

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

**JULY 21, 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: Commissioner Steve Tucker, Commissioner Darin Robertson, Commissioner Mark Bottom, County Attorney Richard Roberts, and County 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 July 17, 2025. Chairman announced the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster and Pamphlets in the Commissioner's Room. The agenda was reviewed. Motion was made by Commissioner Bottom to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried. Commissioner Robertson made the motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2025, meeting as published in the Grant Tribune Sentinel, on Perkins County's website, and made public in the Clerk's Office. Chairman Bottom seconded, roll call vote, 2 ayes, Bottom abstained, motion carried.

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

### **COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

<b>SALARIES</b>	\$79,504.89
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### **GENERAL**

Adams Bank & Trust - Grant	\$ 537.50
Aflac	\$ 1,182.52
Amazon Capital Services	\$ 1,170.62
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	\$12,252.63
AT&T Mobility	\$ 864.80
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 151.43
Curtis Blue Line	\$ 335.07
VCSOAN	\$ 60.00
Dana F Cole & Company, LLP	\$ 5,180.00

DAS State Accounting Central Finance	\$ 266.50
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Eakes Office Plus	\$ 110.83
Ensz Hardware	\$ 12.58
Fiduciary Trust Co Of New Hampshire	\$ 625.00
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 652.22
Great Plains Communications	\$ 1,121.52
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 77.94
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 635.07
Ideal Linen	\$ 88.49
Julia Gorgen	\$ (142.00)
Keith County Jail	\$ 650.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center	\$ 105.00
Nebraska Health And Human Services	\$ 90.00
Nebraska State Fire Marshal	\$ 120.00
Novus Glass Of Southwest Nebraska	\$ 852.96
Office Service, Inc.	\$ 296.84
Pinnacle Bank	\$41,726.99
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 1,782.13
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 4,479.99
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$ 8,489.07
Quality Diesel, Inc.	\$ 567.77
Region 51 EMA	\$ 75.00
Region II Human Services	\$12,489.41
Region II Services	\$ 6,173.00
Ride Rite Garage	\$ 390.74
Robert S. Harvoy	\$ 306.25
Sandhills State Bank	\$ 940.00
State of Nebraska - Dept of Revenue	\$ 3,486.22
The Lincoln National Life Ins Co	\$ 2,194.27
Thomson Reuters - West	\$ 159.86
US Bank	\$ 1,246.46
US Department of Agriculture	\$ 264.59
US Treasury	\$ 1,485.29

University of Nebraska - Lincoln	\$ 64.50
Verizon Wireless	\$ 102.53
West Central NE Development District	\$ 2,730.00
Westfield Pharmacy, Inc.	\$ 181.46

## **ROADS**

Amazon Capital Services	\$ 1,201.16
American Energy Delivery, Inc.	\$ 5,998.50
Aurora Cooperative	\$ 3,965.81
Eastern Sky, Inc.	\$ 325.50
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 170.20
Highline	\$ 52.48
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 9,890.67
J Bar J Landfill	\$ 72.47
Kubota Credit Corporation, USA	\$25,435.18
Madrid Blacksmith Shop, LLC	\$ 73.45
MCI	\$ 33.43
Michael Todd & Company	\$ 3,419.88
Midwest Electric Cooperative Corp.	\$ 84.35
NPPD	\$ 294.36
NE Child Support Payment Center	\$ 250.00
NRH Services, LLC	\$ 645.71
Perkins County Health Services	\$ 95.00
Perkins County Treasurer	\$ 10.00
Poppe's Truck Diesel Repair, LLC	\$ 4,366.98
Powerplan	\$ 93.31
Quality Diesel, Inc.	\$ 2,689.25
Regier Truck Sales	\$ 84.49
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.	\$ 414.25
Sandhills State Bank	\$10,643.08
TB Ag Solutions	\$ 51.00
Viaero Wireless	\$ 42.19
Waste Connections, Inc.	\$ 257.86

## **FAIR**

Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 272.12
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Custom Tarp Covers Etc., LLC	\$ 1,847.83
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 85.99
Hatch's Super Food, Inc.	\$ 75.98
Ideal Linen	\$ 35.69
Leibbrandt Lumber, Inc.	\$ 81.34
Patsy J. Kroeker	\$ 800.00
<b>TRANSIT</b>	
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 62.98
Patricia Jimenez	\$ 501.21
Perkins County Health Services	\$ 95.00
Perkins County Treasurer	\$ 10.00
Pronto Convenience	\$ 689.87
Verizon Wireless	\$ 25.83
<b>WIRELINE 911</b>	
Consolidated Telcom, Inc.	\$ 119.04
Elsie Communications, Inc.	\$ 192.83
Great Plains Communications	\$ 83.32
<b>LOCAL AMBULANCE</b>	
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 438.90
Grant Pharmacy, Inc.	\$ 85.08
Imperial Napa	\$ 261.56
Quality Diesel, Inc.	\$ 1,650.27
<b>TRANSFER AMBULANCE</b>	
AT&T Mobility	\$ 125.75
Deaver Computer Service 1, LLC	\$ 114.09
Eastern Sky, Inc.	\$ 160.00
Garrett Tires & Treads North Platte	\$ 716.68
Imperial Napa	\$ 289.56
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$ 226.61
Prairier States Communications, Inc.	\$ 117.50
Quality Diesel, Inc.	\$ 2,267.15

Correspondence:

Commissioners reviewed a letter from West Central Nebraska Development District containing information on services provided, membership information, and a dues invoice.

Public Comment:

Opened at 8:40 a.m. and Closed at 9:00 a.m. John Rundel with Southwest Weed Management provided Commissioners with an update on activities in the Southwest Weed Management Region. Rundel informed the Commissioners Southwest Weed Management is concerned with having more water in the Republican River and in furtherance of the effort removes invasive species such as the Western Red Cedar and Russian Olives. Rundel spoke about applying for grants with the Nebraska Environmental Trust and requested \$500 in financial assistance from Perkins County. Commissioners took no action on Rundel's request. There was no other public comment.

Commissioners received bids for an Excavator with Mulcher Head at 9:05 a.m. Present for the bid opening were Gregg O'Brien representing NMC Cat in North Platte and Jordan Gardner representing Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company in North Platte, both hand delivered their bids, no other bids were received. Bids received and opened were as follows: NMC Cat 2019 Caterpillar M320F with Advanced Forest Equipment Mulcher Head \$278,500.00, Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company 2022 John Deere 160G with Diamond Mulcher Head \$249,950.00, Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company 2012 Volvo EW180D with Diamond Mulcher Head \$113,500. Commissioners took all bids under advisement and will make a bid award at a future meeting.

Business With Officials:

Advanced EMT Travis Ogg was called away from the meeting and left Commissioners with an ambulance report outlining number of calls for service, status of reports completed, and payments received for ambulance services.

Sheriff Jeffrey Miller reported Deputy Baird returning to full active duty as of July 15, stated the county fair went well, discussed with Commissioner the status of two used vehicles and six used radios, informed a new vehicle would be upfit at First Response Systems in Ogallala, and provided an update on the number of inmates in jail.

Highway/Noxious Weed Superintendent Steve Leimer discussed with Commissioners which road personnel will attend an upcoming road grader training

and a letter he developed to send to property owners concerning the destruction of noxious weeds.

Budget Preparer James Brueggeman briefed Commissioners on the status of development of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget document.

#### Unfinished Business:

Commissioners took no action regarding the moratorium on some permits related to Planning & Zoning while plans are revised and forwarded the agenda item to the August 4, 2025, meeting.

The HBSS Connect Corp, Inc. and Perkins County, Nebraska Integrated Transport Management Services Transware software and services contract is still undergoing legal review and revision. Commissioners forwarded the agenda item to the August 4, 2025, meeting.

Jayson Bishop representing The Midwest Electric Cooperative Corp. was present to update Commissioners on finding an alternate location for the solar system project south of Grinton. Bishop proposed keeping the solar system on the same quarter of ground and moving it to the east. Jim and Lori Artz were present and asked questions of Bishop concerning the proposed project. Commissioner Bottom commended Bishop and the Artz on civility shown by both parties throughout discussions about the project. Bishop stated he would do some additional follow up to determine if placement at a new location was possible. Commissioners took no action on the request of The Midwest Electric Cooperative Corp., for a Conditional Use Permit 02-2025 for a Commercial Solar Conversion System, located in the W ½ SW ¼ 23-10-35, Perkins County, Nebraska, and forwarded the agenda item to the August 4, 2025, meeting.

Chairman Tucker recessed the meeting at 9:29 a.m. for Board of Equalization. Chairman Tucker reconvened the meeting at 10:07 a.m. following Board of Equalization.

#### New Business:

County Clerk and Budget Preparer James Brueggeman presented a high-level overview of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Audit Report completed by Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP. Commissioners acknowledge receipt of the audit report.

Commissioner Bottom moved to declare as surplus and authorize disposal of three desks in the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion,

roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Steve Leimer was present to discuss Perkins County Bridge Inspections for 2025. Commissioner Robertson moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement to conduct 2025 Perkins County Bridge Inspections with Kent Anderson with Anderson Camp Enterprises, Inc. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Robertson moved to approve the Region II Human Services Interlocal Participation for FY 2025-2026, seconded by Commissioner Bottom, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed job applications received for Road District 1 and Road District 3. Commissioner Bottom moved to hire Brandon Knoles part-time in Road District 3. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Bottom made the motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Federal-Aid Transportation Purchase-Sale Agreement Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Certification Form. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed options for relocation of the surplus Fairgrounds Livestock Building that did not sell. Commissioners will have the Fair Board move the surplus building to the far northeast corner of the fairgrounds for future housing of vehicles and equipment used by the Perkins County Sheriff's Office and Perkins County Transit.

Emergency Manager and 911 Administrator James Brueggeman discussed with Commissioners the need to renew GeoComm Contract #121801 for Graphical Information System Services covering Fiscal Years 2025-2030. Commissioner Bottom moved to authorize the 911 Administrator to sign the contract, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Robertson made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Perkins County Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, August 4, 2025, 8:30 a.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska.

James D. Brueggeman  
Perkins County Clerk