

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

**AUGUST 18, 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 Mark Bottom, County Attorney Richard Roberts, and County Clerk James Brueggeman. Commissioner Darin Robertson was absent.

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 August 14, 2025. Chairman announced the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster in the Commissioner's Room. The agenda was reviewed. Motion was made by Commissioner Bottom to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, roll call vote, 2 ayes, motion carried. Commissioner Bottom made the motion to approve the minutes of August 4, 2025, meeting as published in the Grant Tribune Sentinel, on Perkins County's website, and made public in the Clerk's Office. Chairman Tucker seconded, roll call vote, 2 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 Tucker, roll call vote, 2 ayes, motion carried.

### COUNTY EMPLOYEES

<b>SALARIES</b>	\$77,531.30
<b>GENERAL</b>	
Adams Bank & Trust - Grant	\$ 537.50
Aflac	\$ 1,182.01
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	\$11,905.54
AT&T Mobility	\$ 856.02
Banner Health	\$ 667.00
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 181.11
Carlson Electric, Inc.	\$ 534.44
Culligan Water Conditioning	\$ 60.00
Debbie Kuenning	\$ 543.97
Ensz Hardware	\$ 257.11
Fiduciary Trust Co of New Hampshire	\$ 625.00
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 1,054.11
Great Plains Communications	\$ 1,155.46
Hampton Inn & Suites - Scottsbluff	\$ 321.00
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 1,278.47
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 447.55
Ideal Linen	\$ 88.49
Kidwell	\$38,872.50
Law Office Of Steven E Elmshaeuser	\$ 1,050.00
Lincoln County Clerk	\$ 3,920.01
Lincoln County Sheriff	\$ 25.30
Mandy Sandoval	\$ 49.56

Michael Todd & Company	\$ 557.24
NACO	\$ 25.00
Nebraska.Gov	\$ 132.00
Office Services, Inc.	\$ 315.43
Peggy Burton	\$ 95.62
Pinnacle Bank	\$39,422.70
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 229.33
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 4,454.99
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$ 2,651.51
RCN Technologies	\$ 499.99
Relx, Inc. d/b/a LexisNexis	\$ 298.00
Ride Rite Garage	\$ 1,135.60
Robert S. Harvoy	\$ 912.95
Sandhills State Bank	\$ 815.00
Savannah Miller	\$ 490.00
State of NE - Department of Revenue	\$ 3,349.46
Thomson Reuters - West	\$ 159.86
University Of Nebraska	\$ 155.29
U-Save Pharmacy, Inc.	\$ 39.00
Westfield Pharmacy, Inc.	\$ 125.58
<b>ROADS</b>	
American Energy Delivery, Inc.	\$12,472.55
Aurora Cooperative	\$ 8,235.92
Coats Auto & Diesel, Inc.	\$ 126.00
Coppersmith Transport, LLC	\$ 1,150.00
Ensz Hardware	\$ 4.00
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 174.24
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 115.23
Highline	\$ 54.68
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 3,239.23
MCI	\$ 31.19
Midwest Electric Cooperative Corp.	\$ 82.62
NE Child Support Pymt Center	\$ 250.00
NMC, Inc.	\$ 9,148.33
Perkins County Health Services	\$ 597.00
Regier Equipment Company, Inc.	\$ 547.42
Regier Truck Sales	\$ 1,501.29
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc.	\$ 417.68
Sandhills Arch. Precast Concrete, LLC	\$ 1,600.00
The Scoular Company	\$ 3,542.56
Viaero Wireless	\$ 42.18
Waste Connections, Inc.	\$ 257.86
Yost Farm Supply	\$ 4,533.17
<b>FAIR</b>	
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 272.12
Doolittle Construction	\$ 2,068.75

Ensz Hardware	\$ 251.33
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 206.66
Grant Lions Club	\$ 237.00
Hatch's Super Foods, Inc.	\$ 1,040.78
Ideal Linen	\$ 28.75
Leibbrandt Lumber, Inc.	\$ 384.76
Patsy J. Kroeker	\$ 250.80
Pinnacle Bank	\$ 363.58
Superior Sanitation Services, Inc.	\$ 4,190.00
<b>TRANSIT</b>	
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 58.12
Pronto Convenience	\$ 615.75
<b>WIRELINE 911</b>	
Consolidated Telcom, Inc.	\$ 119.04
Elsie Communications, Inc.	\$ 194.40
Great Plains Communications	\$ 83.32
<b>LOCAL AMBULANCE</b>	
AT&T Mobility	\$ 125.75
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	\$ 557.11
Deaver Computer Service 1, LLC	\$ 62.99
Ensz Hardware	\$ 1.48
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 227.12
Imperial Napa	\$ 20.99
Prairie States Communications, Inc.	\$ 135.00
Quality Diesel, Inc.	\$ 719.03
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc.	\$ 189.99
<b>TRANSFER AMBULANCE</b>	
Aurora Cooperative	\$ 358.10
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$ 947.34

**Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence for Commissioners to review.

**Public Comment:**

Opened 8:40 a.m. - Closed 9:00 a.m. Ted Tietjen offered commentary on solar projects being new territory and likened them to center pivot projects when first introduced in Perkins County and stated setbacks should be an issue between the parties to a solar lease. Julie Vak commented about the lack of recent road maintenance near Vak's home. Mitzi Gartrell spoke in opposition to the Midwest Electric solar project proposed to be located southeast of Grinton. Leon Pankonin inquired about potential taxes coming from solar projects and stated his opposition to solar projects. Sheriff Jeffrey Miller inquired about the possibility of solar projects opening the door to wind energy projects. Ron Regier commented that Perkins County doesn't need less farmers and spoke about the importance of keeping agricultural land in production to allow ag related businesses to stay open aiding in county growth. Treasurer Julie Burge spoke briefly about nameplate capacity tax on solar projects.

#### Business With Officials:

Sheriff Miller provided an update on the number of inmates incarcerated, the sheriff's office annual inventory statement, the new 2025 Dodge Durango going in for upfit, and recent servicing of the Datamaster breath testing instrument.

Commissioners acknowledged as received and Chairman Tucker signed the July 2025 Clerk/Register of Deeds and District Court Fee Reports.

Highway/Noxious Weed Superintendent Steve Leimer stated Julie Vak's Road will be graded today, reported on last week's road grader training completed by 11 county road personnel, provided Commissioners with a map outlining road grader operational areas possible with restructuring of road districts, and reviewed road department wage rates.

County Clerk and Budget Preparer James Brueggeman provided Commissioners with handouts and a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Brueggeman informed Commissioners of upcoming budget hearing and final tax levy setting dates of September 2 and September 15, 2025.

#### Unfinished Business:

Commissioners discussed possible restructuring of the Perkins County Roads Departments. Commissioners forwarded the agenda item to the September 2, 2025, county board meeting.

#### New Business:

Commissioners discussed the possible purchase of real property located in Grant, Perkins County, Nebraska. No action was taken on the possible purchase, and the item will be removed from the agenda.

Commissioners Bottom made the motion to approve annual inventory statements received from County Treasurer, County Assessor, County Veterans' Service Officer, County Highway/Weed Superintendent, County Extension Office, County Emergency Manager, County Clerk, County Attorney, County Zoning, County Communications/911 Center, County Information Technology, Road District 1, and Road District 2. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion, roll call vote, 2 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the Trails West CASA, Inc. Program and Perkins County, Nebraska Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding for FY 2025-2026. Commissioner Bottom made a motion to approve the Agreement/MOU between Trails West CASA, Inc. and Perkins County, Nebraska. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion, roll call vote, 2 ayes, motion carried.

County Budget Preparer James Brueggeman discussed with Commissioners Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Political Subdivision Levy Requests submitted to Perkins County, Nebraska. Commissioner Bottom moved to adopt resolution 2025-13 disapproving and setting all Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Political Subdivision Levy Requests at \$0.00. Commissioner Tucker seconded, roll call vote, 2 ayes, motion carried. County Clerk James Brueggeman will mail a copy of the resolution to the political subdivisions.

Commissioners discussed conditional use permit procedures and possible scheduling of dates and times to hold a special meeting for hearing of pending conditional use permits.

Commissioners reviewed a gravel hauling contract between Robert Brueggeman doing business as B & L and Perkins County, Nebraska. Commissioners amended language in the contract. Commissioner Bottom made the motion to approve the amended contract between Robert Brueggeman doing business as B & L and Perkins County, Nebraska. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion, 2 ayes, motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Perkins County Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, September 2, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska.

James D. Brueggeman  
Perkins County Clerk

**\*\*\* Perkins County Courthouse will be CLOSED September 1, 2025, in observance of Labor Day. This is in accordance with the State of Nebraska Holiday Schedule. \*\*\***