

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

NOVEMBER 3, 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 was published in The Grant Tribune-Sentinel on October 30, 2025. The chairman also announced the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster in the Commissioner’s Room. The agenda was reviewed. Commissioner Bottom made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Robertson. A roll call vote was taken, with three ayes, and the motion carried. Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2025, meeting 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: three 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 Commissioner Robertson seconded. A roll call vote was taken, with three ayes, and the motion was approved.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES	
SALARIES	\$72,184.17
GENERAL	
Adams Bank & Trust - Grant	\$ 925.00
Aflac	\$ 989.61
Amazon Capital Services	\$ 63.96
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	\$11,374.88
APCO International, Inc.	\$ 108.00
Benchmark Govt. Solutions, LLC.	\$ 68.70
Carlson Electric, Inc.	\$ 967.79
Central States Armor Express, Inc.	\$ 597.22
CenturyLink	\$ 48.72
Charles Kuskie	\$ 16.00
City of Grant	\$ 1,963.09
Coats Auto & Diesel, Inc.	\$ 267.19
Comfort Inn	\$ 220.00
DAS State Accounting - Cntrl. Finance	\$ 614.40
Datashield	\$ 138.36
Everclear Window Cleaning	\$ 2,000.00
Fiduciary Trust Company of NH	\$ 625.00
Gary Krajewski	\$ 31.25
Hamilton Information Systems, Inc.	\$ 2,113.45
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 216.80

Hometown Leasing	\$ 401.36
Ideal Linen	\$ 100.32
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 5.00
NACO	\$ 2,681.68
NE Law Enforcement Trng. Center	\$ 75.00
NE Secretary of State - Election Div.	\$ 50.00
NE Sheriff's Association	\$ 265.00
Office Service, Inc.	\$ 23.97
Pathology Services, PC	\$ 70.00
Pinnacle Bank	\$37,535.41
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 6,791.80
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 4,429.99
Point C	\$ 306.00
Protex Central, Inc.	\$ 225.00
Sandhills State Bank	\$ 665.00
State of NE - Dept. of Revenue	\$ 3,086.27
State of NE - Unemployment Insurance	\$ 174.00
The Lincoln National Life Ins Co	\$ 1,586.36
U.S. Department Of Agriculture	\$ 456.39
Verizon Wireless	\$ 59.82
ROADS	
Big Springs Equipment, Inc.	\$ 536.65
Bomgaars Supply	\$ 905.51
Consolidated Telcom, Inc.	\$ 123.68
Great Plains Communications	\$ 232.43
Hydrotex	\$ 891.08
NE Child Support Payment Center	\$ 250.00
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 5,218.29
Quality Diesel, Inc.	\$ (620.24)
Sandhills State Bank	\$10,643.08
Vistabeam	\$ 71.95
FAIR	
City of Grant	\$ 774.19
Ideal Linen	\$ 36.51
TRANSIT	
City of Grant	\$ 18.31
Perkins County Senior Center	\$ 632.00
WIRELINE 911	
CenturyLink	\$ 1,339.47

Correspondence:

Commissioners received a copy of the 2024-2025 Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Annual Report. They also received a thank-you card for their financial support of the Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program.

Public Comment:

Opened at 8:40 a.m. and closed at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners received comments from Lori Artz regarding the Midwest Electric solar project. Jayson Bishop, representing Midwest Electric, and Jeff Cook-Coyle, representing Premier Energy, were present during public comment and responded to questions from Artz and the County Board. Shelby Day also addressed the Commissioners regarding the proposed solar projects. Phil Calkins, representing the Perkins County Veterans' Service Board, voiced his Board's desire to have direct oversight of Veterans' Aid funds currently invested by the Perkins County Treasurer in Certificates of Deposit.

Business With Officials:

Sheriff Miller told the Commissioners that he has two inmates in the Lincoln County Jail, received three distress warrants from the Perkins County Treasurer, and is working on hiring a deputy sheriff candidate from Perkins County who is currently uncertified but plans to attend training starting in January 2026.

Highway and Noxious Weed Superintendent Steve Leimer informed Commissioners about a potential new hire for Road District 1 and requested to add it to the November 17, 2025, agenda. He also mentioned he has two other interested applicants for the Perkins County Road Department positions. Leimer is also working to fill the roles of Road Building Supervisor and Weed Superintendent from among the current road employees.

County Clerk James Brueggeman updated the Commissioners on the status of the Carrier HVAC upgrade project, briefed them on the upcoming election cycle starting in December, and reported that the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Department of Homeland Security received guidance indicating they will no longer use workspace from non-federal entities, making their previous request for office space no longer applicable.

Unfinished Business:

Commissioners discussed the ongoing revision of the Perkins County Comprehensive Plan and the Perkins County Zoning Regulations. They acknowledged receiving a draft of the regulations from the Zoning Administrator, West Central Nebraska Development District.

The commissioners discussed and outlined their positions on the request from 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. Jayson Bishop and Jeff Cook-Coyle also provided comments. Commissioner Bottom moved to approve Resolution 2025-18, which grants Conditional Use Permit 02-2025 with the requested variances. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. During the roll call vote, Bottom and Tucker voted yes, and Robertson voted no. The resolution authorizing Conditional Use Permit 02-2025 with the requested variances was adopted.

Commissioners discussed Lightsource BP's request for a Conditional Use Permit 03-2025 to install a Commercial Solar Conversion System in various parts of Perkins County, Nebraska, including N ½ NW ¼ S ½ NW ¼ of 19-10-38, E ½ of 18-10-38, E ½ of 19-10-38, NE ¼ of 25-10-39, NW ¼ of 30-10-38, NW ¼ of 29-10-38, SW ¼ of 20-10-38, and SW ¼ of 19-10-38. No action was taken on the permit, and the Commissioners forwarded the matter to future agendas for further discussion.

New Business:

Commissioners received the hiring recommendation from the Assistant Highway Superintendent Hiring Committee for the Assistant Highway Superintendent position. Commissioner Robertson moved to offer the job to Road District 3 Foreman Brian Brassfield. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three ayes; motion carried.

Commissioner Bottom moved to adopt Resolution 2025-19 for signing the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2025. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three ayes. The resolution was adopted.

Commissioner Bottom moved to have the Chairman sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for Determining Incentive Payments in Calendar Year 2025. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes; motion carried.

Commissioner Robertson moved to adopt Resolution 2025-20, Establishing Stop Signs at Road Intersections 347/756 and 348/753. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three ayes; the resolution was adopted.

Commissioner Bottom moved to approve the CentralSquare Solutions Agreement between CentralSquare Technologies, LLC, and Perkins County, Nebraska, and to have the chairman sign the agreement. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three ayes; motion carried.

Commissioner Robertson moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs and Perkins County, Nebraska, and to have the chairman sign it. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioners did not act on the Memorandum of Understanding between Tyler Technologies, Inc. and Perkins County, Nebraska, because the document was missing a referenced exhibit and attachment. The Veterans' Service Officer is working to obtain the missing documents so the County Attorney can review the MOU before it is added back to the agenda.

Commissioner Bottom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Robertson. A roll call vote was held, and three members voted in favor, passing the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Perkins County Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska. A Perkins County Board of Equalization meeting will take place on the same day at 9:30 a.m.

In accordance with the State of Nebraska Holiday Schedule, the Perkins County Courthouse will be closed on Thursday, November 27, 2025, and Friday, November 28, 2025, to observe Thanksgiving Day and the Day After Thanksgiving.

James D. Brueggeman
Perkins County Clerk