

Wayne, Nebraska
July 7, 2026

The Wayne County Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Sievers at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 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 25, 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 two Form 457 Exemption Forms for Wayne State college and Providence Medical Center, brought by Wayne County Treasurer, Lisa Lindsay. Roll call vote: Rabe, Eischeid, Sievers-aye; motion carried.

Dawn Duffy, Wayne County Assessor, is required to update the board yearly regarding cemeteries in Wayne County. She stated there had been no changes.

Assessor Duffy presented evidence in determining the recommendations of Valuations Protests 26-01 through 26-08. The following property valuation protests were presented:

26-01	Jeremy Rasmussen-Property ID 0004894.65
26-02	Willian Duane Murphy-Property ID 00004446.08
26-03	Frederick Weible-Property ID 0005733.00
26-04	Darin Jensen-Property ID 0001466.00
26-05	Cornerstone LLC-Property ID 0004316.28
26-06	Jose & Mayra Negrete-Property ID 0000155.01
27-07	JaMor Pork LLC-Property ID 0000004.01
27-08	Kallan Herman-Property ID 0004466.00

Appearing for Protest 26-03 was Frederick Weible. No one appeared for Protests 26-01,26-02,26-04,26-05, 26-06,26-07,26-08.

Assessor will make recommendations to the Board at a later time.

Meeting was recessed until 1:00 p.m. to discuss reviews of protested properties and receive County Assessor recommendations.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board of Equalization reconvened in the Public Annex building. Assessor Duffy reviewed Protests 26-01 through 26-08 with the Board. Motion made by Rabe, seconded by Eischeid, to accept all protest recommendation as submitted by Assessor Duffy. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers-aye; motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

The Wayne County Board of Commissioner meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 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 25, 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 16,2026 minutes as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Act on payroll; commissioners abstain from approving personal claims
- c. Approve Special Designated Liquor License submitted by Wayne County Ag Society for the bull riding, concert, derby, and tractor pull on July 23rd – 26th, 2026 4:00 p.m. until 12:a.m. daily at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.

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 Bonkiewicz, research analyst with Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), gave the annual update on what is available through NACO, including county support, employee benefits and membership.

Extension educator, Julie Schultz, asked the Board to accept the appointment of Michaela Fehringer as an Extension Board member replacing Lauren Gilliland. Eischeid made a motion to accept the appointment with Sievers seconding it. Roll call vote: Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried. Schultz also informed the Board that a 30 year old desk in the office was beyond repair. They received quotes from several companies with \$7200 being the price. Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Eischeid to give the extension office permission to budget for a new desk. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

The phone calling tree issue was brought to the attention of the Board by Tarrin Quinn, Deputy County Clerk. Since switching to the Allo phone system a calling tree was established. However, this has caused more phone calls needing to be transferred to other offices. Board member, Terry Sievers, stated he would contact them to have the calling tree removed.

Motion made by Eischeid, seconded by Sievers, to accept the resignation of Weed Superintendent, Doug Deck. Roll call vote: Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

NACO healthcare coverage representative, Judd Allen, gave the Board an update on what NACO is providing for the health insurance pool through Blue Cross/Blue Shield. County healthcare insurance will be discussed during an upcoming meeting. The Board may at that time put healthcare out for bid.

Board member Eischeid stated his district is looking at a new Road Grader. He has demoed some and is moving forward with a Caterpillar grader. It is replacing a 20 year old machine which is behind the times. He will put this in the new budget with a Jan-Feb delivery date.

Sealed bids for gravel aggregate were opened by Kyle Huff from Emme, Choteau Creek Gravel and Darin Greunke. Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Eischeid to reject all bids and go to open market. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

David Levy, attorney from Baird Holm, and Sam Nesbit representing Sholes Energy Storage. discussed a Decommissioning Agreement with Wayne County and Sholes Energy Storage. According to Levy the value would be \$500,000 of total tax income from nameplate capacity. Commissioner Eischeid has attended a meeting with the group and stated that it is a small footprint and added taxes. Ted Lohrberg, Deputy County Attorney, approved the Agreement. Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Eischeid, to direct the chairman to sign the Decommissioning Agreement between Wayne County and Sholes Energy Storage. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Wages for roadmen, Highway Superintendent, Emergency Manager and Veteran's Service Officer were discussed at length. Motion made by Eischeid, seconded by Rabe, to accept the raises of roadmen as presented to the Board with increases measured in years of service: (1-5 yrs) 3%; (5-10 yrs) 6%; (10+ yrs) 9% with Commissioner discretion to award amounts up to the amounts as presented; District 2 road foreman shall receive a 14% raise, Highway Superintendent shall receive a 17.9% raise; two new roadmen still on probation will each receive a 3% raise; Emergency Manager shall receive a 4.5% raise; Veteran's Service Office shall receive a 4% raise. Roll call vote: Eischeid, Rabe-aye; Sievers-Nay; motion carried.

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

General Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$100,617.68; Advanced Consulting Engineering Svs, CO \$560.46; All Hours Towing LLC, OE \$225.00; AT&T Mobility, SU,OE \$133.12; Beiermann Electric, CO \$11,348.22; Black Hills Energy, OE \$171.81; Bomgaars, SU \$45.96; Carhart Lumber Company, SU \$4.99; Davis Ford, RP \$442.70;Eakes Office Solutions, SU,OE \$230.62; Ellis Home Services, RP \$187.64; Hawthorne, Amanda, OE \$830.00; Hometown Leasing, ER \$118.41; JanX, SU \$378.16; Jorgensen Law, OE \$9,188.15; K&M Reporting, OE \$62.25; Main Street Garage LLC, MA \$126.37; Midwest Alarm, RP \$1,030.68; Miller Law, OE,ER \$1,560.02; Mips Inc, ER,CO \$3,073.50; Nebraska Air Filter Inc, SU \$377.96; Nextlink Internet, OE \$113.67; Northeast Nebraska Juvenile, OE \$2,424.25; Pieper & Story, OE \$937.50; Quadient Leasing, ER \$1,160.70; RR Donnelley, SU \$84.91; Schenk, Stacy, OE \$475.00; Security

Shredding Services, OE \$40.00; State Nebraska Bank, SU \$50.11; The Station, MA \$31.15; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, OE \$12,603.85; Verizon Wireless, OE \$40.01; Wayne County Clerk of District Court, OE \$72.00; Wayne County Sheriff, OE \$154.00; Wayne Herald, OE \$573.29; Wayne, City of, OE \$45,749.17; Woodbury County Sheriff, OE \$38.00; Y&Y Lawn Service, OE \$500.00; Text my Gov Inc, OE \$3,300.00; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$24,140.40; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$11,833.80;

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$58,920.00; B's Enterprises Inc, MA \$175.00; Black Hills Energy, OE \$58.79; Bomgaars, OE,RP,SU\$303.32; Grossenburg Implement, RP \$124.95; Jerry's Service, SU \$525.76; Lance, Mike, OE \$220.00; Marx Repair LLC, RP \$372.74; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co Inc, MA \$16,441.16; NMC Exchange, RP \$834.07; Northeast Power, OE \$178.88; Wayne Auto Parts, RP \$527.81; Wayne, City of, OE \$538.25; Doffin, Rod, RP \$44.00; Rolling Hills Supply, SU \$537.50; Sioux City Truck Sales, RP \$829.25; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$14,231.06; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$6,628.58;

Lodging Tax Fund: Wayne Herald, OE \$102.00;

ROD Preservation & Maintenance Fund: Mips Inc, OE \$162.87;

Juvenile Diversion Fund: Miller Law, OE \$31.20;

Inheritance Tax Fund: Zeisler, Dale, OE \$13.21;

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 July 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 July, 2026.

Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk