

REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA
 May 19, 2026 – 9:30 A.M

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held May 19, 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, James Miller, Nathan Avery, Robert Swanson and Heath Hofstetter. Absent was Jeff England. Also present were Co. Clerk Jenni Lupkes, Joe Anderson Hwy. Supt., Scott White Sheriff. Craig Lupkes Emerg. Mgmt. Dir., Melodie Bellamy Co. Atty, Paiton Lewis Co. Atty Intern 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 May 5, 2026.
 - Approved Bills and Claims. (See below).
 - Held a Public Comment. No comments were made.
 - Reviewed Correspondence from NDOT regarding Resurfacing Bituminous work on HWY 10, NACO regarding Communication Operability for Emergency Response BEAD Letter and Berggren Architects regarding availability at upcoming Commissioner’s conference.
 - Met with Joe Anderson, Hwy Supt. to discuss the railroad crossing in Heartwell and approved Ft. Kearny Consolidated to lower the elevation on S Rd and 1300 Rd by 6 ft with the County overseeing the project to ensure that the road continues to meet road standards.
 - Met with Luke Bonkiewicz from NACO to receive an update.
 - Mike Boden from NACO presented the new rates for Blue Cross FY26/27. The health insurance was a 4.68% increase with the dental insurance staying the same. The Board approved adding Vision insurance to the county benefits package and staying with the \$500 deductible buy down with the County paying 100% for the employee and 75% for any dependents. Cash in lieu will stay at \$500 per month.

Adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

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

ATTEST:
 /s/ Jenni Lupkes
 Kearney County Clerk

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	
AT&T	Sv	\$434.46
Wayne Anderson	Election Work	210.00
BC Publishing	Publish	847.95
Melodie Bellamy, Co Atty	Reg	855.00
Bethany Home	Sv	765.00
Dorrene Bloomfield	Election Work	210.00
Jodi Boudreau	Election Work	236.10
Greg Brown	Election Work	217.00
Buffalo Co Sheriff	Dues	200.00
Patrick Burchell	Election Work	228.00
Business World	Su	97.09
Centec Cast Metal	Su	1,373.48
Karen L. Chiarbos- Warner	Election Work	247.45
CMRS- POC	Su	4,500.00

Craig Bros Mow Co.	Sv	220.00
Rita Crooks	Election Work	206.25
Dewald Deaver L'Heureux	Sv	161.00
Marsha A. Dorn	Election Work	237.40
Eakes	Su	1,903.25
Logan Ellis	Election Work	227.50
Tammy Ellis	Election Work	223.65
Dana D. Faber	Election Work	210.00
Marcia E. Fangmeyer	Election Work	295.40
Deanne Favinger	Election Work	221.19
FGH Law Office	Sv	1,743.33
First Bank & Trust	Su	88.03
First Concord Ben Grp	Self-Fund Ded	1,810.88
Shelly Gibbins, Extension Ofc Mngr	Su	38.59
John Gill	Election Work	248.75
Debra Granger	Election Work	223.75
Great Plains Comm	Sv	138.35
Tracy L. Groothuis	Election Work	195.00
GIS Workshop	Annual Sub	15,467.00
Darin Haight	Mileage	68.15
Judith E. Hansen	Election Work	227.50
Roger D. Hansen	Election Work	101.25
Erica Heun	Election Work	210.00
Philip Heun, VSO	Mile/Phone/Ed	163.49
Jodi R. Hinrichs	Election Work	221.48
Nancy Holl	Election Work	231.63
Laura Horner	Election Work	210.00
Lori Hunzeker	Election Work	210.00
Connie L. Jelkin	Election Work	226.50
KC Health Sv	Sv	180.00
KC Public Defender	Sv	1,591.29
KC Road Depart	Fuel	40.65
KC Sheriff's Fund	Sv	497.25
Marge A. Kershner	Election Work	210.00
Joyce Kingsley	Election Work	202.50
Klein, Brewster, Brandt, & Messersmith	Sv	2,760.00
Leslie J. Lambert	Election Work	206.25
Joyce M. Landrigan	Election Work	202.50
Linda K. Larsen	Election Work	223.65
Linda J. Larson	Election Work	221.11
Lieske, Lieske, & Ensz	Sv	1,358.00
Sharon Lippstreu	Election Work	231.50
Patricia M. Lundeen	Election Work	343.50
Jenni Lupkes, Co. Clerk	Mileage	68.88
Jennifer L. Madsen	Election Work	235.00
Minden Exchange Bank & Trust	Su	384.18
Minden Hardware	Su	718.98
Minden Senior Center	Poll Rent	50.00
Nelson Law	Sv	1,460.50
Jennifer L. Nelson	Mileage	66.70
Donna J. Niesen	Election Work	231.50
Tamara Petersen	Election Work	195.00

Physicians Laboratory	Sv	6,689.00
Diana M. Podewitz	Election Work	198.75
Jessica Poppe, Co Clerk Staff	Mileage	20.30
Pritchard & Abbott	Sv	200.00
Quality Sound & Comm	Sv	378.00
Katie J. Ramsey	Election Work	210.00
Markus Ramsey, Deputy Co Clerk	Mileage	20.74
Marla D. Reiter	Election Work	253.38
Dori Ropers	Election Work	221.48
Terese Smith	Election Work	246.75
Soarin Group	Sv	2,411.00
Linda Soundy	Election Work	206.25
Craig Steele	Election Work	7.50
Thomas Stewart, Attorney at Law	Sv	552.53
Lana K. Stickney	Election Work	238.03
Penny Talbert	Election Work	227.28
Thomson Reuters- West Publishing	Publish	132.00
Laura B. Tobiassen	Sv	14.30
Kim Toline	Election Work	206.25
United Methodist Church	Poll Rent	100.00
Verizon	Sv	101.98
Village of Heartwell	Poll Rent	50.00
Amy Wilson	Election Work	241.40
Susan Woollen	Election Work	202.50
	TOTAL	\$60,959.21

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

ACE/ Eaton Metals	Su	\$8,292.10
Carquest/Landmark	Su	461.90
City of Minden	Sv	30.00
Consolidated Concrete Co	Supplies	539.00
E & E Turf	Mow	50.00
Eakes	Su	97.38
Fifth Street Printing	Sv	188.75
Filtercare of Nebraska	Sv	151.25
First Concord Ben Grp	Self-Fund Ded	3,230.85
Terry Hendrickson, Truck Driver	CDL Renewal	31.00
KC Health Sv	Sv	105.00
HTR	Su	13,504.00
Landmark Implement	Su	340.40
Minden Courier	Publish	252.43
Minden Hardware	Su	112.72
Minden Lumber	Su	5.60
NMC	Su	313.50
Rhomar Industries	Su	799.78
Sahling Kenworth	Su	3,094.80
Southwest Gravel Products	Su	2,721.89
Spracklin Chiropractic	Sv	50.00
Tarco Industries	Su	194.21
	TOTAL	\$34,566.56

INHERITANCE TAX

Woods Aitken	Sv	\$13,488.65
	TOTAL	\$13,488.65
	<u>911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND</u>	
CenturyLink	Sv	\$3,580.83
	TOTAL	\$3,580.83
	<u>JV SERVICES AID FUND</u>	
Healthy Horizons Counseling	Sv	\$800.00
Morgan Kenton, JV Sv Aid	Mileage	301.02
Verizon	Phone	<u>39.92</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,140.94
	<u>CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS FUND</u>	
Cummins Sales & Sv	Sv	\$1,004.86
Eakes	Su	96.00
Great Plains Comm	Subscript	197.53
Landmark Implement	Su	335.41
Nebraska Tech & Telecom	Sv	688.08
Platte Valley Comm	Sv	<u>1,502.06</u>
	TOTAL	\$3,823.94