

REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA
 February 17, 2026 – 9:30 A.M

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held February 17, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners’ Room of the Courthouse in Minden, NE. Present were Chairman Brent Stewart and Board Members Jason Sinsel, Jeff England, Nathan Avery, James Miller and Heath Hofstetter. Absent was Robert Swanson. Also present were County Clerk Jenni Lupkes, Joe Anderson Hwy. Supt., Scott White Sheriff, Melodie Bellamy Co Attny, Carrie Favinger Plan & Zone Admin Craig Lupkes Emerg Mgmt Director, and Cindy Ramsey of the Minden Courier. Detailed Minutes from the Board of Commissioners Meeting are available for inspection at the County Clerk’s Office.

- The Board of Commissioners took the following action:
- Approved minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting on February 3, 2026.
 - Approved Bills and Claims. (See below).
 - Held a Public Comment. No comments were made.
 - Discussed the manner in which the Board appoints committee members, the matter was tabled until the next meeting.
 - Met with Joe Anderson, Hwy Supt. to discuss the countywide cleanup. It will be held M-F on May 4-8, 2026 at the County Road Dept. Also spoke with the Board about the maintainer shed in Wilcox, he is still looking for a new location, that matter was tabled to the next Board meeting.
 - Approved the Clerk of the District Court Fee Reports for January 2026.
 - Approved Chairman Brent Stewart to sign the contract with Craig Bros Mow Co., Minden NE - \$110.00/wk for mowing at the Courthouse, bid was accepted at January 20th Board meeting.
 - Held a Public Hearing at 9:44 AM for Administrative Subdivision 29-6-15 NW1/4 NW1/4 Melvin and Becky Anderson; at 9:53 AM to Vacate Administrative Subdivision Dean & Mary Jo Schwenka E ½ NE ¼ 3-7-13; at 10:00 AM to Vacate Administrative Subdivision Colin & Mary Schwenka E ½ NE ¼ 3-7-13; at 10:00 AM for Administrative Subdivision Schwenka 3.3 ac; 10:05 AM for Schwenka E ½ NE ¼ 3-7-13 5.89 ac
 - Met with Craig Lupkes, Emerg Mgmt Director and Carrie Favinger, Plan Zone and Floodplain Admin to Approve Floodplain ordinance changes to be sent to NE Dept of Water, Energy and Environment and Fed Emergency Management Agency
 - Met with Dave Arnold, Royal Engineered Composites to discuss a Reciprocal no-Build Easement, Mr. Arnold will work to acquire a certified survey to present the Board, the matter was tabled until a future meeting.
- Adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

/s/ Brent Stewart, Chairman
 Kearney County
 Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
 /s/ Jenni Lupkes
 Kearney County Clerk

GENERAL FUND

A T & T	Phone	\$394.08
Bethany Home	Sv	1,440.00
Beyke Signs	Sv	475.00
Buffalo Co Sheriff	Sv	18.50
Business World	Su	239.99
Capital City Transfer Svc	Sv	983.15
Central Ne Co Assessors Assoc.	Dues	25.00
Central Plains Valuation	Sv	21,580.00

Clerk of the Dist Court	Sv	36.00
Comm Action Ptnrshp Mid-Ne	Senlow Bus-Jan 2026	1,476.91
CSE	Sv/Su	586.39
Care Assist	Sv	685.00
Dewald Deaver L'Heureux	Sv	115.00
Eakes	Su	119.90
Fifth Street Print	Su	63.45
First Concord Ben Grp	Fees/Self-Fund Ded	810.00
Shelly Gibbins, Extension Ofc Mgnr	Su	22.24
Great Plains Comm	Sv	138.35
Philip Heun, Veterans Svc	Mile/Lodge	553.49
Kearney Co Court	Sv	306.00
Kearney Co Health Svcs	Sv	60.00
Jeff P. Ensz, Kearney Co Pub Defend	Sv	1,252.82
Kearney Co Sheriff Fund	Sv	19.50
Klein Brewster Brandt & Messersmith	Sv	3,473.00
Lieske, Lieske, & Ensz	Sv	2,636.09
Lockmobile	Sv	196.00
Mason's	Su	163.38
Minden Exchg Bnk	Su	66.53
Minden Hardware	Su	60.94
Minden Med Clinic	Sv	49.86
MIPS	Sv	8,212.02
NAPA	Su	258.05
Jody A. Payne, Kearney Co Treas	Mile	28.57
Pedley's	Sv	68.87
Phelps Co Sheriff's Ofc	Sv	81.75
Physicians Laboratory	Sv	3,175.00
Pony Express	Sv	97.95
Quality Sound & Comm	Water Rental	378.00
State of Nebraska DAS – Cent Fin	Sv	150.00
Thomas Stewart, Attorney at Law	Sv	300.75
Syndicate Publish	Pub	114.00
Thomson Reuters-West Publishing	Sv	132.00
Uni of Ne- Biological Syst	P & Z Present	193.20
Verizon	Phone	<u>102.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$51,338.73

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Bear Frame & Alignment	Sv	\$9,475.06
Boss Fuels	Fuel	20,164.26
Carquest/Landmark Implement	Parts/Su	401.19
Kearney Co Health Svc	Sv	105.00
Lawson Products	Su	11.69
Medical Enterprises	Sv	36.00
Minden Hardware	Su	92.72
NAPA	Su	111.07
NCK Quarrier	Su	2,347.04
Ne Glass Company	Sv	39.95
Ne Weed Control Assoc.	Training	150.00
NMC	Su	3,624.87
Road Builders Machinery & Supply	Sv	4,707.10
Spracklin Chiropractic	Sv	50.00

Syndicate Publish
Josh Twehous, Equipment Operator
Yant Equipment Company

Publish	25.97
Mile	<u>237.80</u>
Su	<u>1,325.00</u>
TOTAL	\$42,904.72

Berggren Architects

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Dome Project	<u>\$8,820.55</u>
TOTAL	8,820.55

Verizon
Morgan Wicht, JV Svc Aid

JUVENILE SERVICES AID FUND

Phone	\$39.94
Mile	<u>140.96</u>
TOTAL	\$180.90

First Concord Ben Grp
Great Plains Comm
Ne Tech & Telecomm
State of Nebraska DAS – Cent Fin

COMMUNICATIONS FUND

Self-Fund Ded	392.96
Sv	197.53
Sv	648.27
Sv	30.00
TOTAL	\$1268.76