

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 6, 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, County Clerk James Brueggeman, and Taylor Provost of West Central Nebraska Development District, serving as Perkins County Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Chairman Tucker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. It was announced that notice of this meeting was published in The Grant Tribune-Sentinel on September 25, 2025. The Chairman also announced the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster in the Commissioner’s Room. The agenda was reviewed. Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bottom. A roll-call vote was taken, with 3 ayes, and the motion carried. Commissioner Bottom made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2025, meeting as published in the Grant Tribune Sentinel, on Perkins County’s website, and made public in the Clerk’s Office. Commissioner Robertson seconded—roll call vote: 3 ayes. The motion carried.

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

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| COUNTY EMPLOYEES | |
| SALARIES | \$95,350.25 |
| GENERAL | |
| Adams Bank & Trust - Grant | \$ 925.00 |
| Aflac | \$ 1,048.23 |
| Amazon Capital Services | \$ 538.86 |
| Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division | \$ 15,161.70 |
| AT&T Mobility | \$ 40.04 |
| ATC Group Service, LLC Depository | \$ 1,750.00 |
| Box Butte County Sheriff | \$ 18.50 |
| Carlson Electric, Inc. | \$ 3,400.00 |
| CDW Government, Inc. | \$ 1,577.90 |
| CenturyLink | \$ 56.79 |
| Charles Kuskie | \$ 16.00 |
| City Of Grant | \$ 2,769.58 |
| DAS State Accounting – Cntrl Finance | \$ 614.40 |
| DAS State Accounting – Cntrl Finance | \$ 212.75 |
| DAS State Accounting – Cntrl Finance | \$ 60.36 |
| Eakes Office Plus | \$ 454.03 |
| Fiduciary Trust Co Of New Hampshire | \$ 625.00 |
| Gary Krajewski | \$ 634.25 |
| Goff Services | \$ 1,919.78 |

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| Hamilton Information Systems, Inc. | \$ 2,223.45 |
| Hatch's Super Foods, Inc. | \$ 17.23 |
| High Plains News North, LLC | \$ 39.00 |
| Hometown Leasing | \$ 395.27 |
| Ideal Linen | \$ 100.31 |
| J&D Properties, LLC | \$ 455.00 |
| Keith County News, Inc. | \$ 125.00 |
| Kent's Towing | \$ 350.00 |
| Law Office Of Steven E Elmshaeuser | \$ 287.50 |
| MIPS, Inc. | \$ 2,865.61 |
| NACO | \$ 75.00 |
| NACVSO | \$ 400.00 |
| National Sheriff's Association | \$ 125.00 |
| NE Secretary of State - Election Div. | \$ 60.00 |
| NE Sheriff's Association | \$ (125.00) |
| Nebraska Health And Human Services | \$ 93.00 |
| Nebraska Labor Law Poster Service | \$ 109.50 |
| Nordhausen Law, LLC | \$ 2,250.00 |
| Office Service, Inc. | \$ 798.62 |
| Perkins County Court | \$ 17.00 |
| Perkins County District Court | \$ 36.00 |
| Pinnacle Bank | \$ 46,186.80 |
| Pinnacle Bank - Grant | \$ 558.57 |
| Pinnacle Bank - Grant | \$ 4,054.99 |
| Point C | \$ 314.25 |
| Purchase Power | \$ 1,541.99 |
| Relx, Inc. dba LexisNexis | \$ 298.00 |
| Robert S. Harvoy | \$ 337.50 |
| Sandhills State Bank | \$ 665.00 |
| Sirchie Acquisition Co, Inc. | \$ 52.95 |
| State of Nebraska - Dept. of Revenue | \$ 4,656.96 |
| The Auto Shop | \$ 796.47 |
| U S Bank | \$ 0.16 |
| University of Nebraska - Lincoln | \$ 64.50 |
| Verizon Wireless | \$ 59.66 |
| ROADS | |
| A&B Rental | \$ 279.99 |
| Amazon Capital Services | \$ 522.95 |
| American Energy Delivery, Inc. | \$ 8,785.70 |
| Aurora Cooperative | \$ 10,326.26 |
| Big Springs Equipment, Inc. | \$ 179.67 |
| Bomgaars Supply | \$ 232.87 |
| Consolidated Telcom, Inc. | \$ 124.19 |
| Garrett Tires & Treads North Platte | \$ 8,998.68 |
| Great Plains Communications | \$ 231.83 |
| Imperial Napa | \$ 292.65 |

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| Leibbrandt Lumber, Inc. dba Adam's Lumber | \$ 8.40 |
| Matthew A. Holtz | \$ 300.00 |
| Medical Enterprises, Inc. | \$ 5.00 |
| NE Child Support Payment Center | \$ 250.00 |
| North Platte Kubota | \$ 1,461.96 |
| NPPD | \$ 306.83 |
| NRH Services, LLC | \$ 4,690.74 |
| Pinnacle Bank - Grant | \$ 5,218.29 |
| Regier Equipment Co, Inc. | \$ 332.59 |
| Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc. | \$ 788.37 |
| Sandhills State Bank | \$ 10,643.08 |
| The Scoular Company | \$ 5,378.80 |
| Vistabeam | \$ 71.95 |
| FAIR | |
| Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC | \$ 272.12 |
| City Of Grant | \$ 885.76 |
| Frenchman Valley Coop | \$ 28.58 |
| Goff Services | \$ 90.00 |
| Hatch's Super Foods, Inc. | \$ 77.68 |
| Ideal Linen | \$ 35.69 |
| Regalia Manufacturing Company | \$ 1,108.80 |
| TRANSIT | |
| City Of Grant | \$ 18.02 |
| Perkins Co Senior Center | \$ 626.00 |
| WIRELINE 911 | |
| CenturyLink | \$ 1,624.31 |
| Elsie Communications, Inc. | \$ 191.37 |
| LOCAL AMBULANCE | |
| Deaver Computer Service 1, LLC | \$ 158.10 |
| Henry Schein, Inc. | \$ 10.82 |
| One Billing Solutions, LLC | \$ 389.54 |
| TRANSFER AMBULANCE | |
| Fred Reichert | \$ 76.48 |
| One Billing Solutions, LLC | \$ 1,032.14 |

Correspondence:

Commissioners received three reports from J Bar J Landfill, including the August 12, 2025, Operational Practices Report; the September 2, 2025, Host Agreement Report for August 2025; and the October 2, 2025, 3rd Quarter LFG Monitoring Report from September 2025. They also received postcards titled Notice of Conditional Use Permit Hearing 03-2025 from Perkins County Planning & Zoning, dated September 19, 2025.

Public Comment:

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

Business With Officials:

Sheriff Miller presented the Commissioners with his 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Fee Report and noted that his 3rd Quarter 2025 mandatory Nebraska Crime Commission reporting is complete. The Sheriff has three inmates in Lincoln County Jail and pointed out that the Flock Safety License Plate Readers installed by Retired County Sheriff James Brueggeman helped gather evidence against one of the inmates. Sheriff Miller also reported that the 2025 Dodge Durango is scheduled for equipment upfitting this Friday. He mentioned there is some pipe fluid noise coming from the newly installed HVAC system in his office, and asked if the problem could be passed along to the HVAC project team.

Highway/Noxious Weed Superintendent Steve Leimer told the Commissioners that two open write-ups with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture regarding noxious weeds are now closed. Leimer gave the Commissioners an updated list of road equipment, showing the condition of each piece. Leimer also shared a job application for a road worker position he received, discussed setting dates for interviews with job applicants for the newly created Assistant Highway Superintendent position, and submitted a proposed revision to the pay scale for road department employees.

Commissioners acknowledged receipt, and Chairman Tucker signed the September 2025 Fee Reports from the Perkins County Clerk's Office and Perkins County District Court.

Commissioners discussed a date to hold County Government Day in 2026 and tentatively scheduled it for February 17th.

Unfinished Business:

Commissioners did not hold additional discussion on the conditional use permit procedures and instructed the County Clerk to remove the item from future agendas.

New Business:

The commissioners could not review, discuss, or approve a License Agreement between Shah Software, Inc. and Perkins County dba Perkins County Public Transit because it was still under legal review. The item was moved to the October 20, 2025, agenda.

County Clerk James Brueggeman briefed Commissioners on the status of the Perkins County 457(b) Tax-Advantaged Deferred Compensation Retirement Saving Plan, which supplements the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System's mandatory retirement plan. This includes a change in plan administrators and the need for a plan update. Brueggeman explained that starting a new 457(b) plan with a different administrator would be too costly given the current number of county employees participating. He presented several options to the Commissioners, including the County sponsoring an IRA plan requiring a county match of 2-3%, employees setting up their own IRA, or determining if county employees could participate in the State of Nebraska 457(b) plan if Perkins County did not offer a 457(b) plan. The Commissioners took no formal action, and Brueggeman will investigate further and report back on the possibility of employees participating in the State of Nebraska 457(b) plan.

Chairman Tucker opened a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. regarding the request by The Midwest Electric Cooperative Corp. for a Conditional Use Permit 02-2025 for a Commercial Solar Conversion System, located in the E ½ SW ¼ of 23-10-35,

Perkins County, Nebraska. Chairman Tucker promptly summarized its purpose and hearing procedures.

Taylor Provost provided the Statement of Fact regarding the Midwest Electric Cooperative Corporation's request. Jayson Bishop, General Manager of Midwest Electric Cooperative Corporation, informed Commissioners that he believed the company met the requirements for the Conditional Use Permit. Bishop discussed three solar projects that Midwest Electric already has underway. He told the Commissioners that the Perkins County Planning and Zoning Board had previously approved the application in May 2025. Bishop explained that he felt like he was being a good guy when he worked on moving the project farther east and later amended his application, which the Perkins County Planning and Zoning Board then voted down. He further stated that Midwest Electric currently has no other solar projects planned and that the proposed solar project is intended to benefit Midwest Electric members by helping to keep electrical rates low. Bishop added that having a solar project closer to a substation is preferable. He clarified for the Commissioners that the power remains within the Midwest Electric system and also informed the County Attorney that the reference in the materials to Keith County Decommissioning was a typographical error and should read Perkins.

Chairman Tucker opened the floor for public comments on the proposed conditional use permit. Public comments followed, with opinions both in favor of and opposed to granting the permit. Most comments supported granting the permit, with only one person speaking against it. Everyone wishing to speak to the governing body was given a fair amount of time. Midwest Electric representatives engaged with attendees, answering questions during the hearing. Jeff Cook-Coyle with Premier Energy explained the reasons for denial by the Perkins County Planning and Zoning Board and disputed their reasoning about removing land from production. He also questioned whether the current regulations actually require a one-mile residential setback. Commissioner Bottom appreciated Bishop's efforts on the solar project conditional use permit but asked questions about the timeline and how it lines up with the moratorium adopted by Planning and Zoning and the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Tucker announced the public hearing closed at 9:31 a.m. Commissioners told those present that they needed to review project details further and consider the testimony given at the hearing. Commissioners took the request under advisement, with a decision to be made in resolution form at a future regular meeting of the Perkins County Board of Commissioners.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Perkins County Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska.

James D. Brueggeman
Perkins County Clerk