

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

GRANT, NEBRASKA

The Perkins County, Nebraska, Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting 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 September 11, 2025. The Chairman also announced the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster in the Commissioner's Room. The agenda was reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Bottom to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Robertson. A roll-call vote was taken, with 3 ayes, and the motion carried. Commissioner Robertson made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2025, regular meeting and the minutes of the September 2, 2025, budget hearing as published in the Grant Tribune Sentinel, on Perkins County's website, and made public in the Clerk's Office. Commissioner Bottom seconded. Roll call vote: 3 ayes. The motion carried.

Payroll and claims submitted to the County Board were reviewed. Commissioner Bottom made a motion to approve the payroll and claims, which was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. A roll call vote was conducted, resulting in 3 ayes, and the motion was approved.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES

SALARIES	\$75,363.60
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GENERAL

Adams Bank & Trust - Grant	\$ 925.00
Aflac	\$ 1,048.12
Amazon Capital Services	\$ 359.99
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	\$11,986.19
AT&T Mobility	\$ 856.02
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 184.59
Carlson Electric, Inc.	\$ 264.24
Culligan Water Conditioning	\$ 87.50
Dickinson Land Surveyors, Inc.	\$ 345.00
Eakes Office Plus	\$ 602.36
Ensz Hardware	\$ 605.96
Fiduciary Trust Co Of New Hampshire	\$ 625.00
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 1,015.74
Galls, LLC	\$ 91.33
Great Plains Communications	\$ 1,149.01
Hampton Inn - Kearney	\$ 417.00
Hatch's Super Foods, Inc.	\$ 11.87
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 743.90
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 285.54

Ideal Linen	\$ 95.34
Law Office Of Steven E Elmshaeuser	\$ 1,025.00
Leibbrandt Lumber, Inc.	\$ 16.48
Lexipol, LLC	\$ 499.00
Mar's Service Center, Inc.	\$ 329.16
MIPS, Inc.	\$ 1,049.97
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	\$ 5,309.49
NACO	\$ 200.00
NE Secretary of State - Election Div.	\$ 100.00
Nebraska Sheriff's Association	\$ 125.00
Office Service, Inc.	\$ 153.87
Perkins County Court	\$ 34.00
Pinnacle Bank	\$39,403.70
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 1.00
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 4,104.99
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$ 885.24
Platte Valley Comm. Of Kearney, Inc.	\$ 277.00
Prairie States Communications, Inc.	\$ 6,720.00
RELX, Inc. dba LexisNexis	\$ 298.00
Robert S. Harvoy	\$ 219.20
Samantha Daniel	\$ 396.20
Sandhills State Bank	\$ 665.00
Serenity Motors & Towing, LLC	\$ 262.00
State of NE – Department of Revenue	\$ 3,374.45
Stryker Sales, LLC	\$ 1,104.00
Swans Fine Home	\$ 4,552.00
Thomson Reuters - West	\$ 159.86
UNL Extension Perkins County	\$ 45.19
Verizon Wireless	\$ 39.93
Viaero Wireless	\$ 947.20
Westfield Pharmacy, Inc.	\$ 178.35
ROADS	
Aurora Cooperative	\$ 3,113.01
Barb Baney	\$ 16.97
Brandon N Knoles	\$ 16.98
Brian Pankonin	\$ 16.33
Chris Henthorn	\$ 6.79
Doug Schimonitz	\$ 9.79
Eastern Sky, Inc.	\$ 387.00
Ensz Hardware	\$ 44.97
Garrett Tires & Treads - NP	\$ 80.00
George Adams	\$ 18.89
Hatch's Super Foods, Inc.	\$ 60.01
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 58.45
Highline	\$ 52.64
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 1,748.88

James A Wallin	\$ 16.39
James J. Vak	\$ 14.58
Jarrod N. Williams	\$ 14.98
Matthew A. Holtz	\$ 16.90
Matthew CR Lechman	\$ 23.36
MCI	\$ 31.19
Midwest Electric Cooperative Corp.	\$ 87.22
NE Child Support Payment Center	\$ 250.00
NMC, Inc.	\$27,905.30
Perkins Co Health Services	\$ 150.00
RD Brueggeman Trucking	\$11,194.00
Regier Truck Sales	\$ 3,318.03
Robinson G Grothman	\$ 13.49
Titan Machinery	\$ 4,287.31
Trent Zwickl	\$ 15.68
Viaero Wireless	\$ 42.18
Waste Connections, Inc.	\$ 257.86
REGISTER OF DEEDS – P&M	
Redfield Direct, LLC	\$ 1,675.98
TRANSIT	
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 68.56
Faber Signs	\$ 1,364.54
Verizon Wireless	\$ 25.85
WIRELINE 911	
Consolidated Telcom, Inc.	\$ 119.04
Great Plains Communications	\$ 83.32
LOCAL AMBULANCE	
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	\$ 161.82
Buckeye Welding Supply Co., Inc.	\$ 112.74
Ensz Hardware	\$ 8.58
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 135.07
Henry Schein, Inc.	\$ 94.26
TRANSFER AMBULANCE	
AT&T Mobility	\$ 125.75
Aurora Cooperative	\$ 348.20
Deaver Computer Service1, LLC	\$ 32.45
Express Toll	\$ 4.60
Imperial Napa	\$ 20.99
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$ 707.62

Correspondence:

Commissioners received a letter and informational brochures from the Center for Rural Affairs regarding Renewable Energy Development in Perkins County.

Public Comment:

Opened at 8:40 a.m. and closed at 9:00 a.m. Former Perkins County District 2 Commissioner Leon Pankonin met with Commissioners and commented on the proposed merging of road departments. He asked a question about bidding requirements for gravel hauling and stated he would like to see screening of gravel before it is placed on county roads. Mike Hagan, who requested to be on the agenda during the August 18, 2025, meeting, did not appear for public comment.

Commissioners opened and reviewed two bids for the surplus livestock building at Perkins County Fairgrounds. The first bid was from Regier Equipment Company for \$7,550.00, and the second bid was from Elkanah Doolittle for \$5,150.00. Commissioner Robertson moved to accept the highest bid from Regier Equipment Company for \$7,550.00. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion, and after a roll call vote, with 3 ayes, the motion was approved.

Business With Officials:

Highway/Noxious Weed Superintendent Steve Leimer discussed the road department restructuring with Commissioners. Leimer updated the Commissioners on noxious weed spraying applications to roads, embankments, and ditches moving forward. He also informed them about the need to replace a mower next year. Additionally, Leimer shared public comments he received regarding the proposed road department merger and explained how he is addressing public feedback and concerns.

Sheriff Miller informed Commissioners that he currently has two inmates in Lincoln County Jail, one new vehicle in the county impound yard, the Datamaster breath testing instrument has been returned from maintenance and is now operational, the sheriff's office replaced batteries and pads on the AEDs, and he is exploring the possibility of purchasing a \$20,000 drone and a \$60,000 five-year support package from Axon.

County Clerk James Brueggeman briefed Commissioners on upcoming Register of Deeds training and Election training scheduled for October 2025 in Kearney and at the Perkins County Clerk's Office. The August 2025 County Clerk's Fee Report was acknowledged as received and signed by the Chairman.

The August 2025 District Court Fee Report was also acknowledged as received and signed by the Chairman.

Unfinished Business:

Commissioners further discussed restructuring the Perkins County Roads Department. Commissioner Bottom moved to approve Resolution 2025-14, which authorizes the department's restructuring. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 3 ayes. The motion passed, and the resolution was adopted.

Commissioners again reviewed and discussed conditional use permit procedures. Commissioners will hear the Midwest Electric Conditional Use Permit during their regular meeting on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Perkins County Commissioners Meeting Room. Commissioners will hear the lightsourceBP Conditional Use Permit during a special meeting on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Perkins County Courtroom.

New Business:

The commissioners reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding and an Interlocal Agreement between Arthur, Chase, Dundy, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow Counties for the Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program. Commissioner Bottom moved for the Chairman to sign the documents, and Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The roll call vote was 3 in favor, and the motion was approved.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to authorize Chairman Tucker to sign the signature pages of The County of Perkins, Nebraska Revenue Bonds (Western Sky Community Care Center Project) Series 2025B. Chairman Tucker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Robertson and Chairman Tucker voting aye, and Commissioner Bottom abstaining. The motion carried.

Chairman Tucker opened a special hearing at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Perkins County, Nebraska Budget. There was no public comment, and Chairman Tucker closed the hearing at 10:10 a.m.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-15, the Perkins County Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026, Perkins County, Nebraska Budget. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion; roll call vote—3 ayes; motion carried, resolution adopted.

Commissioner Bottom moved to approve Resolution 2025-16, Setting the Property Tax Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion; roll call vote – 3 ayes; motion carried, resolution adopted.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bottom. A roll-call vote was conducted, resulting in 3 ayes, and the motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Perkins County Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska.

James D. Brueggeman
Perkins County Clerk