

Wayne, Nebraska
May 19, 2026

The Wayne County Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Sievers at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in the Wayne County Courthouse basement meeting room. Present at the meeting were Chairman Sievers, Board members James Rabe, Matt Eischeid, County Clerk Joni Tietz, Deputy County Attorney Ted Lohrberg and Sheriff Jason Dwinell. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on May 7, 2026. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

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

Dawn Duffy, Wayne County Assessor, informed the Commissioners that she prepared an Omitted Property Report on a property was found to have been omitted after the March 19 deadline. Motion made by Eischeid, seconded by Rabe, to approve the Omitted Property and Clerical Errors Report. Roll call vote: Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried. Duffy also stated that a personal property schedule had been filed for a deceased resident. Motion made by Rabe, seconded by Eischeid to approve the Tax List Correction. Roll call vote: Rabe, Eischeid, Sievers. Motion carried. The Assessor is required to present a 3 year plan to the board each year. Duffy stated that she intends to continue to monitor sales, study cost tables and determine needs to be budgeted for.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

The Wayne County Board of Commissioner meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in the Wayne County Courthouse basement meeting room. Chairman Rabe, Members Terry Sievers, Matt Eischeid, 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 May 7, 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 May 5, 2026, minutes as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Act on payroll; commissioners abstain from approving personal claims
- c. Approve Fee Report of Wayne County Clerk, Joni Tietz, for \$22,734.68

Motion made by Eischeid, seconded by Sievers to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Eischeid, Sievers, 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.

Luke Virgil from Wayne, America, appeared before the board concerning the end of the agreement between the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Wayne Community Housing Development Corp and Wayne Area Economic Development which is approaching June 30, 2026. Executive Board members, and Wayne City Treasurer, Beth Porter, were also in attendance to begin the conversation to continue the funding agreement. Commissioner Eischeid had a conversation with Virgil earlier regarding benchmarks or ideas, and programs that are part of the City of Wayne available to outlining villages. Eischeid suggested a one year contract and make more of an effort to bring awareness to the villages. Commissioner Sievers stated there was no presence outside of the city. In rebuttal Virgil stated that economic development does not happen overnight. He also stated that Chris Rasmussen is the new housing direction and is making major strides within that department. All parties want to keep the lines of communication open with the city and villages.

Kyle Huff, Wayne County Highway Superintendent, presented a revision of the 1 & 6 Year Plan 2026-2031. The revision included adding Bridge aC-90(702) and a road. Sievers made a motion to approve the 1 & 6 Year Plan Revision with Eischeid seconding. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION No. 26-5-19

WHEREAS, THE Wayne County Highway Superintendent has presented a Revision of the One and Six Year Highway Improvement Plan to the County Board of said County, and

WHEREAS, the said Board deems it to be in the best interest of the County to adopt said plan as presented,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Wayne County, Nebraska, that said plan be and hereby is approved and accepted.

Dated at Wayne, Wayne County, Nebraska, this 19th day of May, 2026.

No other bridge or road discussion was held.

Judge Ryan Stover, 7th Judicial District Judge, requested that funding to implement new technology for judge research be approved for the new budget year. This would include quicker decisions to constituents and lessen reliance on the staff. The cost for each could be around \$214/month with a 3 year contract. Wayne County will support the technology if every other county agrees with it.

Approval of a new Veteran's Service Board member, Pete Keiser, with the resignation of Dan Jaeger was made by motion of Eischeid with Sievers seconding. Roll call vote: Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Scott Watters of Warnemunde Insurance appeared to explain the insurance bid process. Acting as the writing agent for the County's comprehensive, extensive property, liability, workmen's comp, inland marine and contents in building. Watters clarified that typically the process begins about six months before renewal. The writing agent and commissioners can decide the bid specs during the months preceding the bid time. This would allow time for advertising and receiving sealed bids within 60 days before they are due. It is a complex process and needs to let everyone have the opportunity to bid. Sievers made a motion to table the insurance bid discussion until October 6 with bidding to apply to the 2027-28 budget year. Eischeid seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager, Nic Kemnitz provided the commissioners a thank you letter from Dixon County for the use of Wayne County's generator. He also informed the Board that he would be attending an exercise focused on response to a hazardous materials release along the Missouri River.

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

General Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$76,289.81; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$49.77; Allo Communications, OE \$3,065.59; AMH Family Practice, OE \$265.00; Antelope County Sheriff, OE \$17,605.00; Antelope Memorial Hospital, OE \$2,345.00; Appera, OE \$676.55; Applied Connective Technologies, SU,OE \$4,384.59; AT&T Mobility, SU \$81.08; Card Services, SU,MA \$231.75; Card Services, SU \$193.03; CJH Technologies, CO \$60.00; Claussen & Sons Irrigation Inc., OE \$432.02; Crowne Plaza, OE \$434.85; Davis Ford, RP \$1,195.83; Ecolab Pest Elimination Service, OE \$140.11; Election Systems & Software Inc., OE \$2,030.07; Farmers Co-Operative, MA \$161.30; Fast Pik, MA \$1,203.64; GWorks, CO \$7,518.00; JanX, SU \$30.63; Main Street Garage LLC, RP \$1,954.41; Maximus Inc, OE \$1,264.25; MIPS Inc, SU \$68.56; Northeast NE Area Agency on Aging, OE \$4,851.00; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, OE \$77.75; Pac-N-Save, SU \$366.00; Pictometry International Corp, CO \$70,639.33; Region IV Behavioral Health System, OE \$6,953.25; Rolling Hills Supply, SU \$1,527.50; Silver Silo Design & Print, SU \$37.85; The Station, MA \$67.45; The Wakefield Republican, OE \$52.00; Thurston County Sheriff, OE \$60.00; Tilden Drug, OE \$132.49; U.S. Cellular, OE \$359.71; UHS Premium Billing, OE \$90,099.06; Visa, OE,SU \$70.02; Visa, CO,SU \$506.66; Waste Connections of Nebraska, OE \$188.50; Wayne County Clerk of Dist Court, OE \$78.00; Wayne County Court, OE \$90.00; Wayne County Historical Society, OE \$10,000.00; Wayne Herald, OE \$7,458.05; Wayne, City of, OE \$9,003.61; Lucas Munter, OE \$400.00; Woehler Trailer Court LLC, ER \$700.00; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$15,868.94; Aflac, PS \$688.40; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$422.76; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$1,654.98; Legal Shield, PS \$38.90; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$4,370.05; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$8,223.69; Vision Service Plan, PS \$214.15;; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,437.20;

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$38,705.80; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$105.16; Advanced Consulting Engineering Svs, CO \$131.18; Appera, OE \$57.39; B'S Enterprises Inc., MA \$32,798.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, MA \$34,675.27; BOKF NA, BDS \$6,268.75; Card Services, SU \$778.00; Carroll, Village of, OE \$109.00; Farmers Co-Operative, OE,MA \$14,389.26; Grossenburg Implement, RP \$62.71; John's Welding & Tool LLC, SU,MA \$317.12; Martin Marietta Materials, MA

\$3,963.68; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co Inc., MA \$18,095.54; NMC Exchange LLC, RP \$1,441.77; RDO Truck Centers, RP \$45.50; Rolling Hills Supply, SU \$290.00; Stalp Gravel Company, MA \$604.14; Stanley Petroleum Maint, Inc, RP \$5,150.88; Strivens Sewer Pumping, RP \$350.00; Titan Machinery, RP \$341.09; Wayne Auto Parts, RP,SU \$187.92; Wayne, City of, OE \$475.00; Winside, Village of, OE \$194.80; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$8,191.10; Aflac, PS \$170.06; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$314.14; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$1,158.32; Nebr. Child Support Payment Center, PS \$700.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$2,139.29; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$4,354.41; Vision Service Plan, PS \$57.93; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,221.17;

Lodging Tax Fund: Boomerfest, OE \$1,000.00; Irene Fletcher Mock, OE \$102.00;

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 May 19, 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 19th day of May, 2026.

Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk