

Wayne, Nebraska
March 17, 2026

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, in the Wayne County Courtroom. Chairman James Rabe, Members Matt Eischeid and Terry Sievers, 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 March 5, 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 3, 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, Wayne County Clerk of District Court \$1833.50; Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk \$13,252.28

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

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

Due to budget preparation for 2025-26 the amount remaining in fund 700 was divided equally as beginning balances into Functions 705, 706, 707. Function 705 received \$37,959.36 additional funds; Function 706 received \$280,399.83 additional funds; Function 707 did not receive \$319,359.231. Sievers made a motion with Eischeid seconding it to approve moving \$37,959.36 from Function 705 to Function 707; moving \$280,399.83 from Function 706 to Function 707. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Lisa Lindsay, Wayne County Treasurer, gave an update on the tax sale held March 2 per state statute. The sale began at 9:30 with no investors present. Six parcels totaling \$3,445.62 were available. At this time there are only 5 remaining.

Nic Kemnitz, Wayne County Emergency Manager, discussed loaning Wayne County's pull behind generator to Dixon County as they are replacing generators at Newcastle and Allen. By using Wayne County's generator it would allow Dixon County to maintain power and continue communications operations while the work is being completed. Motion was made by Eischeid and seconded by Sievers to allow Dixon County to use Wayne County's generator. Roll call vote: Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Kemnitz also gave an update on upcoming events including Severe Weather Awareness Week, a spring tabletop exercise held by the National Weather Service, a Stanton exercise, attendance at the G-402 Senior Officials Course, Wayne America Lunch and Learn Disaster Preparedness, EOC exercise with other Northeast Nebraska counties and the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management Conference.

After contacting several tractor dealerships Commissioner Eischeid reported that he obtained a rental tractor from Dinkel Implement to fill the gap until a John Deere tractor could be delivered. Eischeid negotiated with Grossenburg Implement for a 7R230 tractor to be available October 1. John Deere offered to split the cost of Powerguard (transmission & engine) for 6 years. In speaking with the Highway Superintendent and road foreman this was the best fit for weight & service. Eischeid feels the County should go on a six year rotation of equipment.

Since security updates on the first floor have now been completed new floor covering is required. Since this is a budgeted expense Commissioners advised first floor officials to mutually agree to contacting carpet vendors for quotes.

Beiermann Electric installed LED lighting in Wayne County District 1 shop recently. They also replaced all the lights in the Courthouse offices previously; however, did not install LED lighting in the Public Annex. It was decided that all lighting would be updated including the annex basement. Nic Kemnitz requested that the lighting in the conference room be split so lights could be turned off while presentations on the screen were being made.

After reviewing claims it was noted by Commissioner Eischeid that a recently received statement from a vendor was past the time of filing. According to State Statute 23-135, "all claims shall be filed with the county clerk within ninety days from the time when any materials or labor, which form the basis of the claims, have been furnished or performed..." The vendor will need to be notified that this cannot continue and business may be taken elsewhere.

Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Eischeid to approve the following claims. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

General Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$72,399.54; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$130.87; Advanced Consulting Engineering Svs, CO \$818.01; Albin, Mark, OE \$1,183.40; Allo Communications, OE \$3,110.45; Antelope County Sheriff, OE \$10,765.00; Appera, OE \$515.52; Applied Connective Technologies, OE \$3,236.80; Aristatek Inc, SU \$2,500.00; AT&T Mobility, SU \$40.54; Beiermann Electric, RP \$638.95; Black Hills Energy, OE \$1,547.57; Card Services, SU,RP \$1,948.63; Card Services, SU \$27.99; Carhart Lumber Company, SU \$139.98; Centec Cast Metal Products, SU \$324.81; CJH Technologies, CO \$60.00; DAS State Accounting, OE,ER \$205.00; Eakes Office Solutions, SU \$24.80; Farmers Co-operative, MA \$209.42; Fast Pik, MA \$472.88; Fastwyre Broadband, OE \$144.97; Heartland Fire Protection Company, RP \$422.25; Kone, RP \$1,782.12; Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel, OE \$123.50; Lynn Peavey Company, SU \$98.45; Mips Inc., ER,CO \$2,992.46; NACEB, OE, \$100.00; Nebr Clerk of District Court Assn, OE \$75.00; Norfolk Area Shopper, OE \$286.49; Northeast Nebraska RC&D Inc, OE \$2,000.00; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, OE \$77.53; One Office Solution, SU \$24.41; Pac N Save, SU \$35.98; Quadient, SU \$31.35; Region IV Behavioral Health System, OE \$6,951.00; Thurston County Sheriff, OE \$1,680.00; Tilden Drug, OE \$85.99; U.S. Cellular, OE \$474.07; UHS Premium Billing, PS \$87,931.24; Verizon Wireless, OE \$40.01; Visa, SU \$131.14; Visa, SU,CO \$520.29; Visa, OE,SU \$504.32; Waste Connections of Nebraska, OE \$188.50; Wayne County Clerk of Dist Ct, OE \$189.00; Wayne County Court, CO \$307.00; Wayne County HRA, PS \$43,332.59; Wayne Herald, OE \$1,981.00; Wayne Radio Works LLC, OE \$190.00; Wayne, City of, OE \$9,048.07; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$16,076.27; Aflac, PS \$688.40; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$452.12; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$1,745.82; Legal Shield, PS \$61.85; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$4,436.64; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$8,366.58; Vision Service Plan, PS \$223.77; Washington National Ins. Co., PS \$55.10; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,519.98;

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$ 36,260.48; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$102.64; Appera, OE \$57.05; B's Enterprises Inc, SU,MA \$15,040.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, MA \$44,822.00; Bethune Repair, RP \$9,518.55; Black Hills Energy, OE \$654.92; Card Services, SU \$682.28; Carroll, Village of, OE \$107.50; Cornhusker International Trucks, RP \$256.69; Farmers Co-Operative, MA \$20,019.34; Filtercare of Nebraska, RP \$50.30; Grossenburg Implement, RP \$612.80; Hansen Brothers Parts & Service Inc, RP \$170.30; Jerry's Service, MA \$22,909.72; John's Welding & Tool LLC, RP,SU \$187.75; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc Inc, CO \$57,524.83; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co Inc, MA \$7,588.14; NMC Exchange LLC, \$2,040.10; RDO Truck Centers, RP \$103.55; Seals & Service Inc, RP \$1,300.15; Wayne Auto Parts, RP \$318.06; Wayne County Clerk, CO \$144.00; Wayne, City of, OE \$610.56; Winside, Village of, OE \$297.20; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$7,537.81; Aflac, PS \$170.06; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$314.14; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$1,158.32; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$1,991.52; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$4,079.30; Vision Service Plan, PS \$57.93; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,123.71;

Snow Removal & Equipment Fund: NMC Exchange LLC, CO \$462,300.00

ROD Preservation & Modernization: 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 March 17, 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 17th day of March 2026.

Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk

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