

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

**MAY 18, 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 Steven Tucker; County Attorney Richard Roberts; and County Clerk James Brueggeman.

Chairman Robertson 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 May 14, 2026. The chairman also announced the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster in the Commissioner's Room. The agenda was reviewed. Commissioner Tucker motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bottom. A roll call vote was taken, with three ayes, and the motion carried. Commissioner Bottom moved to approve the minutes from the May 4, 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: three ayes, and the motion carried.

The 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, resulting in three votes in favor, and the motion was approved.

### **COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

<b>SALARIES</b>	\$71,125.53
<b>GENERAL</b>	
911 Custom	\$ 2,926.24
Adams Bank & Trust - Grant	\$ 475.00
Aflac	\$ 942.70
Amazon Capital Services	\$ 364.42
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	\$ 10,921.23
Ann Day	\$ 388.23
AT&T Mobility	\$ 871.73
Benchmark Govt. Solutions, LLC	\$ 310.85
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 605.36

Carmen Pelster	\$ 407.00
Chris Loeffler	\$ 335.30
Cindy Salsman	\$ 340.30
CPI Telecom	\$ 1,251.38
Crowne Plaza Kearney	\$ 434.85
Culligan Water Conditioning	\$ 85.00
Deb Hansen	\$ 312.90
Dell Marketing, LP	\$ 19,249.56
Dennis Hansen	\$ 41.45
Eakes Office Plus	\$ 114.57
Eastern Sky, Inc.	\$ 29.00
Ensz Hardware	\$ 5.98
Fiduciary Trust Co Of New Hampshire	\$ 625.00
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 1,572.34
Galls, LLC	\$ 59.26
Gene Steffy Chrysler Jeep Dodge	\$ 43,063.00
Government Forms And Supplies	\$ 273.00
Great Plains Communications	\$ 1,133.18
gWorks	\$ 23,026.67
Hamilton Information Systems, Inc.	\$ 1,888.17
Hatch's Super Foods, Inc.	\$ 119.40
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 789.34
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 389.25
Holmstedt Law Office, PC, LLO	\$ 2,216.98
Ideal Linen	\$ 151.49
Ingram Library Services, Inc.	\$ 1,720.07
Intoximeters	\$ 886.75
Joann Schultz	\$ 315.73
Jorje Geisert	\$ 100.45
Karon Harris	\$ 322.90
Keith County Sheriff	\$ 20.00
Kelly Hansen	\$ 315.73
Lancaster County Sheriff	\$ 18.76
Lincoln County Sheriff	\$ 36.00

Lori Perlinger	\$ 339.00
MIPS, Inc.	\$ 981.96
NBS/Wahltek	\$ 11,755.04
Nebraska Health And Human Services	\$ 90.00
Office Service, Inc.	\$ 1,383.24
Patricia Clough	\$ 135.25
Perkins Co Comm Hospital	\$ 99.00
Perkins County Court	\$ 221.00
Perkins County District Court	\$ 36.00
Perkins County Sheriff	\$ 2.00
Pinnacle Bank	\$ 39,141.64
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 4,633.32
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$ 1,241.08
Protex Central, Inc.	\$ 750.00
RELX, Inc. dba LexisNexis	\$ 313.00
Robbin Cornelius	\$ 349.00
Robert S. Harvoy	\$ 2,764.30
Robin G. Cornelius	\$ 355.68
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc.	\$ 212.05
Sandhills State Bank	\$ 487.50
State of NE - Dept of Revenue	\$ 2,645.46
Thomson Reuters-West	\$ 200.00
Verizon Wireless	\$ 119.79
Westfield Pharmacy, Inc.	\$ 82.63
<b>ROADS</b>	
Amazon Capital Services	\$ 880.81
AT&T Mobility	\$ 225.92
Aurora Cooperative	\$ 12,079.74
Beaver Bearing Co Albion	\$ 381.54
Eastern Sky, Inc.	\$ 3,487.45
Ensz Hardware	\$ 216.92
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 1,296.36
Great Plains Communications	\$ 225.16
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 108.70

Highline	\$ 50.89
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 17,797.56
MCI	\$ 62.83
Midwest Electric Cooperative Corp.	\$ 91.05
Newman Signs, Inc.	\$ 302.91
NMC, Inc.	\$ 32,748.19
North Platte Kubota	\$ 95.88
Quality Diesel, inc.	\$ 1,864.89
Regier Truck Sales	\$ 1,159.48
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc.	\$ 1,752.65
Sapp Brothers Petroleum	\$ 3,482.50
The Scoular Company	\$ 19,037.65
Viaero Wireless	\$ 84.41
Waste Connections, Inc.	\$ 266.09
<b>FAIR</b>	
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 272.12
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 31.56
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 9.35
Potts Electric, LLC	\$ 9,528.10
<b>TRANSIT</b>	
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 173.84
Pronto Convenience	\$ 904.28
Verizon Wireless	\$ 145.91
<b>INHERITANCE TAX</b>	
911 Custom	\$ 2,900.50
<b>911 SERVICES</b>	
Century Link	\$ 3,580.83
Great Plains Communications	\$ 83.32
NBS/Wahltek	\$ 11,755.04
<b>LOCAL AMBULANCE</b>	
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	\$ 3,335.00
Deaver Computer Service 1, LLC	\$ 54.99
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 185.07
Mid Plains Community College	\$ 35.00

Prairie States Communications, Inc.	\$ 1,182.00
<b>TRANSFER AMBULANCE</b>	
AT&T Mobility	\$ 128.25
Aurora Cooperative	\$ 506.37
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$ 842.82

**Correspondence:**

Commissioners received correspondence from J Bar J Landfill regarding the April 2026 tipping fee report.

**Public Comment:**

Opened at 8:43 a.m. and closed at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners heard public comments from Norma Jean Kuskie and Julie Kuskie in support of appointing Regina Berry to fill the Assessor vacancy on June 16, 2026.

**Public Hearings:**

Commissioner Robertson opened a public hearing on the 2026 Perkins County Comprehensive Plan at 9:00 a.m. Ed Dunn, representing West Central Nebraska Development District and acting as Perkins County Planning & Zoning Administrator, read a statement to the Commissioners regarding the comprehensive plan and zoning regulations. Dr. Ruth Demmel provided positive comments on proposed changes to the plan. Commissioner Robertson closed the public hearing at 9:15 a.m.

Commissioner Robertson opened a public hearing on the 2026 Perkins County Zoning Regulations at 9:15 a.m. Ed Dunn reiterated the statement he provided earlier. Dr. Demmel provided commentary. Phil Calkins stated he wanted to read the document. Ed Dunn had four copies of the comprehensive plan and zoning regulations publicly available and provided Calkins with a copy of the zoning regulations. Chairman Robertson closed the public hearing at 9:31 a.m.

**Board of Equalization:**

Chairman Robertson recessed the Commissioner meeting at 9:31 a.m. to convene as the Perkins County Board of Equalization. Chairman Robertson reconvened the Commissioner meeting at 9:38 a.m. following the Perkins County Board of Equalization meeting.

**Business With Officials:**

Commissioners received updates from County Clerk James Brueggeman, Sheriff

Jeffrey Miller, Highway Superintendent Steve Leimer, and Assessor Peggy Burton about their respective operations.

Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the County Clerk Fee and District Court Fee Reports for April 2026.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Commissioner Bottom moved to accept Perkins County Assessor Peggy Burton's Notice of Retirement effective June 15, 2026, with appreciation for Burton's years of service to Perkins County. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Tucker moved to appoint Deputy Perkins County Assessor Regina Berry as Perkins County Assessor, effective June 16, 2026, to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three yes votes; motion carried.

Commissioners met with representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to discuss the fiscal year 2026-2027 Wildlife Services Work and Financial Plan. Commissioner Bottom moved to have Chairman Robertson sign the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Wildlife Services Work and Financial Plan. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. All three voted in favor; the motion carried.

At 10:13 a.m., commissioners and attendees continued discussing the 2026 Perkins County Comprehensive Plan and the Perkins County Zoning Regulations. Commissioners recessed at 10:42 a.m. for a short break. They reconvened at 10:48 a.m. to resume the discussion and finished at 11:06 a.m.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Tucker moved to adopt Resolution 2026-12, a resolution adopting the 2026 Perkins County Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Bottom moved to adopt Resolution 2026-13, which adopts the 2026 Perkins County Zoning Regulation, amending Section 7.09 to prohibit adult entertainment establishments and leaving pages 152, 153, 154, and 155 intentionally

blank. The resolution also updates the Table of Contents and adopted dates. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. Roll-call vote: three ayes; the motion carried.

Commissioners took no action on the Moratorium on accepting applications for Commercial Wind Energy Systems, Commercial Solar Energy Systems, CO2 Energy Storage Systems, and Crypto Mining Operations.

Commissioner Bottom moved to adopt a 10-day official notice for weed control under the Noxious Weed Control Act. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three ayes; motion carried.

Commissioner Tucker moved to adopt Resolution 2026-14, a resolution adopting noxious weed notices fees. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Tucker moved to approve equipment rental for the Perkins County Fair Board for three months at \$450.00 per month. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three ayes; motion carried.

Commissioner Bottom moved to approve the 5311 Program Agreement for Federal-Aid Funds Supplemental Agreement for Fiscal Year 2027 and had Chairman Robertson sign the agreement. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Bottom moved to enter into executive session at 11:21 a.m., with Commissioners, County Attorney Rick Roberts, and County Clerk James Brueggeman present to discuss pending litigation in Federal District Court regarding the Ian Stevens Lease. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. Roll call vote resulted in three ayes, and the motion carried. The Commissioners entered executive session at 11:21 a.m.

Commissioner Tucker moved to end the executive session at 11:35 a.m. following discussions on pending litigation. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three ayes. The motion was approved. The commissioners left the executive session at 11:35 a.m.

Commissioner Bottom moved to hire Tori Gerdes from Baylor Evnen Law Firm to file an answer in Ian Stevens' lease litigation in Federal District Court before the June 2, 2026, deadline, prior to entering into a contract of representation.

Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three ayes. The motion carried.

Commissioner Tucker motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Bottom. A roll call vote was conducted, and all three members approved the motion.

The meeting ended at 12:18 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Perkins County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., at the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska.

James D. Brueggeman  
Perkins County Clerk