

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 16, 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 Mark Bottom and Steven Tucker; County Attorney Richard Roberts; and County Clerk James Brueggeman. Commissioner Darin Robertson was absent during roll call and arrived at the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Vice Chairman Bottom 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 March 12, 2026. The vice chairman also announced the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster in the Commissioner's Room. The agenda was reviewed. Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bottom. A roll call vote was taken, with two ayes, Robertson absent, and the motion carried. Commissioner Bottom moved to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2026, meeting, as published in The Grant Tribune-Sentinel, on Perkins County's website, and made public in the Clerk's Office. Commissioner Tucker seconded. Roll call vote: two ayes, Robertson absent. The motion carried.

Payroll and claims submitted to the County Board were reviewed. Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the payroll and claims. Commissioner Bottom seconded. A roll call vote was taken, with three ayes, and the motion was approved.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES

SALARIES \$70,981.35

GENERAL

Adams Bank & Trust - Grant	\$ 475.00
Aflac	\$ 1,001.32
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	\$ 11,098.07
At&T Mobility	\$ 867.16
Benchmark Govt. Solutions, LLC	\$ 485.10
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 2,987.43
City Of Grant	\$ 1,243.91
Civicplus, LLC	\$ 3,465.00
CPI Telecom	\$ 125.14

Culligan Water Conditioning	\$ 68
DAS State Account - Cntrl. Fin.	\$ 628.00
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Eakes Office Plus	\$ 480.97
Election Systems & Software, Inc.	\$ 110.91
Fiduciary Trust Co Of New Hampshire	\$ 625.00
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 873.42
Galls, LLC	\$ 807.58
Great Plains Communications	\$ 1,130.84
Hamilton Information Systems, Inc.	\$ 1,970.67
Hatch's Super Foods, Inc.	\$ 148.75
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 1,338.18
Hometown Leasing	\$ 184.34
J&D Properties, LLC	\$ 455.00
Junior Library Guild	\$ 663.06
Law Office Of Steven E Elmshaeuser	\$ 1,201.70
Mar's Service Center, Inc.	\$ 270.15
MIPS, Inc.	\$ 2,865.60
Nebraska Library Commission	\$ 945.00
Nebraska.gov	\$ 16.00
NESCA	\$ 195.00
Office Service, Inc.	\$ 361.56
Perkins Co Court	\$ 22.00
Perkins Co Treasurer	\$ 15.00
Perkins Co District Court	\$ 144.00
Perkins Co Paving Fund	\$ 165,969.00
Pinnacle Bank	\$ 39,738.39
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 1,568.73
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 4,633.32
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$ 1,251.76
Relx, Inc. dba LexisNexis	\$ 298.00
Robert S. Harvoy	\$ 769.65
Sandhills State Bank	\$ 487.50
Standard Appraisal Services, Inc.	\$ 1,080.00

State of Nebraska - Dept. of Revenue	\$ 2,715.39
Thomson Reuters-West	\$ 159.86
U.S. Postal Service	\$ 2,000.00
UNL Extension Perkins County	\$ 45.21
Verizon Wireless	\$ 133.24
Westfield Pharmacy, Inc.	\$ 42.79
Wolf Auto	\$ 84.75
ROADS	
American Energy Delivery, Inc.	\$ 6,377.95
At&T Mobility	\$ 209.90
Aurora Cooperative	\$ 7,271.74
Eastern Sky, Inc.	\$ 408.00
Ensz Hardware	\$ 242.38
Garrett Tires & Treads - Grand Island	\$ 29.90
Great Plains Communications	\$ 225.16
Highline	\$ 50.26
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 453.36
Imperial Napa	\$ 170.56
Leibbrant Lumber, Inc.	\$ 77.21
Midwest Electric Cooperative Corp.	\$ 100.92
Overhead Door Specialist, LLC	\$ 247.44
Perkins Co Inheritance Tax Fund	\$ 24,512.50
Powerplan	\$ 723.97
Regier Truck Sales	\$ 1,410.00
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc.	\$ 337.09
T.C. Engineering, Inc.	\$ 1,930.00
Viaero Wireless	\$ 42.21
Waste Connections, Inc.	\$ 266.09
FAIR	
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 272.12
City Of Grant	\$ 876.31
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 9.35
Ideal Linen	\$ 36.52
TRANSIT	

Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$	267.56
NATP - NE Assoc. of Trans. Profs.	\$	95.00
Pronto Convenience	\$	439.39
Verizon Wireless	\$	188.84
WIRELINE 911		
Century Link	\$	81.00
Elsie Communications, Inc.	\$	191.37
Great Plains Communications	\$	83.32
LOCAL AMBULANCE		
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	\$	338.08
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$	159.90
Grant Pharmacy, Inc.	\$	13.81
Imperial Napa	\$	80.44
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$	73.47
TRANSFER AMBULANCE		
AT&T Mobility	\$	128.25
Aurora Cooperative	\$	247.48
Perkins Co Health Services	\$	1,429.75
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$	392.36

Correspondence:

Commissioners received the February 2026 Monthly Report from J Bar J Landfill dated March 2, 2026.

Public Comment:

Opened at 8:40 a.m. and closed at 9:00 a.m. Leon Pankonin asked Commissioners about the progress of the Lightsource BP solar project and why the Lightsource BP Conditional Use Permit was approved, despite the Perkins County Planning Commission voting not to recommend approval. Commissioners responded to Pankonin's questions and explained the legal reasoning for approving the permit.

Public Hearing:

Vice Chairman Bottom opened a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on the Request by Property Owners Theodore and Jessica Bruns, DBA Genesis Farm, LLC., for Conditional Use Permit 01-2026 for an exception to RV/Camper parking spaces allowed, located in the SE corner of the SW ¼ of 26-12-39, more commonly known

as 32745 RD 769, Perkins County, NE or PID 680100164 and also located in the SW corner of the SE ¼ of 26-12-39, more commonly known as PID 680062419.

Ed Dunn, with West Central Nebraska Development District, acting as Perkins County Zoning Administrator, provided Commissioners and those in attendance with the Statement of Fact for the Conditional Use Permit. Property Owners Theodore and Jessica Bruns provided a handout and a brief presentation on agritourism related to their Conditional Use Permit request. Commissioners posed questions, and the property owners answered them. There was no comment from those in attendance. The public hearing was closed at 9:15 a.m.

Commissioners met with Tom Werblow, representing T.C. Engineering, Inc., and Highway Superintendent Steve Leimer to discuss several upcoming paving projects in Perkins County. Topics included project logistics, potential costs, HUB grant opportunities, and next steps. Werblow will start gathering additional information to present to the Commissioners soon.

Business With Officials:

Commissioners heard reports from Sheriff Jeffrey Miller, Highway/Noxious Weeds Superintendent Steve Leimer, and County Clerk James Brueggeman about their areas of responsibility. Brueggeman also updated Commissioners on Transit Director Trish Jimenez's report regarding a blown engine on the 2016 transit bus, which will need to be replaced at a Federal/Local cost share of 90%/10%.

Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the February 2026 Fee Reports from the Perkins County Clerk's Office and Perkins County District Court.

Unfinished Business:

Ed Dunn, representing the West Central Nebraska Development District and serving as the Perkins County Planning and Zoning Administrator, was present to continue reviewing the Perkins County Comprehensive Plan and the Perkins County Zoning Regulations. Dunn informed the Commissioners that he will meet with the Perkins County Planning Commission later in the evening to hold a public hearing and take action on the plans and regulations. Commissioners provided additional input to Dunn on items they want to see updated in the plans and regulations.

New Business:

Commissioner Bottom moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded to adopt Resolution 2026-8 approving Conditional Use Permit 01-2026 on the Request by Property Owners Theodore and Jessica Bruns, DBA Genesis Farm, LLC., for

Conditional Use Permit 01-2026 for an exception to RV/Camper parking spaces allowed, located in the SE corner of the SW ¼ of 26-12-39, more commonly known as 32745 RD 769, Perkins County, NE or PID 680100164 and also located in the SW corner of the SE ¼ of 26-12-39, more commonly known as PID 68006241. A roll-call vote was conducted with two ayes, Robertson absent; motion carried.

Commissioner Tucker moved to have Commissioners sign Gravel Pit Leases between Bernard & Melissa Deaver and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Perkins, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, and Cecil Hendricks and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Perkins, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska. A roll-call vote resulted in two ayes, with Robertson absent, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Bottom moved to have the vice chairman sign the Noxious Weed Annual Report and Requirements. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion; roll call vote, two ayes, Robertson absent. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Perkins County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska.

James D. Brueggeman
Perkins County Clerk