

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

AUGUST 17, 2026

GRANT, NEBRASKA

The Perkins County, Nebraska, Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska.

Present: Commissioners Mark Bottom and Steven Tucker. Commissioner Darin Robertson was initially absent but arrived at 10:39 a.m. County Attorney Richard Roberts and County Clerk James Brueggeman were also present.

Commissioner Tucker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. It was announced that the quarterly notice of the meeting was published in The Grant Tribune-Sentinel and individual notice was posted on the Perkins County website. Commissioner Tucker also announced that the Open Meetings Act and Meeting Materials were 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 two votes in favor, Robertson absent, and the motion carried. Commissioner Bottom moved to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2026, meeting, as published in The Grant Tribune-Sentinel, posted on Perkins County's website, and made available in the Clerk's Office. Commissioner Tucker seconded. Roll call vote: two votes in favor, Robertson absent, and the motion carried.

The County Board reviewed the payroll and claims submitted. Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the payroll and claims, except for a claim to Windesigns drawn from the transfer ambulance fund. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. A roll call resulted in three votes in favor, and the motion was approved.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES

SALARIES	\$81,444.82
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GENERAL

Adams Bank & Trust - Grant	\$ 475.00
Aflac	\$ 1,227.80
Amazon Capital Services	\$ 705.75
Ameritas, Retirement Plans Division	\$11,641.70
AT&T Mobility	\$ 916.74
Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 275.29
CPI Telecom	\$ 1,251.38
Culligan Water Conditioning	\$ 130.50

DAS State Accounting - Cntrl. Fin.	\$ 880.90
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Eakes Office Plus	\$ 150.36
Ensz Hardware	\$ 420.63
Fiduciary Trust Co Of New Hampshire	\$ 625.00
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 1,791.77
Grant Lions Club	\$ 28.00
Great Plains Communication	\$ 1,174.43
Hamilton Information Systems, Inc.	\$ 4,650.00
High Plains News North, LLC	\$ 1,117.40
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 1,176.59
Holiday Inn - Kearney	\$ 279.90
Ideal Linen	\$ 151.49
Imperial Napa	\$ 16.74
Law Office Of Steven E Elmshaeuser	\$ 625.00
MIPS, Inc.	\$ 3,156.67
NACO	\$ 50.00
Office Service, Inc.	\$ 99.56
Perkins County Court	\$ 34.00
Perkins County District Court	\$ 108.00
Pinnacle Bank	\$43,133.19
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 135.61
Pinnacle Bank - Grant	\$ 4,989.57
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$ 425.39
Relx, Inc. dba LexisNexis	\$ 313.00
Reynolds, Korth & Samuelson PC LLO	\$ 218.75
Robert S. Harvoy	\$ 939.15
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc.	\$ 509.72
Sandhills State Bank	\$ 362.50
State of Nebraska - Dept. of Revenue	\$ 3,121.54
Sur-Tec, Inc.	\$ 2,963.00
Thomson Reuters-West	\$ 200.00
US Bank	\$ 6.99
UNL Extension Perkins County	\$ 45.21

Verizon Wireless	\$ 119.79
West Central NE Development Dist.	\$ 2,730.00
Westfield Pharmacy, Inc.	\$ 83.67

ROADS

Amazon Capital Services	\$ 386.02
AT&T Mobility	\$ 169.24
Country Load Trailer Sales	\$10,928.95
DMC Wear Parts, LLC	\$36,480.00
Great Plains Communications	\$ 222.96
Highline	\$ 50.25
Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 6,301.36
Imperial Napa	\$ 134.89
Kubota Credit Corporation, U.S.A.	\$25,435.18
Midwest Electric Cooperative Corp.	\$ 105.98
NMC, LLC	\$ 3,473.10
Perkins Co Health Services	\$ 150.00
Powerplan	\$ 1,204.06
Prairie States Comm. Inc.	\$ 280.80
Regier Truck Sales	\$ 13.38
Ross Family Auto Parts, Inc.	\$ 824.64
Viaero Wireless	\$ 42.20
Waste Connections, Inc.	\$ 299.35

FAIR

Ensz Hardware	\$ 231.93
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 314.94
Grant Lions Club	\$ 248.00
Hatch's Super Foods, Inc.	\$ 59.60
Patsy J. Kroeker	\$ 293.80
Samantha Goff	\$ 452.28
Schmidt Seamless Gutter	\$ 499.00
Superior Sanitation Services, Inc.	\$ 3,270.00

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC	\$ 63.56
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 910.96

Perkins Co Health Services	\$ 103.00
Ride Rite Garage	\$ 1,894.51
Verizon Wireless	\$ 145.90
WIRELINE 911 SERVICES	
Great Plains Communications	\$ 83.32
LOCAL AMBULANCE	
AT&T Mobility	\$ 128.25
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	\$ 124.36
Frenchman Valley Coop	\$ 70.35
Ride Rite Garage	\$ 844.89
Windesigns, Inc.	\$ 191.93
TRANSFER AMBULANCE	
Express Toll	\$ 4.60
Pinnacle Bank - Omaha	\$ 1,033.82
Ride Rite Garage	\$ 2,385.36

Correspondence:

Commissioners received the July 2026 J Bar J Landfill Monthly Report, dated August 1, 2026. Commissioners also received a letter dated July 12, 2026, from the Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding Bridge Load Posting Responsibilities and Confirmation Requirements.

Public Comment:

Opened at 8:40 a.m. and closed at 9:00 a.m. Matt Bright, representing Summit Carbon Solutions, presented Commissioners with information on a 24" CO2 pipeline slated for installation across Perkins County in the future. John Rundel of Southwest Weed Management met with Commissioners to request a letter of support for grant purposes and to update them on weed management activity in the Southwest region. No other public comments were received.

Tabled Bid Award:

Commissioners reviewed with Highway Superintendent Leimer the bids received at the previous meeting for a new 2026 Articulated All-Wheel Drive Motor Grader. Representatives from NMC and Murphy Tractor attended and answered questions. Commissioner Bottom moved to accept Murphy Tractor's bid for a John Deere 772P at \$405,750 with no trade and to authorize Chairman Robertson to seek and arrange

financing for the purchase. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with three aye votes, and the motion carried.

Business With Officials:

Commissioners received updates on their respective operations 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.

Perkins County Attorney Richard Roberts briefed Commissioners on the case of Ian Stevens vs. Perkins County, Nebraska, and reported no major updates.

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

Board of Equalization:

Commissioner Tucker recessed the meeting at 9:00 a.m to convene as the Perkins County Board of Equalization. He reconvened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Commissioner Bottom moved to approve the Commissioners' signing a letter of support for the Nebraska Environmental Trust for the Southwest Weed Management Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Project 2027-2028. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: two ayes, Robertson absent. Motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the Southwest Weed Management \$500.00 Request for Funding for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 but took no action.

Budget Preparer James Brueggeman presented Commissioners with Resolution 2026-18, Granting Levy Authority to Other County Governments, and explained that, as written, the Resolution would provide no levy authority to other government entities under the county. Commissioner Tucker moved to adopt Resolution 2026-18 as presented and to have the Chairman sign. Commissioner Bottom seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes; motion carried.

Commissioners discussed with Sheriff Miller a Resolution Setting the Number and

Compensation of Sheriff's Deputies, as required of County Commissioners by Nebraska Revised Statute. Commissioner Bottom moved to approve Resolution 2026-19 as presented and to have the Chairman sign. Sheriff Miller agreed to meet with Commissioners before hiring a fifth deputy so they can evaluate the feasibility of financing another county employee and equipment. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with three ayes, and the motion carried.

Sheriff Miller updated Commissioners on a budgetary quote from Axon Enterprises, Inc., and said he would present additional documents for consideration at the September 8, 2026, board meeting.

Budget Preparer James Brueggeman presented the Commissioners with a second draft of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget and informed them that the next revision depends on the growth and valuation amounts to be certified by the Assessor on or before August 20, 2026. Brueggeman also informed the Commissioners that the budget remains structured to comply with the Nebraska Property Tax Request Act and to stay below the Allowable Growth Percentage, thereby not necessitating Perkins County's participation in a Joint Public Hearing.

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

The meeting ended at 11:36 a.m.

James D. Brueggeman
Perkins County Clerk

The Perkins County Courthouse will be closed Monday, September 7, 2026, for Labor Day.

The next regular meeting of the Perkins County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 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.

A separate meeting will follow at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget.