

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 20, 2026

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 Darin Robertson, Mark Bottom, and Steve Tucker; County Attorney Richard Roberts; and County Clerk James Brueggeman.

County Clerk Brueggeman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m for County Board Reorganization. Brueggeman announced that notice of the meeting had been published in The Grant Tribune-Sentinel on January 15, 2025. Brueggeman also announced the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster in the Commissioner's Room.

Brueggeman called for the election of the 2026 Board Chairperson. Commissioner Bottom moved that Commissioner Robertson serve as Chairperson. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken, with 3 ayes, and the motion carried. Chairman Robertson conducted the remainder of the meeting.

The agenda was reviewed. Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bottom. A roll call vote was taken, with three ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Robertson called for the election of the 2026 Board Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Tucker moved that Commissioner Bottom serve as Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed Resolution 2026-3, Perkins County Reorganizational Resolution. Commissioner Bottom moved to approve Resolution 2026-3, Perkins County Reorganizational Resolution, with a second from Commissioner Tucker. A roll call vote was taken, with 3 ayes. Motion carried.

PERKINS COUNTY, NEBRASKA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-3

2026 ANNUAL REORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Perkins County Board of Commissioners is required under Nebraska Revised Statutes to convene annually for the purpose of organization and designation of county officers, appointments, meeting schedules, and other statutory responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board met in regular session on January 20, 2026, for its annual reorganizational meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Perkins County Board of Commissioners that the following actions are hereby adopted for the 2026 calendar year:

SECTION I. BOARD ORGANIZATION

The Board elects the following officers for 2026:

Chairperson: Darin Robertson
Vice Chairperson: Mark Bottom

These officers shall serve until their successors are duly elected or until the Board acts to modify their terms.

SECTION II. OFFICIAL COUNTY NEWSPAPER & PUBLICATION OUTLETS

In accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act:

The Grant Tribune Sentinel is designated the Official County Newspaper.
Public notices, agendas, and minutes shall also be posted on the county website:
<https://perkinscounty.ne.gov>

SECTION III. REGULAR & SPECIAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular meetings will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month. If a legal holiday falls on a Monday, the meeting will be held on Tuesday. All meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be held in the Commissioner Meeting Room at the Perkins County Courthouse, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Suite 202, in Grant, Nebraska.

Regular Meeting Dates for 2026:

January 5; January 20
February 2; February 17
March 2; March 16
April 6; April 20
May 4; May 18
June 1; June 15;
July 6; July 20
August 3; August 17
September 8; September 21
October 5; October 19
November 2; November 16
December 7; December 21

Special Meeting Date for 2026

June 30; 11:00 a.m.

SECTION IV. COUNTY DEPOSITORIES

The following are designated as official County depositories:

Adams Bank & Trust – Grant & Madrid
Pinnacle Bank – Grant
Sandhills State Bank – Grant
Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT)

SECTION V. PLEDGED COLLATERAL REQUIREMENTS

Pledged collateral shall consist of eligible securities permitted by Nebraska statutes and shall be maintained in an amount equal to or greater than the county's deposits exceeding FDIC insurance limits.

SECTION VI. ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Emergency Manager/911 Administrator – James Brueggeman
Engineer – Thomas Werblow / T.C. Engineering
Highway Superintendent – Steve Leimer
NIRMA Contact Person – James Brueggeman
Noxious Weed Superintendent – Steve Leimer
Physician – Dr. J. Matthew Byrd
Surveyor – Ryan Dickinson / Dickinson Land Surveyors
Veterans Service Officer – Kim Dickmeyer
Zoning Administrator – West Central Nebraska Development District

SECTION VII. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Mileage reimbursement is set at \$0.725 per mile, pursuant to the 2026 Internal Revenue Service rate.

SECTION VIII. INDIGENT BURIAL ALLOWANCE

The indigent burial allowance is set at \$2,500.00, plus grave opening.

SECTION IX. EMPLOYEE UNIFORM ALLOWANCES

Road Department: \$400.00 per year for boots and clothing; \$250.00 per year for safety glasses.
Sheriff's Office: \$500.00 per year for uniforms.

SECTION X. CELLULAR TELEPHONE ALLOWANCES

Regular Employees: Custodian, Highway Superintendent, Assistant Highway Superintendent, Road Department Employees as Authorized by the Highway Superintendent, Veterans Service Officer — \$40.00 per month.

Public Safety Personnel: Communications Supervisor, Sheriff & Deputies, Emergency Manager, and County EMT/Paramedic — \$60.00 per month.

SECTION XI. CASH IN LIEU OF INSURANCE

Eligible full-time employees who elect not to participate in the county's health insurance plan, provide proof of other qualifying health coverage, sign a waiver of county health insurance, enroll during open enrollment or after a qualifying life event, and remain eligible for the entire period may receive a \$400.00 per month taxable income payment, paid in \$200.00 installments per pay period.

SECTION XII. HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT CONTRIBUTIONS

Health Savings Account (HSA) contributions are available only to full-time employees participating in the county health insurance plan, as follows:

The County will make an initial \$100.00 deposit upon the employee opening a Health Savings Account. Thereafter, the County will deposit \$100.00 per month or \$50.00 per pay period into the employee's Health Savings Account. If the employee authorizes a \$75.00 per month or \$37.50 per pay period contribution, the County will match the employee's contribution with an additional \$75.00 per month or \$37.50 per pay period.

SECTION XIII. COUNTY HOLIDAYS

Perkins County shall observe the State of Nebraska Holiday Schedule. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, it will be observed on the preceding Friday; if it falls on a Sunday, it will be observed on the following Monday. The Courthouse will be closed on all state-observed holidays.

Arbor Day is designated as a floating holiday; for 2026, it shall be observed on Christmas Eve, December 24.

State Holidays – 2026 (with observance dates):

New Year's Day – Thursday, January 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Monday, January 19
Presidents Day – Monday, February 16
Arbor Day (Floating) – Thursday, December 24
Memorial Day – Monday, May 25
Juneteenth – Friday, June 19
Independence Day – Observed Friday, July 3
Labor Day – Monday, September 7
Indigenous Peoples'/Columbus Day – Monday, October 12
Veterans Day – Wednesday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 26
Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 27
Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24
Christmas Day – Friday, December 25

SECTION XIV. ANNUAL COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Perkins County Handbook Committee – Darin Robertson
Perkins County Health Insurance Committee – Darin Robertson
Perkins County Safety Committee – Darin Robertson
Perkins County Senior Center Safety Board – Mark Bottom
Public Transit Committee – Mark Bottom
Southwest Public Health Department – Mark Bottom
West Central Nebraska Development District – Mark Bottom
Region II Developmental Disabilities – Steve Tucker
Region II Human Services – Steve Tucker
West Central Area Agency on Aging – Steve Tucker

SECTION XV. CLAIMS & AGENDA DEADLINE

All claims and agenda items must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday before each regular meeting.

SECTION XVI. RATES FOR COUNTY PURCHASE OF MATERIALS

The following rates are established for the payment of pit materials used to repair roads:

Borrow Dirt: \$2.00 per yard
Pit Gravel: \$2.50 per yard

SECTION XVII. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Perkins County Board of Adjustment – 5 Year Term

Tom Tines
Tom Kosmicki
David Schmitt (Alternate)

Perkins County Fair Board – 3 Year Term

District #1 - Dan Lee
District #2 - Sam Goff
District #3 - Kasey Kroeker

Perkins County Health Services Foundation Board – 3 Year Term

District #1 – Molly Robertson
District #2 – Tony Schrotberger

Perkins County Planning Commission – 3 Year Term

District #1 - Greg Robertson
District #2 - Dawnya Dreiling
District #3 - Nate Dodson

Perkins County Veterans Service Board – 5 Year Term

Ken Potts - 2031

Perkins County Handbook Committee

Darin Robertson
James Brueggeman
Julie Sestak

Perkins County Health Insurance Committee

Darin Robertson
James Brueggeman
Julie Sestak
Peggy Burton
Richard Roberts
Jeffrey Miller

Perkins County Grievance Board

James Brueggeman
Julie Sestak
Peggy Burton
Jeffrey Miller

Perkins County Safety Committee

Chairperson – Darin Roberston
NIRMA Contact Person – James Brueggeman
Courthouse Offices – Kris Aerni
Building & Grounds – Julie Gorgen
Law Enforcement – Jeffrey Miller
Roads – Steve Leimer
Public Transit – Trish Jimenez

DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Perkins County, Nebraska, this 20th
day of January, 2026.

Commissioners

/s/ Darin E. Robertson
Chairman

/s/ Mark W. Bottom
Commissioner

/s/ Steven W. Tucker
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ James D. Brueggeman
Perkins County Clerk

Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2026, meeting, as published in The Grant Tribune Sentinel, posted on Perkins County’s website, and available 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. Commissioner Tucker seconded. A roll call vote was taken, with three ayes, and the motion was approved.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES	
SALARIES	\$74,219.09
GENERAL	
Adams Bank & Trust - Grant	\$ 475.00
Aflac	\$ 1,106.74
ALJ Properties, LLC	\$ 570.00
Amazon Capital Services	\$ 338.82
American Legion Emblem Sales Div	\$ 506.79
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	\$ 11,589.90
AT&T Mobility	\$ 767.84

Candlewood Suites Kearney	\$ 1,499.40
City Of Grant	\$ 53.91
Culligan Water Conditioning	\$ 52.50
Curtis Blue Line	\$ 10.00
DAS State Account - Cntr. Fin.	\$ 266.50
DAS State Account - Cntr. Fin.	\$ 196.00
Eakes Office Plus	\$ 628.31
Ensz Hardware	\$ 85.54
Fiduciary Trust Co Of New Hampshire	\$ 625.00
FR Customs, LLC	\$ 337.34
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 741.81
Great Plains Communication	\$ 1,132.82
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 303.34
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 333.12
Hunt Insurance Group, LLC	\$ 5,166.24
Kent's Towing	\$ 350.00
Law Office Of Steven E Elmshaeuser	\$ 687.50
MIPS, Inc.	\$ 20,229.97
NACO	\$ 75.00
NE Assoc. of County Assessors	\$ 100.00
Nebraska.gov	\$ 16.00
Office Service, Inc.	\$ 133.65
Onsolve, LLC	\$ 3,975.09
Pathology Services, PC	\$ 22.01
Perkins County Community Hospital	\$ 99.00
Perkins County Sheriff	\$ 94.86
Perkins County Fair Fund	\$ 50,190.00
Perkins County Road Fund	\$132,937.00
Pinnacle Bank	\$ 41,404.52
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 166.90
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 4,958.32
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$ 479.18
Relx, Inc. dba LexisNexis	\$ 298.00
Robert S. Harvoy	\$ 1,167.60
Sandhills State Bank	\$ 665.00
State of NE - Dept. of Revenue	\$ 2,835.40
Thomson Reuters - West	\$ 159.86
TK Elevator Corporation	\$ 471.84
Tritech Software Systems	\$ 35,197.51
U.S. Department Of Agriculture	\$ 79.37
U.S. Postmaster	\$ 156.00
University of Nebraska - Lincoln	\$ 64.50
UNL Extension Perkins County	\$ 45.21
Verizon Wireless	\$ 39.94
West Central Dist. Assessors Assoc.	\$ 25.00
Westfield Pharmacy, Inc.	\$ 65.68

ROADS

Amazon Capital Services	\$ 668.68
American Energy Delivery, Inc.	\$ 7,147.55
Aurora Cooperative	\$ 9,032.24
Cornhusker Glass, Inc.	\$ 576.80
Eastern Sky, Inc.	\$ 932.58
Ensz Hardware	\$ 68.38
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 100.61
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 27.55
Highline	\$ 50.42
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 1,849.75
Imperial Napa	\$ 32.22
MCI	\$ 65.38
Midwest Electric Cooperative Corp.	\$ 91.13
NE Child Support Pymt Center	\$ 250.00
NMC, Inc.	\$ 4,541.96
Perkins Co Health Services	\$ 249.00
Regier Equipment Co, Inc.	\$ 174.78
Regier Truck Sales	\$ 357.14
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc.	\$ 144.69
Waste Connections, Inc.	\$ 266.09

BRIDGE/PAVING

Camp Anderson Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 913.70
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FAIR

City Of Grant	\$ 879.65
CSC Construction	\$ 50,190.00
Hatch's Super Foods, Inc.	\$ 17.15
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 455.87
Patsy J. Kroeker	\$ 1,500.00

TRANSIT

Imperial Napa	\$ 10.94
Pronto Convenience	\$ 666.47
Verizon Wireless	\$ 25.85

WIRELINE 911

Great Plains Communication	\$ 83.32
NBS/Wahltek	\$ 4,725.00

LOCAL AMBULANCE

Bound Tree Medical, LLC	\$ 122.99
Ensz Hardware	\$ 1.45
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 126.79
One Billing Solutions, LLC	\$ 394.95
Prairier States Comm., Inc.	\$ 171.30
Southwest Mutual Aid Fire District	\$ 100.00

TRANSFER AMBULANCE

At&T Mobility	\$ 128.25
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Aurora Cooperative	\$ 327.32
One Billing Solutions, LLC	\$ 243.10
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$ 441.77

Correspondence:

Commissioners received correspondence from the Nebraska Association of County Officials regarding the County Board Chair Workshop for Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons scheduled for February in Kearney.

Public Comment:

Opened at 8:40 a.m. and closed at 9:00 a.m. There were no public comments from those in attendance.

Business With Officials:

Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the December 2025 County Clerk's fee report.

County Treasurer Julie Sestak spoke with Commissioners about a county tax sale property that was not redeemed and is now eligible for foreclosure.

Sheriff Jeffrey Miller reported having two inmates at the Keith County Jail and one at the Lincoln County Jail. Miller updated Commissioners on upcoming repairs to a patrol vehicle struck by a deer and on the status of receiving a vehicle back from equipment upfitters in Ogallala. Miller informed Commissioners that his new law enforcement trainee was progressing well at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center. Miller also discussed hiring a part-time administrative assistant for the sheriff's office to assist with secretarial and bookkeeping tasks.

Highway Superintendent Steve Leimer and Assistant Highway Superintendent Brian Brassfield met with Commissioners to discuss the Nebraska Infrastructure Hub Grant for road projects. Commissioners were informed that the road district transition was going well, with several positive public comments, and that the iWorq software had been implemented and was being used by road employees.

Perkins County EMT Travis Ogg met with the board to submit the Perkins County Ambulance Activity Report covering December 15, 2025, through January 20, 2026. Ogg reported that his Paramedic training was going well and provided the Commissioners with a letter indicating that he had made the Dean's List. Ogg reported that the classroom portion of his training will conclude in May and that he is continuing his work on practical contacts and the skills needed.

Unfinished Business:

Edward Dunn, representing the West Central Nebraska Development District and serving as the Perkins County Zoning Administrator, provided Commissioners with the first of several expected drafts of the Perkins County Comprehensive Plan and the Perkins County Zoning Regulations. Dunn, Commissioners, and members of the Perkins County Planning and Zoning Committee will continue working on the plans and regulations in upcoming meetings.

Commissioners heard from Dunn regarding Conditional Use Permit 03-2025, submitted by Lightsource BP for a Commercial Solar Conversion System. Dunn provided Commissioners with the Conditional Use Permit, as amended with conditions, and read the statement of fact. Commissioners reviewed each condition

of the permit with Dunn and Lightsource BP representatives, Adam Iago and Chandler Elmore, who were in attendance. Jim, Star, and Troy Kemling were also present during the permit review. After discussion and clarification of all permit conditions, Commissioner Tucker moved to approve Resolution 2025-5, approving Conditional Use Permit 03-2025 as amended, with the attached conditions. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. Discussion followed, and Commissioners noted their appreciation for the efforts of the Perkins County Planning Commission and others involved in the permit process, which resulted in a better conditional use permit and conditions. Commissioner Robertson expressed concern about productive agricultural land being taken out of production in the county for such projects. A roll call vote was taken, with Commissioner Tucker and Commissioner Bottom voting aye and Commissioner Robertson voting no. Resolution adopted.

New Business:

Commissioner Bottom moved to authorize Chairman Robertson to sign the Department of Agriculture's 2025 Activity Report, Budget Report, Noxious Weed Control Plan, Noxious Weed Infestation Report, and Weed Control Authority Board Roster. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Tucker moved, and Commissioner Bottom seconded, to appoint Jarrod Williams as Road Building Supervisor and Trent Zwickl and Brandon Knoles as Assistant Weed Superintendents. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners voting aye. Motion carried.

Tobin Buchanan from Northland Securities was present to discuss the lease purchase of the new motor grader. Commissioner Tucker moved to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2026-4, authorizing the lease purchase of certain road maintenance equipment, not to exceed \$415,000. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, resolution adopted.

County Clerk Brueggeman presented the updated 2026 Perkins County Employee Handbook, effective 01/01/2026, to Commissioners. Commissioner Bottom moved to adopt Resolution 2026-6 to adopt the handbook, with Commissioner Tucker seconding the motion. A roll-call vote resulted in three ayes, and the motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Perkins County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska.

James D. Brueggeman
Perkins County Clerk