

Wayne, Nebraska
June 16, 2026

The Wayne County Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Sievers at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, in the Wayne County Public Annex building. Present at the meeting were Chairman Sievers, Board members James Rabe, Matt Eischeid, County Clerk Joni Tietz, Sheriff Jason Dwinell and Deputy County Attorney Ted Lohrberg. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on June 4, 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.

Motion made by Rabe, seconded by Eischeid to approve the Over/Under Report presented by Dawn Duffy, Wayne County Assessor. Roll call vote: Rabe, Eischeid, Sievers-aye; motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03.

The Wayne County Board of Commissioner meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, in the Wayne County Public Annex Building. Chairman Rabe, Members Terry Sievers, Matt Eischeid, Clerk Joni Tietz, Sheriff Jason Dwinell and Deputy County Attorney, Ted Lohrberg, were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on June 4, 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 June 2, 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 \$22,481.56; Wayne County Clerk of District Court, Diane Pieper, for \$998.26; Wayne County Sheriff, Jason Dwinell, for \$1259.25
- d. Act on Special Designated Liquor License submitted by the White Dog Pub Inc for a wedding on August 29, 2026-3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds Expo Building, 301 Pheasant Run, Wayne NE

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 with the amendment of adding maintenance supervision as item 10. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Wayne County Treasurer, Lisa Lindsay, was unable to attend the meeting; however, Resolution No. 26-6 was approved on motion made by Eischeid, seconded by Sievers. Roll call vote: Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-6

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Statute 77-1918, On or before October 1 of each year, the county treasurer shall make a report in writing to the county board setting out a complete list of all real property in the county on which any taxes are delinquent and which was not sold for want of bidders at the last annual tax sale held in such county. It shall be the duty of the county board, at its first meeting held after the making of such report, to carefully examine the same, and while it may direct the issuance of tax sale certificates to the county upon any real property upon which there are any delinquent taxes, it shall, as to all real property upon which taxes are delinquent for three or more years, either enter an order directing the foreclosure of the lien of such taxes as provided in section 77-1901 or enter an order for the county treasurer to issue tax sale certificates to the county covering the delinquent taxes upon such real property, to be foreclosed upon in the manner and at the time provided in sections 77-1901 to 77-1918; and

WHEREAS, State statute 77-1901 After any parcel of real estate has been offered for sale and not sold or want of bidders, the county board shall make and enter an order directing the county attorney to foreclose the misdemeanor for all taxes then delinquent, excluding any lien on real estate for special assessments levied by any sanitary and improvement district which special assessments have not been previously offered for sale by the county treasurer, in the same manner and with like effect as in the foreclosure of real estate mortgages, except as otherwise specifically provided by sections 77-1903 to 77-1917.

WHEREAS, State statute 77-1918 also states county board shall have authority to direct the county attorney to commence foreclosure of such liens or certificates or it may designate another attorney to commence such actions, and the county board is

authorized to pay any reasonable fee for such foreclosures to be assessed as costs. In the event the county attorney is designated to bring action the fee shall be fifty dollars for each cause of action in addition to his or her salary to be retained by him or her, but is shall not be paid to the county attorney until the decree is entered and the property sold pursuant to such decree. No fee shall be allowed the county attorney for such foreclosure in counties having a population of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants.

WHEREAS, in order to provide fair and consistent handling of delinquent properties not sold at public tax sale on the first Monday of March, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners wish to order the Wayne County Treasurer to issue all delinquent real property taxes a County Tax Sale Certificate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Wayne County Board of Commissioners does hereby request the Wayne County Treasurer to issue Tax Sale Certificates to all delinquent, unsold property tax after the first Monday of March in said year.

Northeast Community Action Partnership Chair & Wayne County representative, Deborah Hammer, gave the board a yearly update. She said things are looking up from last year. They have currently hired a new grant writer offering new grants and a new fiscal officer. Amy Munderloh is the current director. She stressed that a weatherization program is available for qualified candidates.

Wayne America director, Luke Virgil, also gave a yearly report on behalf of the organization which is partially funded by Wayne County. Items he covered included Revolving Loan programs, childcare grant, housing, tourism, and activities.

The Board next accepted the resignation of Kelly Meyer, Weed Board member, effective June 15, 2026, on a motion made by Sievers, seconded by Eischeid. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried. The Board will have 45 days to appoint a new Weed Board Member

Emergency Manager, Nic Kemnitz, informed the Board that there are issues with 2 antennas on the tower. He has reached out to ANCO for quotes to test the antennas and coax lines with the cost being \$2,884.00 In addition ANCO will also test the two additional lines that are now working to make sure they don't need repaired at a cost of \$550.00. Motion made by Eischeid, seconded by Sievers to accept the quote for \$3440 and to schedule a maintenance check every four years. Roll call vote: Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried. To be eligible for federal grants, Kemnitz requested that a Certification of Compliance with Foreign National Vetting Requirements be signed which was approved on motion made by Sievers, seconded by Eischeid. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

A discussion of hourly raises followed with Commissioner Eischeid proposing raises based on longevity. At this time all hourly roadman wages are equal. After discussion Sievers made a motion to approve an 88 cent raise up to \$1.77 with a positive evaluation, a 10% increase for appointed officials and another week of vacation for employees employed over 15 years. The motion died due to no second. Sievers made a motion to table the wage decision until the July 7 meeting with Eischeid seconding the motion. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-all aye. Motion carried.

Clerk Tietz wanted clarification of the supervision of the new maintenance man/custodian. Eischeid will be supervising the mowing. Otherwise the Clerk's Office would pass on information that he would need to perform the maintenance and custodial duties.

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: \$74,165.70; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$36.66; Allo Communications, OE \$3,109.14; Antelope County Sheriff, OE \$6,030.00; Appera, OE \$517.70; Applied Connective Technologies, OE \$3,243.00; AT&T Mobility, SU \$40.54; Benchmark Government Solutions LLC, OE \$616.45; Card Services, OE,SU \$610.93; Card Services, SU \$257.80; Card Services, MA \$55.18; Carhart Lumber Company, RP \$26.99; Cobblestone Inn & Suites, OE \$330.00; Crowne Plaza, OE \$449.85; Davis Ford, RP \$209.71; Eakes Office Solutions, SU \$669.27; Eilers, Emily, OE \$15.23; Ekberg, Eric, OE \$34.80; Election Systems & Software, OE \$39.24; Farmers Co-Operative, MA \$215.99; Fast Pik, MA, OE \$1,280.15; Heartland Fire Protection Company, RP \$834.24; Hochstein, Barb, OE \$30.78; Holiday Inn, OE \$239.90; JanX, SU \$117.92; Kone, RP \$1,782.12; Lurz, Tim, OE \$69.60; Main Street Garage LLC, RP \$1,408.25; Meyer, Kathy, OE \$91.35; MIPS Inc, ER,OE,CO \$6,459.73; NACO, OE \$2,539.81; Nebraska Air Filter Inc., SU \$288.10; Nebraska County Attorneys Assoc., OE \$550.00; Nebraska Law Enforcement Train Ctr, OE \$175.00; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, OE \$77.76; One Office Solution, SU \$288.93; Robertson Implement Co., SU \$260.00; Sullivan, Trevor, OE \$40.55; Sunset Law Enforcement, SU \$1,631.30; Svoboda, Brent, OE \$74.95; The Apothecary Shop, OE \$128.38; The Station, MA \$43.86; Thurston County Sheriff, OE \$1,440.00; Tilden Drug, OE \$100.23; U.S. Cellular, OE \$359.71; U.S. Postal Service, OE \$25,000.00; UHS Premium Billing, PS \$98,150.58; Verizon Wireless, OE \$40.01; Visa, SU,OE

\$1,197.93; Visa, OE,SU,MA \$907.82; Visa, CO \$2,874.31; Warnemunde Insurance, OE \$333,375.00; Waste Connections of Nebraska, OE \$188.50; Wayne Auto Parts, RP \$114.67; Wayne County Clerk of Dist Ct, OE \$72.00; Wayne County Court, OE \$134.00; Wayne DQ, OE \$10.59; Wayne Fire Hall, ER \$25.00; Wayne Herald, OE \$1,239.67; Wayne, City of, OE \$9,014.51; Munter, Lucas, OE \$800.00; Winside American Legion, ER \$25.00; Y&Y Law Service, OE \$500.00; Albin, Mark, OE \$452.20; Centec Cast Metal Products, SU \$762.18; Pieper & Story, OE \$3,687.50; Wayne Radio Works LLC, OE \$36.00; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$16,360.48; 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 \$4,537.70; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$8,504.37; Vision Service Plan, PS \$233.46; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,532.46; Woehler Trailer Court LLC, ER \$700.00

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$38,400.40; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$53.34; Advanced Consulting Engineering Svs, CO \$1,578.24; Appeara, OE \$49.88; Backus Sand & Gravel, MA \$31,426.30; Carroll, Village of, OE \$107.50; Farmers Co-Operative, RP,MA \$11,311.86; Grossenburg Implement, RP \$544.03; Lammers Trailer Repair LLC, RP \$69.07; Martin Marietta Materials, MA \$1,347.29; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co. Inc., MA \$6,840.77; NMC Exchange LLC, RP,MA \$5,592.67; Powerplan, RP \$453.40; Randolph Farm Supply, MA \$38,250.00; RDO Truck Centers, RP \$2,894.59; SAPP Brothers Inc., SU \$195.50; Vakoc Builders Resource, RP \$19.00; Wayne Auto Parts, RP,SU \$61.51; Wayne, City of, OE \$437.48; Winside, Village of, OE \$160.00; Beiermann Electric, RP \$524.40; Jerry's Service, SU,MA \$6,696.72; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$8,195.05; 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 \$2,184.33; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$4,312.84; Vision Service Plan, PS \$57.93; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,221.17; B's Enterprises Inc., MA \$14,750.00

Highway Bridge Buyback Fund: A&R Construction, CO \$66,793.52;

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 June 16, 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 16th day of June, 2026.

Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk