

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

AUGUST 4, 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 31, 2025. Chairman announced the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster and 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 21, 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, 3 ayes, 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

SALARIES	\$75,605.85
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GENERAL

Adams Bank & Trust - Grant	\$ 537.50
Aflac	\$ 1,182.13
Amazon Capital Services	\$ 1,980.34
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	\$ 11,569.61
Benchmark Government Solutions	\$ 22.90
Century Link	\$ 50.69
Charles Kuskie	\$ 16.00
City Of Grant	\$ 3,362.40
Curtis Blue Line	\$ 707.01
CVSOAN	\$ 100.00

DAS State Accounting – Cntrl. Fin.	\$ 614.40
Datashield	\$ 138.36
Eakes Office Plus	\$ 13.99
Fair Law Office, PC, LLO	\$ 4,325.00
Fiduciary Trust Co Of New Hampshire	\$ 625.00
Galls, LLC	\$ 80.66
Grant Lions Club	\$ 82.00
Hamilton Information Systems, Inc.	\$ 2,157.50
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 916.68
Hometown Leasing	\$ 395.27
Knapp Electric, Inc.	\$ 1,749.47
Mid-American Research Chemical	\$ 230.82
MIPS, Inc.	\$ 2,865.61
NACO	\$ 25.00
Nebraska Sheriff's Association	\$ 60.00
Pinnacle Bank	\$ 39,079.20
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 2,274.30
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 4,254.99
Point C	\$ 347.25
Purchase Power	\$ 441.99
RCN Technologies	\$ 1,005.99
Relx, Inc. d/b/a LexisNexis	\$ 298.00
Rembolt Ludtke, LLP	\$ 225.00
Robert S. Harvoy	\$ 250.00
Sandhills State Bank	\$ 815.00
State of Nebraska - Department of Revenue	\$ 3,272.20
TK Elevator Corporation	\$ 445.14
ROADS	
Consolidated Telcom, Inc.	\$ 120.86
Ensz Hardware	\$ 142.82
Great Plains Communications	\$ 231.83
Imperial Napa	\$ 21.54
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 72.25

Mid Plains Community College	\$ 276.07
Nebraska Child Support Pmt. Cntr.	\$ 250.00
NMC, Inc.	\$ 2,663.44
Overhead Door Specialists, LLC	\$ 30.00
Perkins County Health Services	\$ 130.00
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 8,816.22
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc.	\$ 187.61

FAIR

Anna Rickertsen-Augustus	\$ 364.80
Bailey Hinrichs	\$ 856.60
Becky Spady	\$ 119.00
Briana Barger	\$ 184.60
Calla Gillen	\$ 297.40
Charlene Fichtner	\$ 143.00
Christy Sheets	\$ 96.40
City Of Grant	\$ 1,929.76
Dustin Ladenburger	\$ 112.00
Gretchen Dirks	\$ 398.20
Janae Oberg	\$ 230.20
Marie Loomis	\$ 137.40
Michelle Mcnea	\$ 176.60
Mitzi Diltz	\$ 247.80
Pinnacle Bank	\$ 3,132.50

TRANSIT

City Of Grant	\$ 20.35
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 36.20
Perkins County Senior Center	\$ 1,258.00

INHERITANCE TAX

Perkins County Wireline 911 Fund	\$ 10,000.00
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WIRELINE 911

APCO International, Inc.	\$ 2,000.00
Century Link	\$ 1,027.96
Geo-Comm, Inc.	\$ 7,186.75

LOCAL AMBULANCE

Fyr-Tek, Inc.	\$ 790.00
One Billing Solutions, LLC	\$ 859.71
TRANSFER AMBULANCE	
Aurora Cooperative	\$ 166.51
Comfort Inn	\$ 374.85
One Billing Solutions, LLC	\$ 911.73
Perkins County Health Services	\$ 1,930.88

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence for Commissioners to review.

Public Comment:

Opened at 8:40 a.m. and Closed at 9:00 a.m. There was no public comment.

Chairman Tucker recessed the meeting briefly at 9:53 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Public Hearings:

Chairman Tucker opened public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Request by J Bar J Land, Inc., for an Amendment to the pending Conditional Use Permit 01-2025 to waive completely both deadlines in Section 1010 of the Perkins County Zoning Regulations for an expanded sanitary landfill, to increase the capacity of the site, located in the W 1/2 of the NW ¼ of 30-12-39, more commonly known as 32350 Road 770, Perkins County, Nebraska.

Taylor Provost acting as Perkins County Zoning Administrator read the Statement of Fact on the J Bar J Land, Inc. request. Steve Mossman representing J Bar J Land, Inc. provided information on behalf of J Bar J Land, Inc. regarding the July 14, 2025, amendment to the Conditional Use Permit as presented to and adopted by the Perkins County Planning Commission.

Ruth Demmel asked Commissioners for clarification on what they were voting. Commissioners provided affirmation that the item up for consideration was the amended J Bar J Conditional Use Permit. Idonna Deaver stated the Planning Commission didn't have a quorum when they met to consider the amended Conditional Use Permit. County Attorney Rick Roberts, in attendance at the Planning Commission Meeting, confirmed there was a quorum present at the meeting, and it was up to the Planning Commission Chairperson how long to wait for a quorum to be present so the meeting could take place.

Chairman Tucker closed the public hearing at 9:09 a.m. Commissioner Bottom moved to approve the J Bar J Land, Inc. Conditional Use Permit #01-2025 as amended to waive completely both deadlines in Section 1010 of Perkins County Zoning Regulation and to include the Statement of Fact provided by the Perkins County Zoning Administrator. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Tucker opened public hearing at 10:13 a.m. on Request by Perkins County Board of County Commissioners to place a temporary moratorium on development of small wind energy systems, commercial/utility grade wind energy systems, solar conversion systems, wireless communication towers, and crypto mining facility and the issuance of conditional use permits for the same pursuant to Article 6 Supplemental District Regulations of the Perkins County Zoning Regulations for the lesser of nine months or until such time as the Perkins County Board of Commissioners has the opportunity to study and adopt updated zoning regulations.

Taylor Provost acting as Perkins County Zoning Administrator read the Statement of Fact on the Perkins County Board of Commissioners request.

Shelby Day spoke in favor of the temporary moratorium stating Commissioners should take time to look at the regulations. Lori Artz expressed her agreement with Day telling the County Board they need to look at the facts. Ruth Demmel stated she is not against solar power but believes the county should pause to look at regulations to ensure consistency with zoning policies implemented across the country.

Commissioner Bottom informed those in attendance the process of updating regulations started with West Central Nebraska Development District in March and he agrees with a pause to look at the regulations. Commissioner Tucker stated he believed looking at the regulations works in favor of everyone in the community, so things are made equal for all parties.

Provost briefed Commissioners on two pending requests and suggested waiting to implement the moratorium until September 2, 2025, when the Commissioners hear the two pending requests. County Attorney Roberts advised Commissioners that the moratorium could be implemented now with the two pending requests still being addressed at the August 11, 2025, Planning Commission Meeting and September 2, 2025, Commissioner's Meeting.

Jayson Bishop spoke about his experience with options available for addressing pending conditional use permit requests during moratorium periods. Amity Lynn

Balbutin-Burnham with lightsourcebp informed Commissioners lightsourcebp was trying to move the solar project near Grant to the south of Highway 61. Day responded that people still lived in that area as well. Artz asked for clarification on which solar project was being talked about.

Provost suggested the Commissioners consider a timeline for moratorium of the lesser of nine months. Demmel suggested the moratorium be for the lesser of 12 months to allow sufficient time for review.

Chairman Tucker closed the public hearing at 10:38 a.m. Commissioner Robertson moved to place a temporary moratorium on the development of small wind energy systems, commercial utility grade wind energy systems, solar conversion systems, wireless communication towers and crypto mining facilities, and the issuance of conditional use permits for the same pursuant to Article 6 Supplemental District Regulations that the Perkins County Zoning Regulations for the lesser of 12 months or until such time as a Perkins County Board of Commissioners has the opportunity to study and adopt the updating zoning regulations and not accept any permits for the development of small wind energy systems, commercial utility grade wind energy systems, solar conversion systems, wireless communication towers and crypto mining facilities during the moratorium. Seconded by Commissioner Bottom, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Business With Officials:

Advanced EMT Travis Ogg provided Commissioners with an ambulance report outlining number of calls for service, status of reports completed, and payments received for ambulance services. Ogg updated Commissioners and shared the agenda regarding a recent EMS conference he attended in Kearney. Ogg also reported he will begin Paramedic schooling on August 14, 2025, with practice labs held in Sterling, Colorado on Thursdays and online training on Mondays for the next eight months. Commissioners requested Ogg continue submitting ambulance reports to the County Clerk for presentation to the County Board during Ogg's absence from Commissioner meetings during his Paramedic schooling.

Highway/Noxious Weed Superintendent Steve Leimer reminded Commissioners of the upcoming road grader training next week and confirmed with Commissioners which road department employees will attend from each road district.

Budget Preparer James Brueggeman briefed Commissioners on the status of development of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget document and discussed with Commissioners necessary cash reserves and property tax request authority.

Unfinished Business:

The HBSS Connect Corp, Inc. and Perkins County, Nebraska Integrated Transport Management Services Transware software and services contract was still not available from HBSS Connect Corp, Inc. and will be removed from the agenda.

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 Grainton. Bishop reported plans to move the solar system just to the east of the original location. Bishop notified Commissioners he was in contact with the Perkins Zoning Administrator and the Conditional Use Permit is back on the Perkins County Planning Commission Agenda for consideration on August 11, 2025.

Commissioners discussed job applications received for Road District #1. Commissioner Robertson reported two job interviews are scheduled for August 5, 2025. Commissioner Bottom moved to allow Commissioner Robertson to make hiring decisions on the two job applicants following the job interviews. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

Commissioners discussed an estimate and invoice from CSC Construction and an estimate from Potts Electric related to the construction of a new arena building at the Perkins County Fairgrounds. The Perkins County Fair Board already paid a significant portion of the invoices with donations and grants. Budget Preparer Jim Brueggeman will work on adding the remaining cost of the two invoices into the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Fair budget.

Commissioners reviewed the West Central Nebraska Development District Professional Services Agreement for Perkins County Nebraska Zoning Administration. Commissioner Robertson moved to sign the agreement. Commissioner Bottom seconded, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the terms and status of the Professional Service Agreement with West Central Nebraska Development District for the Perkins County, Nebraska Comprehensive Planning Project. No further action taken after reviewing the agreement.

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the bids previously received on July 21, 2025, for the Excavator with Mulcher Head. Highway Superintendent Steve Leimer made a purchase recommendation to Commissioners. Commissioners decided not to purchase an excavator and mulcher head at the present time and did not make a

bid award.

Commissioners reviewed the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025. Commissioner Robertson moved to adopt Resolution 2025-12 authorizing the Chairman to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2025 and have the Chairman sign the certification paperwork. Commissioner Bottom seconded, roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the Zelle Human Resources Solutions Perkins County Recruiting Proposal dated July 28, 2025. Commissioners took no action on the proposal.

Highway/Noxious Weeds Superintendent Steve Leimer presented information to Commissioners on the possible restructuring of the Perkins County Roads Departments. Commissioners discussed the proposed restructuring and instructed County Clerk James Brueggeman to include the restructuring on August 18, 2025, Commissioner's agenda.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Perkins County Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska.

James D. Brueggeman
Perkins County Clerk