

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

JUNE 16, 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 June 12, 2025. Chairman announced the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster and handouts in the Commissioner's Room. The agenda was reviewed. Motion was made by Commissioner Robertson to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bottom, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried. Commissioner Bottom made the motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2025, meeting as published in the Grant Tribune-Sentinel, on Perkins County's website, and made public in the Clerk's Office. Chairman Robertson seconded, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

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

### **COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

<b>SALARIES</b>	71436.79
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### **GENERAL**

Adams Bank & Trust - Grant	537.50
Aflac	1297.91
ALJ Properties, LLC	570.00
Amazon Capital Services	357.90
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	10945.13
AT&T Mobility	1056.84
Aurora Cooperative	2000.00
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	528.61
CDW Government, Inc.	11318.98
Comfort Inn	404.85
Consensus Cloud Solutions, LLC	365.78

Creston Fertilizer	3985.00
Crowne Plaza Kearney	289.90
Culligan Water Conditioning	45.00
DAS State Accounting - Cntrl Finance	266.50
DAS State Accounting – Cntrl Finance	166.75
Datashield	138.36
Deaver Computer Service 1, LLC	1739.98
Eakes Office Plus	5792.90
Ensz Hardware	54.93
Faber Signs	3958.92
Fiduciary Trust Co Of New Hampshire	625.00
Frenchman Valley Coop	1067.13
Galls, LLC	959.41
Goff Services	90.00
Government Forms And Supplies	689.00
Great Plains Communication	1148.43
Hatch's Super Foods, Inc.	65.66
Ideal Linen	88.49
Imperial Napa	38.98
Jones Automotive	2034.57
Keith County Jail	5750.00
Kent's Towing	250.00
Mick Moul's Modern Builders, LLC	450.00
Microfilm Imaging, LLC	75.00
MIPS, Inc.	48495.71
NACO	1881.68
Nebraska Sheriff's Association	30.00
Nebraska Printworks, LLC	21.69
Office Service, Inc.	12491.54
Perkins County Community Hospital	6509.50
Perkins County Court	87.00
Perkins County District Court	72.00
Perkins County Road Fund	286744.00
Pinnacle Bank	37348.08

Pinnacle Bank - Grant	4051.08
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	4004.99
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	2936.81
Prairie States Communications, Inc.	100.00
Relx, Inc. dba LexisNexis	298.00
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc.	16.98
Sandhills State Bank	940.00
Savannah Miller	970.00
State of Nebraska – Dept. of Revenue	2971.98
Thomson Reuters - West	159.86
UNL Extension Perkins County	45.19
Verizon Wireless	42.94
<b>ROADS</b>	
9J Land Company	1800.00
American Energy Delivery, Inc.	9467.95
Aurora Cooperative	4233.38
Bernard Deaver Gravel	640.00
Big Spring Equipment, Inc.	31714.00
Carlson Electric, Inc.	219.30
Don & Donna Hutchens	4030.00
Eastern Sky, Inc.	5036.58
Ensz Hardware	10.49
Frenchman Valley Coop	2694.55
George Adams	361.93
Highline	51.86
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	3001.61
Ian Stevens	812.50
MCI	31.32
Mid Plains Community College	223.93
Midwest Electric Cooperative Corp.	81.13
NE Child Support Payment Center	250.00
Perkins County Health Services	320.00
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	62047.00
Regier Equipment Company, Inc.	279.03

Regier Truck Sales	81.61
Rosenbach Farms, Inc.	240.00
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc.	177.50
T.C. Engineering, Inc.	1185.00
Viaero Wireless	42.19
Waste Connections, Inc.	257.86
Woody's Pivot Services, LLC.	62.58
Yost Farm Supply	4112.63
<b>BRIDGE &amp; PAVING</b>	
Chase Bank	141037.50
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	40.00
<b>FAIR</b>	
Frenchman Valley Coop	29.18
Hatch's Super Foods, Inc.	257.94
Ideal Linen	35.69
Leibbrandt Lumber, Inc.	1591.79
Mc Dermott Auction Service, LLC	800.00
Ogallala Ag Supply, LLC	1990.00
Patsy J. Kroeker	3024.88
Perkins County Chamber	150.00
Pinnacle Bank	300.00
Russell Lee	1583.64
Shades Window Tinting	1000.00
<b>PUBLIC TRANSIT</b>	
Century Link	7748.57
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC.	109.21
Nebraska Assoc of Trans. Professionals	95.00
Nebraska Department of Roads	8763.00
Novus Glass	645.02
Perkins County Health Services	95.00
Pronto Convenience	807.70
Verizon Wireless	25.84
<b>WIRELINE 911</b>	
Century Link	7748.57

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Consolidated Telcom, Inc.	119.04
Great Plains Communication	83.32
<b>WIRELESS 911</b>	
Perkins County Wireless 911 Holding	41581.87
<b>TRANSFER AMBULANCE</b>	
Deaver Computer Service 1, LLC	374.97
Eakes Office Plus	271.70
Grant Suburban Fire District	2100.00
One Billing Solutions, LLC	1059.42
Perkins Co. Ambulance Sinking Fund	11794.00
<b>TRANSFER AMBULANCE</b>	
Century Link	7748.57
AT&T Mobility	125.75
Grant Suburban Fire District	2100.00
One Billing Solutions, LLC	2514.10
Perkins Co. Ambulance Sinking Fund	34891.00
Travis Ogg	26.60

#### Correspondence:

Commissioners reviewed a letter from Region II informing the Commissioners of the cost of Region II services for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Commissioners also received a letter from the Perkins County Chamber of Commerce requesting donation of funds for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show. Commissioners will address the funding requests during preparation of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget.

#### Public Comment:

Opened at 8:40 a.m. and Closed at 9:00 a.m. Ryan Powers and Jeremy Kral representing USDA Wildlife Services met with Commissioners regarding the annual Cooperative Services Agreement between USDA and Perkins County. Luke Bonkiewicz with the Nebraska Association of County Officials provide an update to Commissioners on services provided by NACO to Nebraska Counties.

#### Public Hearings:

Chairman Tucker opened public hearing at 9:02 a.m. on a request by J Bar J Land, Inc. for a Zoning Amendment of Perkins County Zoning Regulations, pertaining to obtaining NDEE landfill permits prior to local permits, specifically to strike the

language in Article 6, Section 13.03.3 in its entirety. Taylor Provost acting as Perkins County Zoning Administrator provided Statement of Fact on the J Bar J Land, Inc. request. Steve Mossman representing J Bar J Land, Inc. and Jonathan Queen with Weaver Consultants Group provided information on behalf of J Bar J Land, Inc. Idonna Deaver expressed opposition to any request by J Bar J Land, Inc. Chairman Tucker closed the public hearing at 9:11 a.m. Commissioner Robertson made a motion to adopt the Zoning Amendment to Zoning Regulations to bring the regulation in line with state statute. Commissioner Bottom seconded, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Tucker opened public hearing at 9:11 a.m. on a request by J Bar J Land, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit #01-2025 for an expanded sanitary landfill, to increase the capacity of the site, located in the W1/2 of the NW1/4 of 30-12-39, more commonly known as 32350 Road 770, Perkins County, Nebraska. Taylor Provost acting as Perkins County Zoning Administrator provided Statement of Fact on the J Bar J Land, Inc. request. Steve Mossman representing J Bar J Land, Inc., Jonathan Queen with Weaver Consultant Group, Dalton Ellis and Will McKnight also representing J Bar J Land, Inc. provided information on behalf of J Bar J Land, Inc. Dr. Ruth Demmel and Dennis Demmel spoke at length about water testing, questioned the direction of water flow in the aquifer, and pointed out the location of the one residential testing site within one mile of the landfill was not within the directional waterflow. Dennis Demmel spoke about Conditional Use Permits and the need for the site agreement and host agreement to be included in the Conditional Use Permit. Idonna Deaver expressed disfavor of landfill expansion. Caleb Richter-Tate spoke on the possibility of partnership with J Bar J Land, Inc. to realize economic development and tourism revenue from the site. Commissioners engaged in discussion with the Perkins County Zoning Administrator, J Bar J Land, Inc. representatives, and those providing public comments. Commissioner Tucker closed the public hearing at 10:26 a.m. Commissioners took no action on Conditional Use Permit #01-2025 at the request of J Bar J Land, Inc. after discovery of the need for an additional text amendment to zoning regulations. J Bar J Land, Inc. will present the Conditional Use Permit to the Perkins County Planning & Zoning Commission at a future date for reconsideration following revision of the zoning language.

Chairman Tucker opened public hearing at 10:26 a.m. on a request by The Midwest Electric Membership Cooperative Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit #02-2025 for a Commercial Solar Conversion System, located in the W1/2 SW1/4 of 23-10-35, Perkins County, Nebraska. Taylor Provost acting as Perkins County Zoning Administrator provided Statement of Fact on The Midwest Electric Membership

Cooperative Corporation request. Due to a scheduling conflict Jayson Bishop with The Midwest Electric Membership Cooperative Corporation was unable to appear in person. Commissioners fielded questions about the project from Jim and Lori Artz whose property borders the proposed solar system. Ruth Demmel answered questions concerning the previous planning commission hearing and the solar system located on her property. Commissioner Tucker closed the public hearing at 10:52 a.m. Commissioners tabled Conditional Use Permit #02-2025 to allow Jim and Lori Artz time to speak with Jayson Bishop at The Midwest Electric Membership Cooperative Corporation in more detail about the proposed project.

#### Unfinished Business:

Commissioners discussed with the Perkins County Zoning Administrator and County Attorney Richard Roberts a moratorium resolution on accepting applications for new energy systems and crypto mining operations.

#### New Business:

Phil Calkins with the Perkins County Veterans Service Board presented Commissioners the recommendation of the Veterans Service Board to hire Kim Dickmeyer as the new Perkins County Veterans Service Officer. Motion made by Commissioner Bottom to hire Kim Dickmeyer as full-time Veterans Service Officer at the hourly rate of \$26.00. Seconded by Robertson, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Following the visit and presentation of Ryan Powers and Jeremy Kral with USDA Wildlife Services Commissioner Bottom moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Perkins County and USDA Wildlife Services Cooperative Services Agreement and Work Plan. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Emergency Manager James Brueggeman presented Commissioners with a 2023 Sub-Recipient Agreement for State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Award from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. Commissioner Bottom made the motion to have the Chairman sign the award agreement, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Budget Preparer James Brueggeman provided a new Letter Agreement for Budget Preparation to Commissioners for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 explaining a new agreement was necessary due to the retirement of Rita Long who was previously contracted with Brueggeman to co-prepare the county budget for Perkins County. Commissioner Robertson moved to approve the new letter agreement for

budget preparation between Perkins County and Brueggeman. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the road department employee \$300 clothing allowance reimbursement adopted in Resolution 2025-1 on January 21, 2025, noting the adopted resolution did not include the additional \$100 for boots and \$250 for safety glasses as in previous resolutions. Commissioner Bottom made the motion to retroactively to January 1, 2025, provide the boot allowance at \$100 and safety glass allowance at \$250 through December 31, 2025. Motion seconded by Commissioner Robertson, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Robertson asked for board approval for District 1 to purchase a 2015 Freightliner Cascadia truck from Regier Truck in Madrid for \$35,500 having obtained three informal bids. Commissioner Bottom moved to approve the District 1 purchase of the 2015 Freightliner Cascadia truck from Regier Truck in Madrid for \$35,500. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

County Attorney Rick Roberts briefed Commissioners on his review of the HBSS Connect Corp., Inc. contact between Perkins County and Integrated Transport Management Services for Transware software and services for Perkins County Public Transit. Commissioners forwarded the contract to the next agenda to allow time for Transit Director Trish Jimenez to further discuss contract questions and revisions with HBSS Connect Corp., Inc.

Commissioners discussed the 5311 Program Agreement regarding Federal-Aid Funds between Perkins County and State of Nebraska Department of Transportation. Commissioner Robertson moved to adopt Resolution 2025-09 authorizing the Chairman to sign the 5311 Program Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Bottom, roll call vote, 3 ayes, resolution adopted. Commissioner Bottom moved to have Chairman Tucker sign the 5311 Program Agreement for Federal-Aid Funds between Perkins County and State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation, Commissioner Robertson seconded, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

#### Business With Officials:

Taylor Provost representing Perkins County Zoning Administrator, Public Transit Director Trish Jimenez, Sheriff Jeffrey Miller, Highway/Noxious Weed Superintendent Steve Leimer and County Clerk James Brueggeman provided updates concerning their respective areas of county operations to the Commissioners. The Board acknowledged as received the May 2025 Fee Reports



of the Perkins County District Court and Perkins County Sheriff's Office.

1:28 p.m. Commissioner Robertson made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bottom, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Perkins County Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, June 30, 2025, 8:30 a.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska. The Perkins County Board of Commissioners will convene as the Perkins County Board of Equalization at 9:00 a.m.

James D. Brueggeman  
Perkins County Clerk