities	4073.95
Collier, Christina	Janitorial Supplies	64.67
Colonial Life	Employee Benefits	429.8

Cook, Kimberly	Mileage/Communications	445.2
Culligan Water Conditioning	Service Agreement	161
Custom Cage	Safety Equipment	1335
DAS State Acct Central Finance	Data Processing	773.15
Dundy County Hospital	Inmate Medical	12
Eakes Office Solutions	Office Supplies	565.57
EFTPS	Payroll Taxes	17877.68
Feniex Industries	Safety Equipment	2237.02
First Concord HSA	Employee Benefits	1362.55
First Concord Benefits Group, LLC	Employee Benefits	228
First Concord HRA County	Employee Benefits	2199.87
Fries, Jennifer	Custodial Agreement	300
Galls, Inc.	Uniform	105.95
Gritzuk, Tyler	Safety Equipment	1204.42
Guernsey, Tabitha	Custodial Agreement	600
Gworks	Annual Subscription	4032
Holiday Inn Kearney	Conference Lodging	419.85
Hometown Leasing	Copier Leases	323.63
Ideal Linen Supply	Janitorial Agreement	80.81
Lashley, Baleigh	Mileage/Communications	113.03
Liberty National Life Insurance Co.	Employee Benefits	31.33
Lincoln County Detention Center	Inmate Housing	1705
Madison National Life Ins Co. Inc.	Employee Benefits	135.33
McCook Public Power District	Rack Rental	70.68
Medical Air Services Association	Employee Benefits	121.87
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider, Mustion	Court Appointment	187.5
Nebraska Department of Revenue	Payroll Taxes	2866.49
Nebraska Supreme Court	District Court Fees	2500
Owens Implement & Supply	Parts & Supplies	136.1
Quill, LLC	Office Supplies	562.15
RR Donnelley	Office Supplies/Gun Certificate	99.97
Scollard, Laurie	Office Supplies	10.65
Scotty P, LLC	Building Repair/Roof Replacement	300
Spectra Associates, Inc.	ROD Books	1647
The Blue Cell, LLC	Training	8250
TKO Pest Control, LLC	Pest Control	150
Trustmark	Employee Benefits	220.28
University Nebraska Lincoln	NACO Class	200
Vanderford, Wendi	Mileage/Communications	98.56
Vision Service Plan	Employee Vision Insurance	147.01
Wiese Carpentry	Grounds Contract	1027
Wilkens Construction	Water Damage/Comm Center Remodel	11500
Salaries		37413.69

Total		137701.2
Road Fund		
Ameritas	Employee Retirement	1722.4
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Employee Health Insurance	5462.34
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Employee Dental Insurance	129.68
BW Telcom	Phone Services	598.11
City Of Benkelman	Utilities	140.3
Colonial Life	Employee Benefits	9.5
First Concord HSA	Employee Benefits	340.13
Floyd's Truck Center	Parts & Repairs	1484.97
Gworks	Annual Subscription	3543.67
Imperial NAPA	Parts/Tools	1274.99
Madison National Life Ins Co. Inc.	Employee Benefits	2.85
Medical Air Services Association	Employee Benefits	59.38
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co.	Grader Blades	29506.4
Owens Implement & Supply	Parts/Shop Supplies	385.42
SAPP Bros Inc.	Machinery & Equipment Fuel	24086.02
Southwest Public Power District	Utilities	84.6
Village of Haigler	Utilities	110.93
Waste Connections, Inc.	Utilities	90
Salaries		21329.21
Total		90360.9
Ambulance Fund		
Bang, KC	EMT Labor	31
Bolio, Roger	EMT Labor	52.23
BW Telcom	Phone Services	105.42
City of Benkelman	Utilities	165.11
EFTPS	Payroll Taxes	10.93
Heyne, Stan	EMT Labor	50
Reichert, Pam	EMT Labor	77.23
Stamm, Deborah L	EMT Labor	56
Swigert, Emilee	EMT Labor	50
Turpin, Shauna Michelle	EMT Labor	182.54
Turpin, Vince	EMT Labor	81.23
Unger, Keisha	EMT Labor	75
Salaries		129.9
Total		1066.59

No monies were transferred from the Inheritance Tax account.

The Dundy County Roads Department employees attended the meeting to discuss increasing base wages. Nick Baney stated that he had contacted area counties and businesses and found that the county is one of the lowest starting employers for the nature

of employment. The starting base pay is currently \$19.50/hour. The Roads Department is requesting an increase to \$23.00/hour. The commissioners will be looking at the budget to assess how much of an increase is feasible.

Merna Mulligan approached the commissioners with her annual report for the Haigler Golden Inn. The Haigler Golden Inn made a profit last year with an average daily attendance of 15-16 patrons. Ms. Mulligan stated the Tumbleweed Festival is their biggest fund raiser of the year. Her annual financial request of the commissioners is \$1,800.00, the same as the previous year. Chairman Tecker made a motion to support the Haigler Golden Inn by donating \$1,800.00, seconded by Commissioner Keiser. Ayes: Unanimous.

Laneta Carlock spoke with the commissioners about the Haigler Community Foundation. She talked about the different activities the group hosted and participated in over the last year. Ms. Carlock also shared some of the upcoming events including a project with the Smithsonian and the opportunities it will bring to residents of the area. The Haigler Community Foundation submitted their annual financial request of \$3,000.00. Chairman Tecker made a motion to support the Haigler Community Foundation by donating \$3,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Keiser. Ayes: Unanimous.

Gary and Jane Monson talked with the board regarding volunteers for the Dundy County Museum. They have been the President and Vice-President for quite some time and are ready to step back but no one has been willing to step up to fill their positions. Ms. Monson stated that they easily put in 40-50 hours per week at the museum completing a variety of tasks. They are concerned about the museum closing if no one is willing to take their places. Commissioner Keiser suggested possibly hosting a town hall to try to get more people involved.

Jesse Mallett approached the commissioners to discuss Road 707. Mr. Mallett had made an agreement with (former) Road Superintendent Kurt Sellers that he would take care of the road maintenance himself as he had so many trucks driving it. After discussing the work that he has done on the road, the time has come that Mr. Mallett would like the county to resume maintenance of the road.

Karen Baker presented the commissioners with contracts from OTIS for elevator repairs, as well as maintenance. The contracts were reviewed by the commissioners and county attorney. An attempt to call a representative with questions was made and a message left.

The commissioners then considered opening a business account with American Implement. A motion was made by Commissioner Richard to open the account, seconded by Commissioner Keiser. Ayes: Unanimous.

At the previous meeting, there was discussion regarding installing a culvert in Stan Heyne's driveway. After looking over the situation, Commissioner Keiser deemed it necessary to

have a culvert installed. He would also like to set up a policy involving the installation of culverts in the future.

Assessor Tish Burrell presented the Tax-Exempt Real Property List to the commissioners for signature of approval.

Treasurer Penny Denny asked the commissioners if there was intention of repaying funds transferred from the Inheritance Tax Fund via Resolution 76-2026-12 from August 3, 2026. In the resolution it states that if funds are available, they will be transferred back by the following June 30th. A motion was made by Commissioner Keiser to have Resolution 76-2026-12 amended to correct a date error for possible repayment of funds, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Unanimous.

The commissioners reviewed the audit draft received from the county's auditing company. A motion was made by Chairman Tecker to approve the audit for 2024-2025, seconded by Commissioner Keiser. Ayes: Unanimous.

The commissioners then reviewed the 2026 department inventories. Commissioner Keiser made a motion to approve the annual inventories of the following offices: Communication Center, County Attorney, County Assessor, County Clerk, County Sheriff, County Treasurer, County/District Court, Emergency Management, Roads Dept-Max Shop, Weeds Department, and Zoning, seconded by Commissioner Richard. Ayes: Unanimous.

County Attorney Arlan Wine discussed quarterly meetings he attended for LB1184 and SW Nebraska Juvenile Services.

Chief Deputy Lucci gave the sheriff's report for the month. He also stated the outgoing Ford deputy vehicle was ready for transfer to the Roads Department. Commissioner Keiser made a motion to transfer the 2020 Ford F150 from the sheriff's department to the Max Road Shop, seconded by Commissioner Richard. Ayes: Unanimous.

Chief Deputy Lucci requested a discussion in executive session to save risk on an employee's reputation. A motion was made by Chairman Tecker to enter executive session at 11:46 am, seconded by Commissioner Keiser. Ayes: Unanimous.

Chairman Tecker made a motion to exit executive session at 11:57 am.

A motion was made by Commissioner Richard to transfer the K9 officer to Grant County Sheriff's Department for \$1.00, seconded by Chairman Tecker. Ayes: Unanimous.

With no further business, there was a motion made by Chairman Tecker to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm, seconded by Commissioner Richard. Ayes: Unanimous. The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 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