

**COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS**

On January 16, 2024 the Perkins County Board of Commissioners met in a reorganizational meeting.

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Perkins County, Nebraska, was held at 8:30 a.m. in the County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska.

Present: Commissioners Sid Colson, Steve Tucker, Mark Bottom, County Attorney Richard Roberts, and Clerk Rita Long.

The meeting was called to order by County Clerk Rita Long at 8:30 a.m. The floor was open for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the 2024. Commissioner Colson made the motion that Commissioner Mark Bottom be named Chairman of the Board for year 2024, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried. Commissioner Colson made the motion to have Commissioner Steve Tucker serve as Vice-Chairman for year 2024, second by Commissioner Bottom roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Mark Bottom is the duly elected Chairman for the coming year of 2024, and Commissioner Steve Tucker to serve as Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Bottom conducted the remainder of the meeting.

It was announced that notice of this meeting had been published in the Grant Tribune-Sentinel on January 11, 2024. Chairman announced the location of the Open Meetings Act Publications in the Commissioner Room. Commissioner Tucker made the motion to approve the minutes of January 2, 2024, meeting as published on the Perkins County’s website and made public in the Clerk’s office. Commissioner Colson seconded, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried. The agenda was reviewed. Motion was made by Commissioner Colson to approve the continuing agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2024 – 01**

*NOW THEREFORE:* It hereby be resolved that the foregoing Resolution and Appointments be enacted for the ensuing year of 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tucker to adopt the foregoing appointments, seconded by Commissioner Colson, roll call vote, Tucker, yes, Colson yes, Bottom, yes, 3 ayes, Resolution adopted.

*The following appointments were made:*

- County Physician:** J. Matthew Byrd, M.D.
- Designate publication & Notification:** The Grant Tribune Sentinel  
Perkins County Website
- Depositories:** Adams Bank & Trust-Madrid  
Adams Bank & Trust-Grant  
Sandhills State Bank, Elsie  
Sandhills State Bank, Grant  
Pinnacle Bank, Grant  
NPAIT
- County Surveyor:** Ryan Dickinson
- County Engineer:** Thomas Werblow/T.C. Engineering
- Noxious Weed Control Supt.:** Michael Dolezal
- Highway Superintendent:** Michael Dolezal
- Veteran's Service Officer:** Stephanie Larson
- Emergency Manager:** James Brueggeman
- E-911 Administrator:** James Brueggeman
- Zoning Administrator:** West Central Nebraska Development District
- NIRMA Contact Person** Rita Long

- Pledge Collaterals:** Adams Bank & Trust  
Sandhills State Bank  
Pinnacle Bank  
NPAIT  
FDIC - \$250,000.00

*The following Board Appointments were made:*

- Perkins County Fair Board:** **Three year terms: 2027**  
District #1 – Sam Lee

District #1 – Russell Lee  
District #3 – Derek Wilson

**Perkins County Health Services Foundation Board: Three Year terms: 2027**  
District #3 – Candy Hiser-Bazan

**Perkins County Planning Commission: Three Year Terms: 2027**  
District #1 – Tim McQueen  
District#2 – Shannon Malmkar  
District #3 – Jim Lampmann

**Perkins County Board of Adjustment: Three Year Terms: 2027**  
Rick Salsman

**Veteran’s Service Board: Five Year Term:**  
Karl Dudo – 2029

**Perkins County Safety Committee: One Year Term:**

Chairman	Mark Bottom
Law Enforcement	Jim Brueggeman
Roads	Michael Dolezal
Courthouse Office	Kris Aerni
Building & Grounds	Derek Brueggeman
Public Transit Driver	Trish Jimenez
Contact Person	Rita Long

The County Board appointed to the following Board assignments of its members:

<b>Region II Developmental Disabilities:</b>	Sid Colson
<b>Region II Human Services Board:</b>	Sid Colson
<b>West Central Area on Aging Board:</b>	Sid Colson
<b>Perkins County Handbook</b>	Steve Tucker
<b>Health Insurance Committee</b>	Steve Tucker
<b>West Central Ne. Development District:</b>	Mark Bottom
<b>SW Public Health Department:</b>	Mark Bottom
<b>Public Transit Committee</b>	Mark Bottom
<b>Senior Center Safety Board</b>	Mark Bottom

The County Board will set the mileage rate for year 2024 according to the IRS rate at \$0.67.

The County Board set the amount to be allowed for an indigent funeral at \$2500.00 plus grave opening.

The County Board set the amount to be allowed for Cell Phone allowances for Highway Superintendent, Road District Foremen, Veteran Service Officer, and Custodian at \$40.00 per month.

The County Board set the amount to be allowed for Clothing Allowance for the Road Department at the approval of their Commissioner at \$300.00 per year.

The County Board will offer to qualified employees a Health Savings Account (HSA) when county insurance is taken. After completion of HSA application at beginning of employment the account will be opened with \$100.00 paid by the county.

The County Board set the following holidays for 2024:

<b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 19</b>
<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>MAY 27</b>
<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	<b>JULY 4</b>
<b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 2</b>
<b>COLUMBUS DAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 14</b>
<b>VETERANS DAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 11</b>
<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 28 &amp; 29</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 24 &amp; 25</b>

**2025**

<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 1</b>
<b>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 20</b>

When a Legal Holiday falls on a Saturday, Friday will be observed, when a Legal Holiday falls on a Sunday, Monday will be observed and the Perkins County Courthouse will be closed on those days.

*The following meeting dates for 2024 were announced:*

**All Regular Meeting Dates are Monday unless specified and will begin at 8:30 a.m.**

January 2(Tues)	Regular Meeting	January 16	(Tues) Regular Meeting
February 5	Regular Meeting	February 20	(Tues)Regular Meeting
March 4	Regular Meeting	March 18	Regular Meeting
April 1	Regular Meeting	April 15	Regular Meeting
May 6	Regular Meeting	May 20	Regular Meeting
June 3	Regular Meeting	June 17	Regular Meeting
	June 24	Regular Meeting	
July 1	Regular Meeting	July 15	Regular Meeting
August 5	Regular Meeting	August 19	Regular Meeting
Sept 3 (Tues.)	Regular Meeting	September 16	Regular Meeting
October 7	Regular Meeting	October 21	Regular Meeting
November 4	Regular Meeting	November 18	Regular Meeting
December 2	Regular Meeting	December 16	Regular Meeting
Jan.6, 2025	Regular Meeting	Jan. 21, 2025	(Tues) Regular Meeting

On Thursday at 4:00 p.m., before the Commissioner Meetings, will be the deadline for submitting claims to be approved at the regular meetings and for items to be placed on the Agenda.

**Done at Grant, Nebraska this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.**

*s/ Mark Bottom*  
**Chairman**

*s/ Steve Tucker*  
**Vice-Chairman**

*s/ Sid Colson*  
**Commissioner**

**ATTEST:** *s/ Rita A. Long*  
**Perkins County Clerk**

<b>COUNTY EMPLOYEES SALARIES:</b>	\$ 62082.29
<b>GENERAL</b>	
Adams Bank & Trust - Grant	200.00
AFLAC	1647.06
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	8183.96
AT&T Mobility	1311.30
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	1265.35
Gary Burke	350.00
Culligan Water Conditioning	35.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	200.50
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	166.75
Eakes Office Plus	82.79
Fiduciary Trust Co. of New Hampshire	1250.00
Frenchman Valley Coop	661.96
Galls, LLC	28.99
City of Grant	43.13
Great Plains Communication	1252.03
Robert S. Harvoy	782.15
High Plains News North LLC	302.00

Holiday Inn Express - Kearney	804.65
Hometown Leasing	178.19
Ideal Linen/Bluffs	63.14
Keith County Jail	1950.00
Lillian Kempf	27.47
Kidwell	19495.00
Lincoln County Sheriff	1105.00
Mar's Service Center, Inc	184.97
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	75.00
Midwest Card And Id Solutions	350.00
MIPS Inc	5003.21
NE Clerks of District Court Assn.	50.00
Office Service, Inc	700.10
Perkins Co. Court	209.00
Perkins Co Treasurer	3955.03
Pinnacle Bank	14659.92
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	2498.42
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	973.87
Pinnacle Bank	21804.98
Relx Inc.dba Lexis Nexis	291.00
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc	451.96
Sandhills State Bank	437.50
Stanard Appraisal Services, Inc	15708.00
State of NE -- Dept of Revenue	3840.84
Thomson Reuters-West	145.00
UNL Extension Perkins County	45.16
USDA, Aphis, General	1025.87
Verizon Wireless	42.88
West Central Research & Ext Center	165.00
<b>ROADS</b>	
Adams Bank & Trust - Grant	37.50
AFLAC	589.28
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	1240.74
Aurora Cooperative	302.91
Beaver Bearing Co. Albion	2715.40
Larry Biesecker	168.11
Sid Colson	320.95
Eastern Sky Inc	330.00
Fastenal Company	292.21
Frenchman Valley Coop	881.39
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	750.98
Highline	49.63
Imperial Napa	534.99
Madrid Blacksmith Shop, LLC	15.98
MCI	58.98
Midwest Electric Cooperative Corp.	84.69
NE Child Support Payment Center	250.00
NMC, Inc	5767.50
Perkins Co Comm Hospital	150.00

Pinnacle Bank	4447.00
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	262.50
Pinnacle Bank	412.50
Powerplan	4087.98
Regier Equipment Co. Inc	8.44
Regier Truck Sales	313.73
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc	238.60
Sandhills State Bank	212.50
State of NE -- Dept of Revenue	1929.69
Viaero Wireless	79.52
Waste Connections, Inc	205.56
Woody's Pivot Service, LLC	51.82
<b>COMMUNICATION SINKING FUND</b>	
Prairie States Comm. Inc.	26384.00
<b>FAIR</b>	
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	268.09
City of Grant	546.07
High Plains News North LLC	2.28
Ideal Linen/Bluffs	30.42
Mid-Nebraska Pedal Pullers	892.70
Rockit Event Pros LLP	9375.26
<b>PUBLIC TRANSIT</b>	
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	46.90
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	39.03
Pinnacle Bank	162.35
Pronto Convenience	559.55
State of NE -- Dept of Revenue	33.71
Verizon Wireless	25.78
<b>E-911 SERVICES</b>	
Century Link	8833.29
Frontier Communications	34.19
Great Plains Communication	83.32
<b>AMBULANCE</b>	
Bound Tree Medical LLC	280.30
Deaver Computer Service, LLC	260.91
Frenchman Valley Coop	104.51
Mid Plains Community College	750.00
Prairie States Comm. Inc.	47.20
Verizon Wireless	80.02
<b>TRANSFER AMBULANCE</b>	
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	27.95
AT&T Mobility	46.37
Express Toll	5.00
High Plains News North LLC	6.50
Perkins Co Health Services	1588.89
Pinnacle Bank	66.50
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	414.14
Rocky Mountain Air Solutions	145.20

State of NE -- Dept of Revenue  
Verizon Wireless

19.96  
80.02

Claims submitted to the County Board were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Colson to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

8:40 a.m. Opened Public Forum and closed at 9:30 a.m.

Correspondence was read.

Unfinished Business:

The funds for Western Sky Community Care Center will be forwarded to the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting.

Don Softley, Fred Reichert, and Travis Ogg were present to discuss salary increase for Transfer Ambulance Drivers and EMT's.

Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the proposed salary increase for transfer ambulance beginning February 1, 2024. Non-EMT \$25.00, EMT \$35.00, AEMT/LPN \$40.00 and Volunteer Paramedic/RN \$45.00 an hour. Commissioner Colson seconded the motion, roll call vote, Colson, yes, Tucker, yes, Bottom, yes, 3 ayes, motion carried.

The Keith County Transfer Ambulance Agreement will be tabled.

Commissioner Colson moved to approve and have the Chairman to sign the Carrier Corporation Proposal #SFDC 00804493 for \$1,324,995.00 for the new HVAC system in the courthouse. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion, roll call vote, Bottom, yes, Colson, yes, Tucker, yes, 3 ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

Commissioner Colson moved to approve and sign the Annual Report of County Officers from the Secretary of State. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion, roll call vote, Bottom, yes, Colson, yes, Tucker, yes, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Colson moved to adopt Resolution 2024-02 to accept the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual and begin the policy changes effective 1-1-2024. Seconded by Commissioner Tucker, roll call vote, Bottom, yes, Colson, yes, Tucker, yes, 3 ayes, Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Tucker made a motion to have the chairman sign the Income Report for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), seconded by Commissioner Colson, roll call vote, Colson, yes, Tucker, yes, Bottom, yes, 3 ayes, motion carried. Commissioner Tucker moved to approved and have Chairman sign the Lease Agreement with the Perkins County Senior Services for Public Transit office space rental. Commissioner Colson seconded the motion, roll call vote, Colson, yes, Tucker, yes, Bottom, yes, 3 ayes, motion carried.

The Board heard reports from Highway/Noxious Weed Superintendent Mike Dolezal, Treasurer Julie Sestak, Sheriff Jim Brueggeman and County Clerk Rita Long.

Commissioner Tucker moved to approve and have the Chairman sign the Noxious Weed Annual Report for Perkins County. Commissioner Colson seconded the motion, roll call vote, Colson, yes, Tucker, yes, Bottom, yes, 3 ayes, motion carried. County Treasurer Julie Sestak reviewed the Semi-Annual Statement.

Sheriff Jim Brueggeman submitted his quarterly Sheriff report.

The Fee Reports for District Court, Public Transit and Clerk were presented.

Perkins County High School government day is scheduled for February 5, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 5, 2024, at the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska.

10:41 a.m. Commissioner Tucker made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded

by Commissioner Colson, roll call vote, Colson, yes, Tucker, yes, Bottom, yes, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Rita A. Long  
County Clerk

**\*\*\*Perkins County Courthouse will be CLOSED February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in observance of President's Day. This is in accordance with the state holiday schedule.\*\*\***