

Wayne, Nebraska
March 3, 2026

The Wayne County Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Sievers at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, in the Wayne County Courtroom. Chairman Sievers, Members Matt Eischeid and James Rabe, Clerk Joni Tietz, Deputy County Attorney, Ted Lohrberg and Sheriff Jason Dwinell were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on February 12, 2026. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

The agenda was approved on a motion made by Rabe, seconded by Eischeid. Roll call vote: Rabe, Eischeid, Sievers-aye; motion carried.

Dawn Duffy, Wayne County Assessor, requested that the Board approve four (4) Homestead Corrections from 2022. Audits were done by the Property Tax Division determining decreases in the amounts of exemptions. Motion made by Rabe, seconded by Eischeid to approve four (4) Homestead Corrections - Nos. 105,106,107 &108. Roll call vote: Rabe, Eischeid, Sievers-aye; motion carried. Assessor Duffy also presented a personal property correction for 2021 adding \$1472 to valuation. Motion made by Rabe, seconded by Eischeid to approve Personal Property Correction No. 109. Roll call vote: Rabe, Eischeid, Sievers-aye; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk

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The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, in the Wayne County Courtroom. Chairman James Rabe, Members Matt Eischeid and Terry Sievers, Clerk Joni Tietz, County Attorney, Amy Miller, Deputy County Attorney, Ted Lohrberg and Sheriff Jason Dwinell were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on February 19, 2026. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

Chairman Rabe presented the following consent agenda items:

- a. Act on February 17, 2026, minutes as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Act on payroll; commissioners abstain from approving personal claims
- c. Approve Fee Report of Jason Dwinell, Wayne County Sheriff, for \$1387.51

Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Eischeid to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

The regular agenda was approved on motion made by Eischeid, seconded by Sievers. Roll call vote: Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

Julie Schultz, UNL Extension educator, requested Board support in sponsoring Connect the Dots Program focusing on college career education. The cost would be \$2000 for program expenses only. Board member Eischeid has agreed to be part of the career cluster. Motion made by Eischeid, seconded by Sievers, to approve the cost of the Connect the Dots Program. Roll call vote: Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe; all ayes.

Kyle Huff, Highway Superintendent, brought documents to the Board for their signature and approval for the land swap between the Village of Winside and Wayne County. This has been in the process for a long period of time and Huff attended the Village board meeting, Monday, March 2, to obtain signatures from the Village Board. Eischeid made a motion for the County of Wayne to swap part of Lot 3, Wesley Addition to Village of Winside, Wayne County, Nebraska, with Lot 1, Southwest Addition to Village of Winside, Wayne County, Nebraska, and authorizing the Chairman to sign the deed to the Village of Winside, together with an easement for ingress and egress to utilities. Sievers seconded the Motion. Roll call vote: Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe; all ayes.

Wayne County Weed Superintendent, Doug Deck, along with Noxious Weed Board president, Randy Kleensang, informed the Board that Deck was planning to retire at the end of 2026. They asked for Board of Commissioner approval to advertise for a new superintendent that could be trained this summer. The clerk will place an ad in the

paper and on the county's website to take applications for the position. The Noxious Weed Board will interview the candidates and bring their choice to a commissioner meeting for final approval.

Lawn care for 2026 was discussed. Sievers suggested the County purchase a mower and dump trailer and take care of the lawn with the current maintenance director, Pat Brentlinger, with help from the road departments. Brentlinger told the board if that is what they decided he would make it work. Eischeid then indicated the problems that could result in the event of considerable moisture and heat. Roads would take precedence over mowing and there may be times it can't be caught up. Eischeid suggested that until a lot of the unknowns are managed it may be more convenient having someone else take care of the lawn without pulling roadmen off projects. The Clerk was directed to place an advertisement for mowing and an advertisement for weed control.

District 2 Commissioner Eischeid discussed the tractor needs for the Carroll shop. There had been a lease agreement with Dinkels in the past. In speaking with District 2 foreman, Travis Hefti, and Highway Superintendent Huff they wanted to make sure that they got the right size or tractor in order to use the snow blower and drag. He is not looking for a specific brand since each district has their own idea. Sievers stated he would rather make payments on a new one rather than lease since it's a long term investment. Eischeid's idea is to put the all equipment on a plan for replacement on a rotating basis. He stated he will begin by looking at local entities with Sourcewell kept as a source.

Sievers made a motion at 9:55 a.m. to go into executive session with Eischeid seconding the motion. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

Eischeid made a motion at 10:10 to come out of executive session with Sievers seconding. Roll call vote: Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

On Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Eischeid, the following claims were approved. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

General Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$72,171.66; Applied Connective, CO \$1,450.75; AT&T Mobility, SU,OE \$133.14; Bomgaars, SU \$75.24; Burkhart, Vince, OE \$20.00; Carroll Public Library, OE \$2,250.00; Copple, Rocky, et al., OE \$907.50; CVSOAN, OE \$60.00; Eakes Office Solutions, SU \$13.50; Galvin, Miguel, OE \$20.00; Hometown Leasing, ER \$118.41; Jan X, SU \$194.72; Jorgensen Law, OE \$682.55; Miller Law, OE, ER \$1,419.92; NACO, OE \$200.00; Nextlink Internet, OE \$373.59; Schenk, Stacy, OE \$475.00; Wayne Clerk of District Court, OE \$36.00; Wayne County Sheriff, OE \$217.50; Wayne Public Library, OE \$6,500.00; Winside Public Library, OE \$4,250.00; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$15,992.46; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$8,304.73;

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$35,505.60; Bomgaars, SU,MA \$603.56; Faith Regional Health Services, OE \$47.00; Filtercare of Nebraska, RP \$31.50; Fredrickson Oil Company, MA \$2,456.75; Nebraska Harvestore Systems, RP \$10.16; NMC Exchange LLC RP \$4,104.68; Northeast Power, OE \$239.50; RDO Truck Centers, RP \$37.50; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$7,422.31; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$3,994.38

Lodging Tax Grant: Winside Fire & Rescue, OE \$750.00

Meeting Adjourned.

State of Nebraska)

County of Wayne) ss.

I, the undersigned, County Clerk of Wayne County Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subject included in the attached proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting of March 3, 2026, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in such agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that the said minutes of the meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Wayne were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of March 2026.

Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk

