

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

AUGUST 3, 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 30, 2026. The chairman also announced that the Open Meetings Act and Meeting Materials were available 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 three votes in favor, and the motion carried. Commissioner Bottom moved to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2026, meeting, as published in The Grant Tribune-Sentinel, on Perkins County's website, and made available in the Clerk's Office. Commissioner Tucker seconded. Roll call vote: three votes in favor, and the motion carried.

The payroll and claims submitted to the County Board were examined. Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the payroll and claims, and Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. A roll call was conducted, resulting in three votes in favor, and the motion was approved.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES

SALARIES	\$78,508.81
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GENERAL

Adams Bank & Trust - Grant	\$ 475.00
Aflac	\$ 1,227.80
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	\$11,557.01
Baylor Evnen Wolfe & Tannehill, LLP	\$ 8,671.50
Carlson Electric, Inc.	\$ 978.20
CenturyLink	\$ 41.85
Charles Kuskie	\$ 16.00
City Of Grant	\$ 3,031.54
Datashield	\$ 138.36

Eakes Office Plus	\$ 49.74
Eastern Sky, Inc.	\$ 182.50
Fiduciary Trust Co Of New Hampshire	\$ 625.00
Goff Services	\$ 698.78
Government Forms And Supplies	\$ 689.00
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 9.35
Hometown Leasing	\$ 217.02
Keith County Sheriff	\$ 20.00
Law Office Of Steven E Elmshaeuser	\$ 1,850.00
Lincoln County Clerk	\$ 3,209.89
Nebraska Health And Human Services	\$ 90.00
Office Service, Inc.	\$ 4,275.00
Pinnacle Bank	\$42,534.49
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 995.26
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 4,989.57
Point C	\$ 321.50
Relx, Inc. dba LexisNexis	\$ 313.00
Sandhills State Bank	\$ 362.50
State of NE - Dept. of Revenue	\$ 3,050.31
The Lincoln National Life Ins Co	\$ 1,615.70
University of Nebraska - Lincoln	\$ 64.50
Verizon Wireless	\$ 59.78
West Central NE Aging Agency	\$ 2,459.73

ROADS

AT&T Mobility	\$ 169.24
Big Springs Equipment, inc.	\$ 246.64
BOKF, NA	\$ 6,893.61
Consolidated Telcom, Inc.	\$ 120.77
NPPD	\$ 311.57
Potts Welding & Fabrication Services	\$ 697.89
RD Brueggeman Trucking	\$11,145.00
Sandhills State Bank	\$10,643.08
Vistabeam	\$ 71.95

FAIR

Amber Willard	\$ 134.40
Becky Spady	\$ 201.50
Best Western Plus Ogallala Inn	\$ 2,035.05
Betty Armstrong	\$ 108.00
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 266.40
Briana Barger	\$ 173.25
Bryce Roberts	\$ 709.72
Calla Gillen	\$ 305.05
Charlene Fichtner	\$ 140.70
Christy Sheets	\$ 90.60
City Of Grant	\$ 2,335.59
Dustin Ladenburger	\$ 114.25
Jean Tobiasson	\$ 148.30
Leibbrandt Lumber, Inc.	\$ 2,543.89
McDermott Auction Service, LLC	\$ 800.00
Mitzi Diltz	\$ 242.90
Pinnacle Bank	\$ 2,685.50
Tawny Rueter	\$ 197.50
Tracy Morris	\$ 412.85
PUBLIC TRANSIT	
City Of Grant	\$ 21.03
Perkins County Senior Center	\$ 632.00
WIRELINE 911 SERVICES	
CenturyLink	\$ 1,089.53
Elsie Communications, Inc.	\$ 192.84
LOCAL AMBULANCE	
Buckeye Welding Supply Co., Inc.	\$ 142.60
One Billing Solutions, LLC	\$ 2,838.89
WIRELINE 911 SERVICES	
Deaver Computer Service 1, LLC	\$ 64.99
One Billing Solutions, LLC	\$ 4,411.19
Perkins County Health Services	\$ 592.31
Rick Ochsner	\$ 62.50

Correspondence:

Commissioners received a budget letter and invoice from the Nebraska District 11 Probation Office, dated July 21, 2026. They also received the 2026 County Government Survey for Perkins County, Nebraska, from the National Association of Counties (NACo), dated July 30, 2026. Commissioner Tucker will complete the survey on behalf of Perkins County.

Public Comment:

Opened at 8:40 a.m. and closed at 9:00 a.m. No public comments were received.

Bid Openings:

Bids for a new 2026 Articulated All-Wheel Drive Motor Grader were opened at 9:00 a.m. Nebraska Machinery Company submitted a bid for a Caterpillar 150-16A at \$454,900, with a trade-in of a 2013 Caterpillar 12M2 valued at \$81,100, resulting in a net difference of \$373,800. Murphy Tractor submitted a bid for a John Deere 772P at \$405,750, with a trade-in of a 2013 Caterpillar 12M2 valued at \$48,500, leading to a net difference of \$357,250. The Commissioners, the Highway Superintendent, and the Assistant Highway Superintendent asked questions of Gregg O'Brien, representing NMC, and Jordan Gardner, representing Murphy Tractor, both of whom attended the meeting. The Commissioners tabled the bid award until the August 17, 2026, meeting to allow time for the Commissioners and Highway Superintendent to review the bids.

Commissioners opened bids at 9:30 a.m. for the sale of a surplus black 2019 Dodge Durango Pursuit, still partly equipped with law enforcement gear. The only bid received was from the Chase County Sheriff's Office, for \$19,050. Commissioner Bottom moved to accept the bid from the Chase County Sheriff's Office for \$19,050. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and all three voted in favor, passing the motion.

Business With Officials:

Commissioners received updates from County Clerk James Brueggeman, County Assessor Regina Berry, Sheriff Jeffrey Miller, Highway Superintendent Steve Leimer, Assistant Highway Superintendent Brian Brassfield, and Paramedic Travis Ogg about their respective operations.

Perkins County Attorney Richard Roberts briefed Commissioners on the case of Ian Stevens vs. Perkins County, Nebraska, and reported that there are no major updates at this time.

Board of Equalization:

Chairman Robertson recessed the meeting at 9:58 a.m to convene as the Perkins County Board of Equalization. He then reconvened the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

County Clerk Brueggeman discussed with the Commissioners the Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP Audit Engagement Letter and Management Representation Letter for Perkins County, Nebraska, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Commissioner Bottom moved to have the Chairman sign the letters. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion; roll call vote: three ayes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the Trails West CASA Contract with Perkins County for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the contract and have Chairman Robertson sign. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three in favor; motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the Perkins County Local Public Agency Annual Certification Form for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Chairman Tucker moved to have the Chairman sign the certification, and Chairman Bottom seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, with all three members voting in favor.

Commissioners reviewed the Plans and Specifications for the Elsie/Paxton Road 346 County Road 346 Project and the Perkins County Overlay 2026 Project with the Highway Superintendent and Assistant Highway Superintendent. They decided to wait on both projects for now.

Commissioners discussed with the Highway Superintendent the written proposal from Shelco Asphalt and Paving for Elsie/Paxton Road Repair 2026-1. Commissioner Bottom moved to approve the proposal for \$4,278 minus \$900 for county road employees providing traffic control during the repairs, for a total cost of \$3,378. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioners Bottom moved to approve Resolution 2026-17, the Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2026, for the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. A roll

call vote was taken, with three ayes, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Tucker moved to have Chairman Robertson sign the County's Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards for 2026. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. Roll call vote: three ayes; motion carried.

Commissioners discussed updates to how they will provide quarterly notices for the regular commissioner and Board of Equalization meeting schedule, including meeting time and location. Commissioner Bottom moved to have these notices published in The Grant Tribune Sentinel, with meetings scheduled for the first and third Mondays of each month, except when a Monday is a holiday, the meeting will be held the following day, with the regular commissioners' meeting at 8:30 a.m., and any necessary Board of Equalization meetings at 9:00 a.m., all in the Commissioners Room #202 of the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Perkins County, Nebraska. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was conducted, resulting in three ayes, and the motion carried.

Commissioners discussed updates to the method for providing individual notices for the regular commissioner and Board of Equalization meeting schedule, including meeting times and locations. Commissioner Tucker moved to use the Perkins County website www.perkinscounty.ne.gov to provide individual notices for the regular commissioner and Board of Equalization meetings. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion, roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

County Clerk Brueggeman and Paramedic Travis Ogg discussed with Commissioners the proposed long distance transfer salaries for July 2026. Commissioner Tucker moved to adopt the proposed salaries for ambulance drivers, EMTs, Advanced EMTs, and nurses, with the condition that Perkins County Ambulance will no longer provide employee travel-related snacks or meals during ambulance transfers. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held, with all three members present voting aye, and the motion passed.

Budget Preparer James Brueggeman presented the Commissioners with a preliminary draft of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget and discussed upcoming changes to the Joint Public Hearing process for 2026 and 2027. Brueggeman reviewed the proposed expenditures and revenues outlined in the budget and worked with the Commissioners to reduce proposed expenses to ensure compliance with the Nebraska Property Tax Request Act and to stay below the Allowable Growth Percentage.

Chairman Tucker moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Bottom seconded. A roll-call vote was conducted, with all members voting aye, and the motion passed.

The meeting ended at 1:24 p.m.

James D. Brueggeman
Perkins County Clerk

The next regular meeting of the Perkins County Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners Meeting Room #202 at the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska. An individual meeting notice, agenda, and all related meeting materials provided to the County Clerk's Office in advance can be found on the county website www.perkinscounty.ne.gov at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.