

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

On January 21, 2025 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 Steve Tucker, Mark Bottom, Darin Robertson, 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 2025. Commissioner Bottom made the motion that Commissioner Steve Tucker be named Chairman of the Board for year 2025, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried. Commissioner Bottom made the motion to have Commissioner Darin Robertson serve as Vice-Chairman for year 2025, second by Commissioner Tucker roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Steve Tucker is the duly elected Chairman for the coming year of 2025, and Commissioner Darin Robertson to serve as Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Tucker conducted the remainder of the meeting.

It was announced that notice of this meeting had been published in the Grant Tribune-Sentinel on January 16, 2025. Chairman announced the location of the Open Meetings Act Publications in the Commissioner Room. Commissioner Robertson made the motion to approve the minutes of January 6, 2025, meeting as published on the Perkins County's website and made public in the Clerk's office. Commissioner Bottom seconded, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried. The agenda was reviewed. Motion was made by Commissioner Bottom to approve the continuing agenda, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025 – 01

NOW THEREFORE: It hereby be resolved that the foregoing Resolution and Appointments be enacted for the ensuing year of 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bottom to adopt the foregoing appointments, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, roll call vote, Tucker, yes, Robertson 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, Grant
Pinnacle Bank, Grant
NPAIT

County Surveyor:

Ryan Dickinson

County Engineer:

Thomas Werblow/T.C. Engineering

Noxious Weed Control Supt.:

Steve Leimer

Highway Superintendent:

Steve Leimer

Veteran's Service Officer:

EMT/Paramedic

Travis Ogg

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: 2028

District #2 – Shawn Tjaden

District #2 – Elliott Peterson

District #3 – Seth Burge 2027

Perkins County Health Services Foundation Board: Three Year terms: 2028

District #1 – Amy Johnson

District #2 – Lindsay Nodlinski

District #3 –

Perkins County Planning Commission:

Three Year Terms: 2028

District #1 – Gavin McClintock

District#2 –

District #3 – Tom Tines

Perkins County Board of Adjustment:

Three Year Terms: 2028

Dayton Reichman

Veteran’s Service Board:

Five Year Term:

Phillip Calkin – 2030

Perkins County Safety Committee:

One Year Term:

Chairman	Mark Bottom
Law Enforcement	Jim Brueggeman
Roads	Steve Leimer
Courthouse Office	Kris Aerni
Building & Grounds	Julie Gorgen
	Dana ‘Butch’ Gorgen
Public Transit Driver	Trish Jimenez
Contact Person	Rita Long

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

Region II Developmental Disabilities:	Board Chairman
Region II Human Services Board:	Board Chairman
West Central Area on Aging Board:	Board Chairman
Perkins County Handbook	Darin Robertson
Health Insurance Committee	Darin Robertson
West Central Ne. Development District:	Mark Bottom
SW Public Health Department:	Mark Bottom
Public Transit Committee	Mark Bottom
Senior Center Safety Board	Mark Bottom

The County Board will set the mileage rate for year 2025 according to the IRS rate at \$0.70. 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 2025:

PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEBRUARY 17
MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 26
INDEPENDENCE DAY	JULY 4
LABOR DAY	SEPTEMBER 1
COLUMBUS DAY	OCTOBER 13
VETERANS DAY	NOVEMBER 11
THANKSGIVING DAY	NOVEMBER 27 & 28
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	DECEMBER 24 Close at noon

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

DECEMBER 25 & 26

2026

NEW YEAR'S DAY

JANUARY 1

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

JANUARY 19

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 2025 were announced:

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

January 6	Regular Meeting	January 21	(Tues) Regular Meeting
February 3	Regular Meeting	February 18	(Tues)Regular Meeting
March 3	Regular Meeting	March 17	Regular Meeting
April 7	Regular Meeting	April 21	Regular Meeting
May 5	Regular Meeting	May 19	Regular Meeting
June 2	Regular Meeting	June 16	Regular Meeting
	June 30	Regular Meeting	
July 7	Regular Meeting	July 21	Regular Meeting
August 4	Regular Meeting	August 18	Regular Meeting
Sept 2 (Tues.)	Regular Meeting	September 15	Regular Meeting
October 6	Regular Meeting	October 20	Regular Meeting
November 3	Regular Meeting	November 17	Regular Meeting
December 1	Regular Meeting	December 15	Regular Meeting
Jan.2, 2026	Regular Meeting	Jan. 20, 2026	(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 21st day of January 2025.

s/ Steve Tucker
Chairman

s/ Darin Robertson
Vice-Chairman

s/ Mark Bottom
Commissioner

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

COUNTY EMPLOYEES SALARIES:	\$66888.30
GENERAL	
Adams Bank & Trust - Grant	212.50
AFLAC	2118.35
ALJ Properties, LLC	570.00
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	9410.48
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	1580.10
Peggy Burton	95.62
CNA Surety	40.00
Comfort Inn	999.60
Credit Management	283.07
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	200.50
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	333.50
Eakes Office Plus	300.53
Law Office of Steven E Elmshaeuser	462.50

Ensz Hardware	43.63
Faber Signs	1034.05
Fiduciary Trust Co of New Hampshire	1250.00
Frenchman Valley Coop	755.24
Galls, LLC	892.69
City Of Grant	43.13
Great Plains Communication	1123.01
Robert S. Harvoy	613.40
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	399.79
High Plains News North LLC	1095.30
Keith County Jail	500.00
Larry's Glass	1102.81
Rita Long	55.40
Mar's Service Center, Inc	107.43
Medical Enterprises, Inc	150.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	75.00
MOCIC	100.00
Midwest Card and ID Solutions	350.00
MIPS Inc	168.00
NACO	160.00
NE Assoc. Of County Assessors	100.00
NACT	75.00
Office Service, Inc	1019.05
Panhandle Collections Inc	260.34
Perkins Co Court	17.00
Perkins Co Sheriff	481.90
Pinnacle Bank	17213.51
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	3140.41
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	3373.99
Pinnacle Bank	23266.22
Printworks	31.95
Rembolt Ludtke LLP	2816.00
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc	4.84
Sandhills State Bank	437.50
Secretary Of State Notary Division	30.00
State of NE -- Dept of Revenue	5086.96
T&K Tire Inc	103.90
Thomson Reuters-West	152.25
U S Bank	901.27
UNL Extension Perkins County	45.19
U.S. Department of Agriculture	51.90
Verizon Wireless	42.94
Westfield Pharmacy Inc	26.89
ROADS	
Adams Bank & Trust - Grant	37.50
AFLAC	585.17
American Energy Delivery, Inc	13101.25
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	1049.78
Aurora Cooperative	2973.57

Bomgaars Supply	769.83
Carlson Electric, Inc	117.52
Consolidated Telcom, Inc	114.89
Eastern Sky Inc	622.50
Fastenal Company	57.95
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	1867.12
High Plains News North LLC	28.05
Highline	49.02
Imperial Napa	248.45
Midwest Electric Cooperative Corp.	72.73
NE Child Support Payment Center	250.00
NMC, Inc	24833.36
Overhead Door-Specialists, LLC	225.00
Perkins Co Comm Hospital	245.00
Pinnacle Bank	3499.76
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	295.83
Pinnacle Bank	456.84
Regier Equipment Co, Inc	1774.05
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc	1270.85
Sandhills State Bank	265.00
State of NE -- Dept of Revenue	2263.62
Viaero Wireless	32.19
Waste Connections, Inc	257.86
Wolf Auto Imperial	848.46
FAIR	
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	272.12
Hatch's Super Foods, Inc	232.91
High Plains News North LLC	9.35
Patsy J. Kroeker	1500.00
PUBLIC TRANSIT	
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	78.60
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	352.63
Imperial NAPA	13.98
Perkins Co. Comm Hospital	190.00
Pinnacle Bank	281.36
Pronto Convenience	577.07
State of NE -- Dept of Revenue	54.83
Verizon Wireless	25.84
E-911 SERVICES	
Consolidated Telcom, Inc	119.04
Great Plains Communication	83.32
AMBULANCE	
Bound Tree Medical LLCs	179.54
Deaver Computer Service 1, LLC	308.84
Ensz Hardware	29.98
Frenchman Valley Coop	196.24
One Billing Solutions, LLC	455.81
Southwest Mutual Aid Fire District	100.00
Verizon Wireless	80.02

Fyr-Tek, Inc	34097.73
TRANSFER AMBULANCE	
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	112.20
Aurora Cooperative	453.11
Express Toll	6.65
One Billing Solutions, LLC	872.71
Pinnacle Bank	301.72
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	37.50
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	531.31
Pinnacle Bank	85.98
Quality Diesel Inc	536.20
State of NE -- Dept of Revenue	182.92
Verizon Wireless	80.02

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

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

Dennis and Ruth Demmel asking if they could get a copy of the J Bar J Host Agreement that had been updated.

Correspondence was read.

Unfinished Business:

The J Bar J Host Agreement is almost finalized and will be on February 3, 2025, agenda.

The Comprehensive Plan needs updates and discussion was held. Commissioner Bottom moved to hire WCNDD (West Central Nebraska Development District) to update our Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Bottom moved to approve and have Chairman sign the settlement agreement with Wheatland Industries for the years of 2022, 2023 and 2024. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried

New Business:

The Midwest Electric easement and Veteran Service Officer position will be forwarded to the February 3, 2025, Commissioner meeting.

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

Commissioner Bottom made a motion to have the Official County Newspaper for 2025 be The Grant Tribune-Sentinel, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, roll call vote, Robertson, yes, Tucker, yes, Bottom, yes, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Bottom moved to declare surplus a computer stand from the Highway Superintendent Office. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Tucker shared the fair ground building projects. The Fair Board will attend a future meeting to give updates.

The Commissioners reviewed and interviewed the Applications for the Clerk position. Three applications were received. Interviews were conducted in open meeting.

Commissioner Bottom moved to appoint James (Jim) Brueggeman to complete the remaining term of the Perkins County Clerk, beginning February 1, 2025. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

9:30 a.m. Chairman Tucker opened the Public Hearing for Conditional Use for Midwest Electric Cooperative Corp.

Ed Dunn went over the findings and facts.

Public Comment – Manager Jayson Bishop from Midwest Electric Cooperative Corporation explained the purpose for doing the solar project. Dennis Demmel asked Jayson a few questions regarding this project.

9:46 a.m. Closed public hearing

Based on information contained in Finding of Fact Number CUP #13-24, and the recommendation of the Perkins County Planning Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Robertson and seconded by Commissioner Bottom to approve the Conditional Use Permit #13-24, submitted by Midwest Electric Cooperative Corporation, located in the SW corner of SW1/4 of section 29 township 11 range 38 West in Perkins County, Nebraska with the approval of the Midwest Electric Cooperative Corporation request and approved by the Zoning and Planning Board. Roll call vote, Robertson, yes, Tucker, yes, Bottom, yes, 3 ayes, motion carried.

The Board heard reports from Public Transit Director Trish Jimenez, Paramedic/EMT Travis Ogg, Highway/Noxious Weed Superintendent Steve Leimer, Assessor Peggy Burton, Treasurer Julie Sestak, County Clerk Rita Long and Sheriff Jim Brueggeman.

Public Transit Director Trish reported the need to purchase new software for the Public Transit. This is being mandated for drivers beginning July 2025. The mandate governs our funding to our Public Transit.

Highway Superintendent Steve Leimer gave his report. A rough draft was reviewed for waiver for unstuck vehicles.

Treasurer Julie Sestak submitted a transfer of funds. Commissioner Bottom moved to adopt Resolution 2025-2 to transfer funds to repay the Inheritance Fund by the Fair Fund that was advanced for \$15,000. Commissioner Robertson seconded, roll call vote, 3 ayes, Resolution Adopted.

County Clerk Rita Long gave some fun facts over the past 18 years she has work in the Clerk's office.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025, at the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska.

11:49 a.m. Commissioner Robertson made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bottom, roll call vote, Robertson, yes, Tucker, yes, Bottom, yes, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Rita A. Long
County Clerk

*****Perkins County Courthouse will be CLOSED February 17th, 2025, in observance of President's Day. This is in accordance with the state holiday schedule.*****