

Wayne, Nebraska
July 21, 2026

The Wayne County Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Sievers at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, in the Wayne County Basement Meeting room. Present at the meeting were Chairman Sievers, Board members James Rabe, Matt Eischeid, County Clerk Joni Tietz, and Deputy County Attorney Ted Lohrberg. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on July 9, 2026. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

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

Dawn Duffy, Wayne County Assessor, presented a tax correction for the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 for Jose Negrete. Negrete requested a refund for all three years due to being taxed as a finished basement for an unfinished basement. Motion made by Eischeid, seconded by Rabe, to accept the tax corrections. Eischeid, Rabe, Sievers-aye. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

The Wayne County Board of Commissioner meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, in the Wayne County Basement Meeting room.. Chairman Rabe, Members Terry Sievers, Matt Eischeid, 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 July 9, 2026. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

Chairman Rabe presented the following consent agenda items with Eischeid making a motion with Sievers seconding the approval of the consent agenda as follows

- a. Approve July 7, 2026 minutes as printed in the Commissioners Record but not to include "probationary employees' payroll with 3% raise".
- b. Approve payroll; commissioners abstain from approving personal claims
- c. Review fee reports: Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk, \$12,872.60; Diane Pieper, Wayne County Clerk of District Court \$2,676.00; Jason Dwinell, Wayne County Sheriff, \$1322.25
- d. Cancel Warrant #26070057 due to incorrect amount.

Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Eischeid to approve the regular agenda. Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Rabe stated that since Georgia Janssen left the area the RC & D board has been lacking a Wayne representative. Chairman Rabe was approached by Joel Hansen who volunteered to be a member of the Board. Eischeid made a motion with Sievers seconding to accept Joel Hansen as a Wayne representative to the RC & D Board. Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Adam Endicott from Agri-City Insurance brought the new insurance policy rates to the Board. United Healthcare Insurance is raising their premium by 7.8% compared to 11% last year. Wayne County's new insurance year begins September 1 of each year. The deductible will raise by \$1000/individual and \$2500/family. Employee numbers have dropped from 42 to 39 employees.

District 2 Commissioner Eischeid informed the Board that there was a 1976 Cat dozer stored on the premises. After researching similar machines on Big Iron Eischeid found it may be worth \$20,000 to \$25,000. Since there was no use for it he would be putting it up for sale along with a trailer on Big Iron and let them sell it as is.

Since the resignation of Kelly Meyer on the Noxious Weed Board the Board had 45 days to fill the position. Eischeid made motion to appoint Cory Russell to the Weed Board with Sievers seconding it. Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried. The Weed Superintendent position is now open once again. Kelly Meyer declined the position at this time. Doug Deck will come out of retirement to finish out the 2026 season. Sievers will be meeting with the Board to discuss the open Weed Superintendent position.

Nic Kemnitz, Emergency Manager, requested that the board accept a Subrecipient Emergency Management Grant Award of \$39,752.60 which was up to 50% of wages & benefits from the Emergency Manager budget. Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Eischeid, to accept the awarded grant. Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Next Kemnitz informed the board that Allo is discontinuing TV service as of August 25. They have partnered with Direct TV. Kemnitz requested that he try to find some options for TV service. The Board gave him the opportunity to look for companies and come back next month with new service options.

For future events Kemnitz is anticipating the Wayne County Fair. Cedar County Emergency Manager will be assisting him and Dixon County helped set up.

Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Eischeid, to approve the recommendations of the Wayne County Convention & Visitors Bureau Commission on the following Lodging Tax Grant Applications. Roll call vote: Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

- a. #26-14 Approved \$2000 for Wayne Chicken show
- b. #26-15 Approved \$2000 for Henoween
- c. #26-16 Approved \$2000 for Fall Brawl Demo Derby
- d. #26-17 Approved \$2400.00 for Bressler Fest
- e. #26-18 Approved \$3000 for Cars N Carroll
- f. #26-19 Approved \$500 for Kiwanis Omelette Feed
- g #26-20 Approved \$4000 for North American Manure Expo

The County Clerk then handed out budget sheets to the Commissioners. Sievers stated he needed time to look them over and complete District 1's budget.

The meeting was recessed until Friday, July 24, at 9:00 in the basement meeting room.

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

General Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$74,719.57; Ace Hardware & Home, SU,CO \$467.65; Albin, Mark, OE \$2,286.60; All Hours Towing LLC, OE \$244.00; Allo Communications, OE \$3,109.45; Antelope County Sheriff, OE \$4,005.00; Appeara, OE \$542.37; Applied Connective Technologies, OE \$3,219.95; AT &T Mobility, OE,SU \$133.15; Benchmark Government Solutions LLC, OE \$616.45; Bomgaars, SU,CO \$85.74; Svoboda, Robert, CO \$5,930.00; Card Services, SU,OE \$1,684.28; Card Services, SU \$1,095.22; Carhart Lumber Company, RP,SU \$32.83; Cuming County Sheriff, OE \$56.39; DAS State Accounting, OE,ER \$205.00; Eakes Office Solutions, SU,ER,RP \$1,101.47; Electronic Engineering, SU \$106.79; Ellis Home Services, RP \$95.00; Farmers Co-Operative, MA \$348.20; Fast Pik, MA \$969.91; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, etc. OE \$1,513.30; Jan X, SU \$244.46; Jorgensen Law, OE \$8,126.55; Main Street Garage LLC, RP,MA \$686.50; Nebraska Law Enforcement Train Center, OE \$75.00; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., OE \$77.96; One Office Solution, SU \$107.16; Pac-N-Save, SU \$30.00; PCH Pharmacy-Pender, OE \$208.33; Physicians Laboratory PC, OE \$221.00; Region IV Inc., OE \$2,677.25; The Station, MA \$48.49; Thurston County Sheriff, OE \$3,360.00; Tilden Drug, OE \$40.46; U.S. Cellular, OE \$333.99; UHS Premium Billing, PS \$98,250.64; United States Treasury, PS \$451.10; Van Diest Supply Company, SU \$709.85; Visa, OE \$490.04; Visa, OE,SU \$166.26; Waste Connections of Nebraska, OE \$233.50; Wayne County Clerk of District Court, OE \$39.00; Wayne County Court, OE \$252.50; Wayne County Sheriff, OE \$129.50; Wayne DQ, OE \$8.49; Wayne, City of, OE \$7,828.64; Munter, Lucas, OE \$1,000.00; Woehler Trailer Court LLC, ER \$700.00; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$31.26; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$16,590.98; 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 \$5,698.24; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$8,634.76; Vision Service Plan, PS \$233.46; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,566.33;

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$41,604.80; Appeara, OE \$107.80; Backus Sand & Gravel, MA \$75,049.28; Bomgaars, SU,MA \$550.82; Carroll, Village of, OE \$107.50; Cornhusker International Trucks, RP \$201.23; Faith Regional Health Servies, OE \$241.00; Farmers Co-Operative, MA \$14,209.15; Fredrickson Oil Company, SU \$77.50; Grossenburg Implement, RP \$8.37; Hineright LLC, OE \$105.50; Hoskins Mfg. Co. Inc., SU \$395.06; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc Inc., CO \$35,561.50; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co Inc., MA \$1,445.53; Midwest Service and Sales Co, SU \$24.00; NMC Exchange LLC, RP \$106.35; SAPP Brothers Inc., SU \$31.25; Sioux City Truck Sales, RP \$100.80; Stalp Gravel Company, MA \$3,650.03; Weldon Parts Norfolk, RP \$829.25; Winside, Village of, OE \$118.00; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$9,052.60; 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 \$3,153.59; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$4,680.54; Vision Service Plan, PS \$57.93; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,335.52;
Lodging Tax Fund: Winside Pride, OE \$2,658.08; Woslager, David, OE \$97.73; Gene Topp Memorial Car Show, OE \$1,500.00;

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 July 21, 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 21st day of July, 2026.

Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk