

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

JULY 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, 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 was published in The Grant Tribune-Sentinel on July 16, 2026. The chairman also stated that a copy of the Open Meetings Act and Meeting Materials was available in the Commissioner's Room. The agenda was reviewed. Commissioner Bottom moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tucker. A roll call vote was taken, with three votes in favor, and the motion carried. Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2026, 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 votes in favor, and the motion carried.

The payroll and claims submitted to the County Board were reviewed. Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the payroll and claims, including the auditor's suggested journal entries to transfer cellular telephone allowances from operating expenses to personal expenses, as well as a pending payroll overpayment correction for employee Ruth Lassen. Commissioner Bottom seconded. A roll-call vote was conducted, with three votes in favor, and the motion was approved.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES

SALARIES

\$81,313.17

GENERAL

Adams Bank & Trust - Grant	\$ 475.00
Aflac	\$ 1,207.19
Amazon Capital Services	\$ 1,025.35
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	\$ 1,476.93
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AT&T Mobility	\$ 78.58
Bear Graphics	\$ 305.65
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 393.79

CPI Telecom	\$ 1,251.38
Culligan Water Conditioning	\$ 102.00
Dana F Cole & Company, LLP	\$ 22,610.00
DAS State Account - Cntrl. Fin.	\$ 266.50
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Eakes Office Plus	\$ 42.48
Ensz Hardware	\$ 33.99
Fiduciary Trust Co Of New Hampshire	\$ 625.00
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 2,526.75
Great Plains Communications	\$ 1,146.51
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 758.30
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 302.49
Ideal Linen	\$ 151.49
Keith County Jail	\$ 2,500.00
Kent's Towing	\$ 250.00
Law Office Of Ashley K. Spahn	\$ 25.00
Law Office Of Steven E Elmshaeuser	\$ 1,450.00
Mowers N More, LLC	\$ 254.50
NE Weed Control Association	\$ 150.00
Office Service, Inc.	\$ 23.71
Pankonin Ag Services	\$ 182.70
Perkins Co Sheriff	\$ 35.10
Perkins County Road Fund	\$250,000.00
Pinnacle Bank	\$ 43,525.85
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 46.46
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 4,989.57
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$ 8,696.92
Quality Diesel, Inc.	\$ 7,968.20
Region 51 EMA	\$ 75.00
Region II Services	\$ 6,288.00
Robert S. Harvoy	\$ 756.25
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc.	\$ 197.23
Sandhills State Bank	\$ 487.50
State of NE - Dept. of Revenue	\$ 3,199.17

Thomson Reuters-West	\$ 200.00
U.S. Department Of Agriculture	\$ 148.93
United States Treasury	\$ 111.36
Verizon Wireless	\$ 119.79
Westfield Pharmacy, Inc.	\$ 173.29
Wolf Auto	\$ 623.28

ROADS

Amazon Capital Services	\$ 1.18
American Energy Delivery, Inc.	\$ 8,885.45
Aurora Cooperative	\$ 12,507.55
Consolidated Telcom, Inc.	\$ 120.49
Cornhusker Glass, Inc.	\$ 1,059.80
Eastern Sky, Inc.	\$ 58.72
Ensz Hardware	\$ 7.16
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 442.72
Great Plains Communications	\$ 222.96
Highline	\$ 50.25
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 16,238.32
Midwest Electric Cooperative Corp.	\$ 90.79
NMC, LLC	\$ 13,443.33
North Platte Kubota	\$ 4,177.00
Perkins Co Health Services	\$ 495.00
Perkins Co Treasurer	\$ 20.00
Potts Welding And Fabrication Services	\$ 479.92
Powerplan	\$ 2,563.05
Prairie States Communications, Inc.	\$ 627.39
RD Brueggeman Trucking	\$ 7,965.00
Regier Truck Sales	\$ 55.17
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc.	\$ 524.49
Sapp Brothers Petroleum	\$ 848.00
Viaero Wireless	\$ 42.19
Waste Connections, Inc.	\$ 299.35
Whitmore Manufacturing, LLC	\$ 547.99

FAIR

Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$	266.40
Ensz Hardware	\$	38.46
Leibbrandt Lumber, Inc.	\$	182.12

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$	70.07
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$	566.78
Ride Rite Garage	\$	550.08
Verizon Wireless	\$	145.90

WIRELINE 911 SERVICES

CenturyLink	\$	81.00
Geo-Comm, Inc.	\$	7,546.09
Great Plains Communications	\$	83.32

LOCAL AMBULANCE

Bound Tree Medical, LLC	\$	43.58
Deaver Computer Service 1, LLC	\$	158.97
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$	275.30
Henry Schein, Inc.	\$	209.47
Mid Plains Community College	\$	300.00

WIRELINE 911 SERVICES

AT&T Mobility	\$	128.25
Aurora Cooperative	\$	454.78
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$	1,239.26
Quality Diesel, Inc.	\$	288.06

Correspondence:

Received from the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment was a Notice of Application Letter for Major Modification at Wilson Feed Yards, Inc., dated July 13, 2026.

Public Comment:

Opened at 8:40 a.m. and closed at 9:01 a.m. No public comments were received.

Business With Officials:

Commissioners received updates from County Clerk James Brueggeman, County Treasurer Julie Sestak, County Assessor Regina Berry, Sheriff Jeffrey Miller,

Highway Superintendent Steve Leimer, Assistant Highway Superintendent Brian Brassfield, and Advanced EMT Travis Ogg about their respective operations.

Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement covering the period from January 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026.

Perkins County Attorney Richard Roberts briefed Commissioners on Plaintiff objections and the filing of answers for Perkins County in the U.S. District Court case of Ian Stevens vs. Perkins County, Nebraska. Roberts expects a decision on the filed motions in 6-8 weeks and noted that the motion to change venue was denied as premature until other motions are resolved. The matter will remain on upcoming agendas.

Board of Equalization:

Chairman Robertson recessed the meeting at 9:01 a.m to convene as the Perkins County Board of Equalization. He then reconvened the meeting at 9:47 a.m. after the Perkins County Board of Equalization adjourned and a short break was taken.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Commissioners discussed the West Central Nebraska Development District Professional Service Agreement for the Zoning Administration in Perkins County, Nebraska. Commissioner Bottom disclosed his conflict of interest, as he is currently the Chairman of the West Central Nebraska Development District Board. Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the Professional Service Agreement between the West Central Nebraska Development District and Perkins County for Zoning Administration and have the Chairman sign. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: two ayes; Commissioner Bottom abstained due to conflict. The motion carried.

Assessor Regina Berry notified the Commissioners about the upcoming reappraisal of commercial properties, including grain and chemical facilities within Perkins County. Berry presented a maintenance agreement with Stanard Appraisal Services, Inc. for conducting the appraisal work. Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the Maintenance Agreement between the Perkins County Board of Commissioners and Stanard Appraisal Services, Inc. for the period from August 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and to have the Chairman sign it. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion, a roll call vote was taken, with three ayes; the motion carried.

Emergency Manager James Brueggeman presented a resolution to the Commissioners regarding the adoption of the 2025 Perkins County, Nebraska, Local Emergency Operations Plan. Commissioner Bottom moved to approve Resolution 2026-16 to adopt the 2025 Perkins County Local Emergency Operations Plan and to have the Commissioners sign it. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was conducted with three ayes, and the motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP Audit Engagement Letter for Perkins County, Nebraska, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, with the County Clerk and Treasurer. Commissioner Bottom moved not to sign the letter. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion; roll call vote: three ayes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the Proposal to Serve Perkins County presented by Gabriel, Burger & Else, Certified Public Accountants from Seward, Nebraska, for Fiscal Years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029. County Clerk Brueggeman provided a history of service dates and costs for the past and current auditor. County Treasurer Julie Sestak also shared input on the audit process as it involves her office. Commissioner Tucker made a motion for the Chairman to sign the Proposal to Serve Perkins County, presented by Gabriel, Burger & Else, Certified Public Accountants, Seward, Nebraska, July 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bottom, followed by a roll call vote with three ayes, and the motion carried.

Chairman Bottom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Commissioner Tucker seconded. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye, and the motion passed.

The meeting ended at 11:29 a.m.

James D. Brueggeman
Perkins County Clerk