

The Wayne County Board of Commissioner meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, in the Wayne County Public Annex. Chairman James Rabe, Members Terry Sievers, Matt Eischeid, Clerk Joni Tietz, Wayne County Sheriff, Jason Dwinell, Deputy County Attorney, Ted Lohrberg, were present. County Attorney Amy Miller joined the meeting later. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on July 23, 2026. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

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

- a. Approve July 21, 2026 minutes as printed in the Commissioners Record.
- b. Approve payroll; commissioners abstain from approving personal claims

Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Eischeid to approve the regular agenda with the amendment of removing Item 11a.(View Possible Off-site location). Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Wayne City Librarian, Heather Headley, and Winside Librarian, Lara Lanphear, thanked the commissioners for the county's yearly contribution to the libraries. Both libraries utilize the contribution with new programs, books, and other online resources.

Wayne County Sheriff, Jason Dwinell, reported that there were 5 distress warrants turned over to the sheriff on October 31, 2025. Two warrants were cancelled due to bankruptcy. The remaining 3 are trailers with little to no value. Sheriff Dwinell stated he didn't feel any of the property had enough value to pursue collection.

Kyle Huff, Wayne County Highway Supt., reported that Farr Technologies had met all the requirements necessary to comply with the Application to Bury Line running from 864th Rd to 581st Ave to Highway 35 in Wayne County. Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Eischeid, to approve the Application to Bury Line for Farr Technologies. Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Huff also presented a new Permit to Construct Utilities on County Right-of-Way similar to the one used in Nance County. Huff felt that the current Wayne County permit was not strict enough and Wayne County did not charge enough. One item of discussion is the amount of gravel required to be replaced per mile going from one load to 4 loads. Motion made by Eischeid, seconded by Sievers, to approve the new Permit to Construct Utilities on County Right of Way with the change to "Wayne" county on page 6. Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Bids were opened for a side dump trailer for District 3. Motion made by Eischeid to award the bid to Kohlhof Trailer, Dannebrog, Nebraska, for a Smith Company brand 38 ft. tub on a 48 ft frame for the sum of \$74996.00. Sievers seconded the motion. Eischeid, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried. Also submitting a bid was John's Trailer & Equipment, Lyons, Nebraska.

Wayne County District 3 and the Village of Winside are entering into an agreement for the purchase of a building owned by the County but sitting on Village of Winside property. A purchase agreement and bill of sale have been exchanged between the parties. Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Eischeid to authorize Wayne County Board Chairman, James Rabe, to sign the Purchase Agreement and Bill of Sale on behalf of the County. Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Noxious Weed superintendent salary was discussed. Starting pay for a new superintendent was suggested to be \$25 with a six month probation period. Sievers volunteered to go to the next Weed Board meeting on August 10 to discuss the terms with the board. The Weed Board will have the final approval of a new superintendent.

With a very minimal increase in premiums United Healthcare was approved on motion made by Sievers, seconded by Eischeid to provide health insurance for Wayne County. Sievers, Eischeid, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Budget discussion was held regarding bridge contracts, county attorney budget, addition to law enforcement/emergency management/public annex building. Mike Pommer was present to answer questions the board had regarding the budget.

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

General Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$75,713.40; Albin, Mark, OE \$1,223.15; Applied Connective Technologies, OE \$36.87; AT&T Mobility, SU \$40.54; Black Hills Energy, OE \$170.57; Ecolab Pest Elimination Serv., OE \$145.71; Hometown Leasing, ER \$118.41; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, SU \$322.65; JanX, SU \$130.56; Main Street Garage LLC, OE \$135.00; Miller Law, OE,ER \$1,420.42; NextLink Internet, OE \$113.75; Norton, Jeanette, OE \$160.80; One Office Solution, SU \$12.50; Pieper & Story, OE

\$425.00; Prince, Vickie, OE \$142.56; Rotherham, Monica, OE \$144.08; Schenk, Stacy, OE \$475.00; Uline, CO \$156.95; Verizon Wireless, OE \$40.01; Waste Connections of Nebraska, OE \$20.00; Wayne County Clerk of District Court, OE \$10.00; Advanced Consulting Engineering Svs, CO \$1,052.89; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$16,758.83; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$8,689.09;

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$41,432.96; B's Enterprises, Inc., MA \$27,077.50; Bauer Built, RP \$190.00 ; Black Hills Energy, OE \$60.48; Brockman Heating & Cooling, RP \$200.00; Evans Repair, RP \$209.00; Frederickson Oil Company, SU \$22.00; Grossenburg Implement, RP \$135.33; Jerry's Service, MA \$8,337.00; NMC Exchange, RP \$91.10; Northeast Power, OE \$183.15; Powerplan, RP \$689.58; Robert Woehler & Sons Construction, MA \$2,974.00; Wayne, City of, OE \$643.46; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$9,008.34; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$4,654.01

Lodging Tax Fund: Wayne Kiwanis Club, OE \$116.62;

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 August 4, 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 4th day August, 2026.

Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk