

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

DECEMBER 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: Commissioners Steve Tucker, Darin Robertson, and 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 the meeting had been published in The Grant Tribune-Sentinel on December 11, 2025. The chairman also announced the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster in the Commissioner's Room. The agenda was reviewed. Commissioner Bottom moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Robertson. A roll call vote was taken, with three ayes, and the motion carried. Commissioner Robertson moved to approve the minutes from the December 1, 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 moved to approve the payroll and claims, except for a claim from the Perkins County Local Ambulance Fund to Perkins County Emergency Management in the amount of \$676.80. Commissioner Robertson seconded. A roll call vote was taken, with three ayes, and the motion was approved.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES		
SALARIES		\$75,650.14
GENERAL		
Adam's Bank & Trust - Grant	\$	925.00
Aflac	\$	989.50
Amazon Capital Services	\$	128.98
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	\$	11,825.67
APCO International, Inc.	\$	152.00
AT&T Mobility	\$	856.86
Base	\$	100.00
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$	58.35
Charles J. Boettcher, DDS	\$	255.00
City of Grant	\$	53.91
Culligan Water Conditioning	\$	67.50
DAS State Accounting – Cntrl. Fin.	\$	266.50
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Datashield	\$	140.44
NE Dept. of Revenue – Prop. Assess.	\$	75.00
Dickinson Land Surveyors, Inc.	\$	367.75
Eakes Office Plus	\$	39.92
Ensz Hardware	\$	67.98
Fiduciary Trust Co Of New Hampshire	\$	625.00
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$	1,065.63

Great Plains Communications	\$ 1,159.28
Hamilton Information Systems, Inc.	\$ 168.75
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 381.43
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 499.76
Imperial Napa	\$ 357.99
Kathy Mailand	\$ 73.92
Law Office Of Ashley K. Spahn	\$ 550.00
Mar's Service Center, Inc.	\$ 517.38
MIPS, Inc.	\$ 2,865.61
Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency	\$ 362.00
Office Service, Inc.	\$ 172.66
Pathology Services, PC	\$ 90.40
Perkins Co Community Hospital	\$ 294.50
Perkins Co Communications Sinking	\$ 40,000.00
Perkins Co Inheritance Tax Fund	\$100,000.00
Perkins Co Sheriff Equip Sinking	\$ 40,000.00
Perkins County Fair Fund	\$ 30,000.00
Pinnacle Bank	\$ 39,092.49
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 160.00
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 4,479.99
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$ 5,246.51
RCN Technologies	\$ 202.35
RELX, Inc. dba LexisNexis	\$ 298.00
Sandhills State Bank	\$ 665.00
State of Nebraska - Dept. of Revenue	\$ 3,229.85
Thomson Reuters-West	\$ 159.86
TK Elevator Corporation	\$ 148.38
US Bank	\$ 143.88
UNL Extension Perkins County	\$ 45.21
Verizon Wireless	\$ 39.94
Westfield Pharmacy, Inc.	\$ 214.72
ROADS	
American Energy Delivery, Inc.	\$ 5,688.70
Aurora Cooperative	\$ 4,193.18
Great Plains Communications	\$ 232.43
Handy Hitch Manufacturing, Inc.	\$ 66.95
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 66.10
Highline	\$ 50.26
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 2,688.68
Imperial Napa	\$ 106.95
MCI	\$ 31.63
Midwest Electric Cooperative Corp.	\$ 86.99
NE Child Support Pymt Center	\$ 250.00
NMC, Inc.	\$ 9,513.38
North Platte Kubota	\$ 204.82
Perkins Co Health Services	\$ 546.00

Powerplan	\$ 2,149.79
Regier Equipment Company, Inc.	\$ 2,497.97
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc.	\$ 51.74
Viaero Wireless	\$ 42.18
Waste Connections, Inc.	\$ 266.09
Whitmore Manufacturing, LLC	\$ 447.95
BRIDGE & PAVING	
Chase Bank	\$ 4,620.00
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 20.00
FAIR	
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 272.12
City Of Grant	\$ 733.99
CSC Construction	\$ 30,000.00
Ideal Linen	\$ 36.51
Patsy J. Kroeker	\$ 900.00
Regalia Manufacturing Company	\$ 56.50
TRANSIT	
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 262.20
Pronto Convenience	\$ 656.00
Verizon Wireless	\$ 25.85
INHERITANCE TAX	
Perkins Co General Fund	\$100,000.00
WIRELINE 911	
Century Link	\$ 81.00
Consolidated Telcom, Inc.	\$ 119.04
Great Plains Communications	\$ 83.32
LOCAL AMBULANCE	
AT&T Mobility	\$ 125.75
Eakes Office Plus	\$ 271.70
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 160.74
Imperial Napa	\$ 24.95
Perkins Co Emergency Management	\$ 676.80
TRANSFER AMBULANCE	
Henry Schein, Inc.	\$ 600.47
Novus Glass Of Southwest Nebraska	\$ 659.67
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$ 382.58

Correspondence:

Commissioners received correspondence from J Bar J Landfill regarding the November 2025 Host Agreement payment; emails from two candidates for NACO Secretary/Treasurer; applications from Union Bank & Trust and Premier Bank, N.A., requesting designation as county depositories in 2026; a brochure from Black Hills Energy with natural gas safety information; a letter and brochure from the Red Willow County Waste Program; a year-end advertisement from Zelle Human Resources Solutions; a donation request letter from the Perkins County Senior Center; and a letter from NIRMA outlining a Workers' Compensation settlement agreement.

Public Comment:

Opened at 8:40 a.m. and closed at 9:00 a.m., former Perkins County Commissioner Leon Pankonin addressed Commissioners regarding proposed renewable energy projects in Perkins County.

Planning & Zoning Public Hearing:

The public hearing on Conditional Use Permit 04-2025 was rescheduled for Monday, January 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Business With Officials:

Commissioners received the November 2025 Clerk/Register of Deeds fee report, the District Court fee report, and the Perkins County Ambulance activity report. The board also received updates from County Clerk James Brueggeman, County Treasurer Julie Sestak, Perkins County Highway Superintendent Steve Leimer and Assistant Highway Superintendent Brian Brassfield, and EMT Travis Ogg.

Unfinished Business:

Commissioners took no action on the discussion of the Perkins County Comprehensive Plan Update and Zoning Regulations. Edward Dunn, the Perkins County Planning & Zoning Administrator with the West Central Nebraska Development District, informed Commissioners that he will have a first presentation available at the January 20, 2026, meeting.

Commissioners did not act on the Lightsource BP Conditional Use Permit 03-2025 and moved the item to the January 5, 2026, agenda.

Commissioner Robertson moved to accept the December 1, 2025, bid from Bulldogger Services, Inc., for a Final Pass II 96" Grader Mounted Compactor and Pressure Control Valve in the amount of \$25,750.00. Seconded by Commissioner Bottom. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed Employee Training Expense Agreements and decided to take no further action.

Commissioners received a draft resolution to set salaries for all elected county officers for the 2027-2030 term. Elected officials discussed the draft with Commissioners, and it was decided to move the resolution to the January 5, 2026, agenda to allow officials time to learn more about the NACO salary study at the upcoming NACO Conference in Kearney.

Commissioners reviewed and discussed a Memorandum of Understanding between Tyler Technologies, Inc. and Perkins County, Nebraska. Commissioner Bottom moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and have the Chairman sign. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken. There were three ayes, and the motion passed.

Chairman Tucker recessed the meeting at 10:06 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

New Business:

Commissioners took no action on Conditional Use Permit 04-2025 because the public hearing was not held. Conditional Use Permit 04-2025 was forwarded to the January 5, 2026, agenda.

Commissioner Robertson moved to adopt and authorize the Chairman to sign a three-year extension to the 2026 Agreement between the Nebraska Administrative Office of Courts and Probation and Perkins County, Nebraska, for dual court services. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three ayes. Motion carried.

Perkins County Emergency Manager James Brueggeman discussed the status of the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan and updated Commissioners on an increase in matching-fund requirements. Brueggeman will sign a commitment letter with the Emergency Managers from Chase and Dundy Counties for the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.

Perkins County Highway Superintendent Steve Leimer and Assistant Highway Superintendent Brian Brassfield met with Commissioners to discuss several matters related to the ongoing restructuring of the road department, including the Noxious Weeds and Road Building Supervisor positions, personnel area reassessments, wages, and blackout periods for Paid Time Off during peak harvest periods. Leimer and Brassfield will continue working on the restructuring, with the items discussed planned for implementation in January 2026.

Commissioners discussed informal bids received for crack sealing of the Elsie/Paxton Road and the pavement extending south from Elsie. Commissioner Robertson moved to accept Shelco's bid in the amount of \$41,580.00 for the crack sealing. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in three ayes, and the motion passed.

Commissioners discussed other paved roads, including the Venango truck route, Brandon Road, and the Elsie truck route. Leimer will begin working with the County Engineer to develop a scope of work and bid specifications for future maintenance of these roads.

Commissioner Bottom moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Robertson. A roll call vote was taken, and all three members voted in favor, thereby passing the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Perkins County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska.

James D. Brueggeman
Perkins County Clerk