

Wayne, Nebraska
April 7, 2026

The Wayne County Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Sievers at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, in the Wayne County Courthouse courtroom. Chairman Sievers, Members Matt Eischeid and James Rabe, Clerk Joni Tietz and Deputy County Attorney, Ted Lohrberg, were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on March 19, 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 and seconded by Eischeid. Roll call vote: Rabe, Eischeid, Sievers-aye; motion carried.

Personal Property Correction No. 110 for personal property reported in the wrong location was approved on a motion made by Rabe and seconded by Eischeid. Roll call vote: Rabe, Eischeid, Sievers – aye; motion carried.

Personal Property Acceleration #111 due to the closing of a business was approved on a motion made by Rabe and seconded by Eischeid. 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, in the Wayne County Courtroom. Chairman Rabe, Members Matt Eischeid and Terry Sievers, Clerk Joni Tietz and Deputy County Attorney, Ted Lohrberg, were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on March 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 March 17, 2026, minutes as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Act on payroll; commissioners abstain from approving personal claims
- c. Approve Fee Reports of Diane Pieper, Clerk of the District Court, March Fees \$3481.00; Jason Dwinell, Wayne County Sheriff \$1170.50

After Sievers had a question regarding the Burial Application he made a motion, seconded by Eischeid to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the following items:

- d. Approve County Burial Application 26-1
- e. Receive and file the 2024-25 audit.

Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

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

Heather Headley, Wayne City Librarian, requested permission to use the South diagonal parking area as well as the adjacent south lawn for a Summer Reading Program entitled “Touch the Bus” on June 18, 2026. A canopy may be used during story time. Commissioner Eischeid stated that she reach out to Joel Hansen of the City of Wayne regarding blocking off the parking area and such. Eischeid then made a motion to use the south lawn of the Courthouse for the Library Program with Sievers seconding it. Roll call vote: Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Gaylin Woodward and Ted Lohrberg presented a Petition of Vacation of Plat together with Resolution #26-4 requesting that the Board vacate the Plat of the Village of Altona. The following Resolution #26-4 was approved upon motion made by Sievers and seconded by Eischeid. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion Carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-4
Vacation of Altona Plat

“Whereas, Gaylin D. Woodward, trustee of the Gaylin D. Woodward Revocable Trust and Michael Scott Watson have presented a Petition to Vacate to the County Board of Wayne County, Nebraska, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

And Whereas, the following real estate is owned by Gaylin D. Woodward, Trustee of the Gaylin D. Woodward Revocable

Trust:

South Half of the South Half of the Northeast quarter and the North Half of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 25 North, Range 4, East of the 6th P.M., Wayne County, Nebraska;

Lots 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20, 21, 22,23 and 24, all in Block 4, Village of Altona, Wayne County, Nebraska

Block 1, all of Block 2, all of Block 3, except the South 150 feet of East half thereof and except the South 50 feet of the West Half thereof, all of Block 5, all of Block 6, except the North 175 feet of the West Half thereof, all situated in the Village of Altona, Nebraska, according to the recorded plat thereof

A parcel of land lying and being in the Southeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 25 North, Range 4, East of the 6th P.M., Wayne County, Nebraska, described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of Altona as originally platted, thence running north 172 feet to the eighth section corner, then continuing north 40 rods, thence running due west 55 1/3 rods, thence running due south 120 rods to the south boundary line of said Section 30, then due East 181 feet to the southwest corner of Altona, thence north along the West line of Altona to the northwest corner of said Village of Altona 1148 feet, thence east along the north boundary line of Altona 732 feet to the place of beginning

A parcel of land situated in Wayne County, Nebraska, described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the southeast corner of Section 30, Township 25 North, Range 4, East of the 6th P.M.; from thence North 90 feet as a place of commencement; thence North 75 feet, thence west 528 feet, thence South 165 feet, thence East 378 feet, thence North 90 feet, thence East 150 Feet to place of beginning

And Whereas Watson owns the following real estate:

South 150 feet of the East Half of Block 3 in the Village of Altona, Wayne County, Nebraska.

And Whereas, the Village of Altona, located in a portion of Section 30, Township 25 North, Range 4, East of the 6th P.M., Wayne County Nebraska, was platted on or around 1902, and the Plat of Altona date October 24, 1900, was filed of record January 31, 1903, with the Wayne County Register of Deeds at Deed Book, Vol. 1, Page 484.

And Whereas, the plat dedicated certain portions of the land as streets and alleys to the public use, but no village, town, or city ever developed in this area;

And Whereas, the area known and platted as the Village of Altona and is exclusively owned by the parties as described in the Woodward real estate and Watson real estate descriptions;

And Whereas, the parties desire that the plat be vacated in its entirety;

And Whereas, under Nebraska State Statute 18-3309 any part of a plat may be vacated and such vacating does not abridge or destroy any of the rights and privileges of other property owners in such plat;

And Whereas, under Nebraska State Statute 18-3310 when any part of a plat shall be vacated as provided in Section 18-3308 the owners of the lots so vacated may enclose the streets, alleys and public grounds adjoining such lots in equal proportions

NOW, THEREFORE, County Board of Wayne County, Nebraska hereby completely vacates the plat of the Village of Altona in a portion of Section 30, township 25 North, Range 4, East of the 6th P.M., Wayne County, Nebraska

Dated April 7, 2026.

Lisa Lindsay, secretary of the Safety Committee, discussed CPR recertifications for county employees. The current certifications expired in March. Amanda Hawthorne will teach the class at a cost of \$850. Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Eischeid to approve the request for recertification at county cost. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Lawn care for 2026 was discussed. Bids for mowing and fertilizing were opened with the following submitting bids: Hytrek Lawn Service; White Dog Lawn Service, Karsky Lawn Care LLC and Y & Y Lawn Service. Since a change in the maintenance position has arisen Sievers made a motion with Eischeid seconding to table the mowing and fertilizing until the transition of maintenance has been made. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

The maintenance position based at the Courthouse is under transition at this time. Permission was given to the Clerk to advertise for the position. An employee of each floor will form a committee to go through the interview process with each applicant.

Carpet for the main floor and lighting for the Public Annex was discussed. The Treasurer and Assessor will be checking into the cost of converting the front area of their offices into the original hardwood floor. Carpet prices should be obtained by April 21, 2026. An estimate of the cost of conversion to LED lighting for the Public Annex was reviewed. All LED lighting would be installed but some light fixtures may stay the same. Commissioner Eischeid suggested that the County attempt to obtain grant money from the EECBG program. The Clerk will apply for funds. Motion made by Eischeid to table, seconded by Sievers, to table the decision about carpeting and lighting until the April 21, 2026, meeting.

The following claims were approved on motion made by Eischeid and seconded by Sievers. Roll call vote:
Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

General Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$87,974.46; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$17.47; Albin, Mark, OE \$1,983.50; Allo Communications, OE \$3,110.68; Appeara, OE \$515.52; Applied Connective Technologies, OE \$3,215.40; AT&T Mobility, SU,OE \$173.68; Black Hills Energy, OE \$1,038.86; Bomgaars, SU \$18.46; Eakes Office Solutions, SU,OE \$789.66; Ecolab Pest Elimination Serv., OE \$140.11; Hometown Leasing, ER \$118.41; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, SU \$184.95; Jan X, SU \$490.09; Main Street Garage LLC, MA \$91.00; Maul & Bodlak LLP, OE \$716.60; Miller Law, OE,ER \$1,426.86; Mips Inc, ER,OE,CO \$8,016.33; NACO, OE \$175.00; O'Reilly Automotive Inc., RP \$54.92; Pender Community Hospital, OE \$653.00; Pieper & Story, OE \$1,562.50; Quadient Leasing, ER \$1,160.70; Schenk, Stacy, OE \$475.00; Security Shredding Services, OE \$100.00; Stratton, Delay, Doele et. al., OE \$6,025.56; The Station, MA \$72.18; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, CO \$3,028.80; Verizon Wireless, OE \$40.01; Wayne County Clerk, OE \$10.00; Wayne County Clerk of Dist Ct, OE \$144.00; Wayne County Court, OE \$211.50; Wayne County Sheriff, OE \$198.00; Wayne, City of, OE \$44,734.99; Wayne Herald, OE \$2,432.67; Hasemann Funeral Home, OE \$3,000.00; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$20,764.99; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$10,066.42;

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$56,627.86; Appeara, OE \$49.72; B's Enterprises Inc., MA \$2,632.00; Beiermann Electric, RP \$6,146.24; Black Hills Energy, OE \$445.37; Bomgaars, SU,MA,RP \$344.70; Brockmann Heating & Cooling, RP \$255.50; Carhart Lumber Company, SU \$90.75; Cornhusker International Trucks, RP \$81.52; Egan Supply Co, SU \$38.98; Escalante Hauling & Repair LLC, RP \$243.00; Frame Aligners Inc., RP \$5,786.02; Grossenburg Implement, RP,MA \$1,840.28; John's Welding & Tool LLC, SU \$180.34; Lance, Mike, OE \$220.00; Martin Marietta Materials, MA \$988.68; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co Inc., MA \$555.66; Menard's, SU \$32.97; Midwest Service & Sales Co., MA \$2,682.80; Northeast Community College, OE \$2,200.00; Northeast Power, OE \$212.23; NMC Exchange LLC, RP,SU,MA \$6,523.99; Powerplan, RP \$1,212.00; Sapp Brothers Inc., SU \$184.16; Stanley Petroleum Maint Inc., SU \$470.00; Topps Body Shop LLC, RP \$524.00; Wayne Auto Parts, RP,SU,MA \$3,603.86; Weldon Parts Norfolk, RP \$407.01; Wayne, City of, OE \$529.97; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$13,207.44; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$6,368.88

Snow Removal & Equipment Fund: A&R Construction, CO \$192,572.75;

Highway Bridge Buyback Fund: A&R Construction, CO \$44,290.32

Lodging Tax Grant: Carroll Volunt. Fire Dept Trust, OE \$750.00; The Little Red Hen Theatre, OE \$750.00; Wayne America Inc., OE \$1,000.00; Logan Creek Pheasants Forever, OE \$2,000.00; Wayne Herald, OE \$132.00;

ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund: MIPS Inc, OE \$162.87;

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 April 7, 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 7th day of April, 2026.

Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk