

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

FEBRUARY 3, 2025

GRANT, NEBRASKA

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, Darin Robertson, Mark Bottom, Attorney Richard Roberts, and Clerk James Brueggeman.

Chairman Tucker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. It was announced that notice of this meeting had been published in the Grant Tribune-Sentinel on January 30, 2025. Chairman announced the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster in the Commissioner's Room. Commissioner Bottom made the motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 2025, meeting as published in the Grant Tribune-Sentinel, on Perkins County's website, and made public in the Clerk's Office. Commissioner Robertson seconded, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried. The agenda was reviewed. Motion was made by Commissioner Robertson to approve the continuing agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bottom, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES SALARIES	64552.81
GENERAL	
Adams Bank & Trust – Grant	212.50
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	9289.32
Century Link	54.45
Credit Management	257.19
Das State Accounting-Central Finance	614.40
Datashield	125.25
Dell Marketing L.P.	2829.59
Eakes Office Plus	315.66
Ensz Hardware	146.89
City Of Grant	1789.90
Hamilton Information Systems Inc	2105.75
High Plains News North, LLC	25.00
Hometown Leasing	392.05
Ideal Linen	65.66
Charles Kuskie	16.00
Leibbrandt Lumber, Inc	37.06
The Lincoln National Life Ins Co	1652.86
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	75.00
MIPS, Inc	7396.10
Nebraska Health And Human Services	93.00
Office Service, Inc	49.98
Panhandle Collections, Inc	239.55
Pinnacle Bank	16821.56
Pinnacle Bank – Grant	2940.41
RCN Technologies	1874.40
Sandhills State Bank	350.00
Amanda M Speichert	2375.00

T&K Tire Inc	946.26
U S Bank	191.14
Verizon Wireless	59.70
West Central District Assessors Assc	25.00
University Of Nebraska - Lincoln	71.31
Kathy Woodmancy	21.82
ROADS	
Adams Bank & Trust – Grant	37.50
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division	894.58
Barb Baney	267.10
Bomgaars Supply	287.98
Consolidated Telcom, Inc	114.94
Leibbrandt Lumber	7.29
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company	265.00
NPPD	566.86
Nebraska Child Support Payment Center	250.00
NMC, Inc	30122.69
Perkins Co Treasurer	10.00
Pinnacle Bank	2896.07
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	9112.05
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc	351.18
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc	414.25
Sandhills State Bank	10870.58
James J. Vak	262.82
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	5.00
FAIR	
City Of Grant	783.98
Ideal Linen	31.63
PUBLIC TRANSIT	
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	84.93
City Of Grant	27.62
Perkins Co Senior Center	626.00
Pinnacle Bank	299.32
E-911 SERVICES	
Century Link	1027.97
Elsie Communications, Inc	192.94
TRANSFER AMBULANCE	
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	137.07
Travis Ogg	25.20
Pinnacle Bank	359.58
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	37.50

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

8:40 a.m. Opened Public Forum and Closed at 9:25 a.m. Merle Poppe asked for permission to target shoot at the gravel pit by the District 2 shop in Grant. Poppe will contact Commissioner Bottom by telephone before target shooting.

Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business:

Phil Calkins representing the Perkins County Veteran Service Board spoke with Commissioners about the Veteran Service Officer position. Commissioners are examining the possibility of an interlocal agreement with a surrounding county and directed the Clerk to deliver received job applications for the position to Calkins.

Perkins County Court Clerk Magistrate Kathy Woodmancy met with the Commissioners concerning the proposal to merge the District and County Courts. Commissioners took the matter under advisement for future consideration.

Legal counsel representing Perkins County and J Bar J Landfill, Inc. appeared by Zoom to review and update Commissioners and those in attendance regarding “The Proposed Solid Waste and Hosting Agreement” between the landfill and county. Commissioners discussed the agreement and asked for any public comment. Perkins County resident Caleb Richter-Tate offered commentary and ideas to landfill representatives on future use of retired landfill property as related to benefiting the county and its citizens. Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the agreement February 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. before taking formal action on adoption of the agreement, directed the Clerk to publish the agreement on the county website for public review prior to the public hearing, and advertise said hearing.

Commissioner Bottom moved to have Chairman Tucker sign a utilities easement with Midwest Electric. Seconded by Commissioner Robertson, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

Chairman Tucker expressed appreciation to Sheriff James Brueggeman for his 28 ½ years law enforcement service in Perkins County. Motion was made by Commissioner Robertson to accept the January 31, 2025, resignation letter of Sheriff Brueggeman. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

The Commissioners reviewed the two applications received for the Sheriff vacancy created by the retirement of Sheriff Brueggeman. Applicants Jeffrey Miller and Burton Pianalto were interviewed individually in open session. Commissioners solicited comments from those in attendance. Perkins County resident and Retired Nebraska State Patrol Trooper Dan Thompson spoke in favor of appointing Miller. Commissioners discussed both applicants and Robertson moved to appoint Jeffrey Miller to complete the remaining term of Perkins County Sheriff, effective immediately. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried. Commissioners recognized Burton Pianalto for being a quality candidate and his years served in law enforcement. County Attorney Richard Roberts administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Sheriff Miller.

Commissioner Robertson offered a motion to approve the revised appointment of Steve Leimer, Class B License Number S-1809, as the Perkins County Highway Superintendent for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Seconded by Commissioner Bottom, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Tucker moved to hire Robbie Grothman in Road District 3. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

The Board heard reports from EMT-A Travis Ogg, Highway/Noxious Weed Superintendent Steve Leimer, and County Clerk James Brueggeman concerning their areas of county operations.

Commissioner Bottom moved to adopt and sign the 2025 Roads Snow Removal Project Plan along with the Removal of Stuck Vehicles Policy. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Robertson moved to have Chairman Tucker sign a Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center Change-In-Status form designating the retirement in good standing of Sheriff James Brueggeman. Seconded by Commissioner Bottom, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Bottom moved to have Chairman Tucker sign a Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center Change-In-Status and Background Investigation form regarding the appointment of Sheriff Jeffrey Miller. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Robertson moved to declare property destroyed/discarded and transferred listed on the February 3, 2025, report from the sheriff's office, emergency management, and 911 as surplus. Seconded by Commissioner Bottom, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2024, at the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska.

10:48 a.m. Commissioner Bottom made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

James D. Brueggeman
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.*****