

REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA
 May 5, 2026 – 9:30 A.M

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held May 5, 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, Robert Swanson, James Miller, Nathan Avery Jeff England and Heath Hofstetter. Also present were County Clerk Jenni Lupkes, Joe Anderson Hwy. Supt., Scott White Sheriff. Craig Lupkes Emerg. Mgmt. Dir. Melodie Bellamy Co Atty 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 April 21, 2026.
 - Approved Bills and Claims, March payroll and Hospital Taxes. (See below)
 - Held a Public comment from 9:30 to 9:35 a.m. No comments were made.
 - Approved the County Clerk and Clerk of the District Court Fee Reports for April 2026.
 - Approved Noxious Weed Control Professional Services Contract with Flying M Enterprises INC
 - Approved Resolution-declaring May 2026, Woman’s Health Month
 - Approve duplicate General Fund Check 26010151 to Bradley J. Roberts Issued 1/20/26 for \$48.05
 - Approve Chairman Brent Stewart to sign future County Attorney training grant paperwork
 - Approved Region 3 Behavioral Health Co Match Request FY 26/27 for \$17,724.49 and Chairman Brent Stewart to sign Letter of Agreement with Region 3.
 - Reviewed correspondence from Village of Axtell on County Redevelopment Projects.
 - Approved Draft County Audit FY 24/25 and Chairman Brent Stewart to sign management representation letter to Contryman Associates
 - Approved Chairman Brent Stewart to sign Great Plains Communications 36 month Contract
 - Met with Jennifer Pittner Co Assessor to discuss estimate for rural property review.
 - Approved Chairman Brent Stewart to sign contract with IPAWS, mass notification system
 - Held Public Hearing and Approved Resolution for Administrative Subdivision, Russ Almquist Family Farm, L.L.C.- Tract in NW1/4 SW1/4 8-5-16
 - Jenni Lupkes, County Clerk presented the new Blue Cross rates for FY26-27. The Board will review further with included vision rates at next Board meeting
- Adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Jenni Lupkes
 Kearney County Clerk

GENERAL FUND

KC Payroll	April 2026	\$238,499.79
BC Publish	Publish	41.08
H Becker	Su	652.50
Melodie Bellamy, Co Atty	Mile/Lodge/Su	411.31
Black Hills	Ut	819.04
Business World	Su	41.98
City of Minden Ut Dept	Ut	1,091.80
Care Assist	Sv	365.00
Dawson Co Sheriff	Sv	21.26

Eakes Office	Sv	593.02
Earl May	Su	55.97
Election Systems & Software	Ballots/elect media	4,462.05
Enterprise Electric	Su	173.75
Family Advocacy Network	Subscript	1,500.00
Fifth Street Print	Sv	90.00
First Concord Ben Grp	Self-Fund Ded	74.08
First Concord Ben Grp	Caf Plan	120.00
Freedom and Glory	Su	795.46
gWorks	Subscript	4,725.00
Great Plains Comm	Sv	718.01
Rhonda Herrick, Extension Ed	Mile	701.35
Hometown Leasing	Lease	348.50
KC Court	Sv	148.00
KC Sheriff's Fund	Fees	48.13
Madison National Life	Ins	1,065.45
Menards Kearney	Su	134.92
Jacob R. Meyer, Deputy Co Atty	Phone	20.00
Minden Exchg Bank & Trust Co – ACH	Fees	20.50
MIPS	Sv & Supt	2,880.85
Ne Assoc of Co Officials	Reg	125.00
Personnel Evaluation	Sv	25.00
Preto-X	Exterm	104.10
Thurston Co Sheriff	Sv	18.50
Woodward's Disposal Service	Sv	<u>145.05</u>
	TOTAL	\$261,036.45

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

KC Payroll	April 2026	\$110,125.23
Ace/ Eaton Metals	Culverts	14,573.04
Joe Anderson, Hwy Supt	Phone	30.00
BC Publish	Publish	63.53
Black Hills	Ut	248.35
Carquest/Landmark	Su	2,048.53
City of Minden, Ut Dept	Ut	441.87
Cooperative Producers	Gas/Diesel	54,837.39
Eakes Office	Copies	379.76
First Concord Ben Grp	Self-Fund Ded	3,909.59
Great Plains Comm	Phone	136.58
Island Supply Co	Su	280.64
KC Treasurer	Vehicle Title	20.00
Lawson Products	Su	230.37
Medical Enterprises	Sv	113.00
Menards Kearney	Su	402.97
Minden Hardware	Su	149.94
MIPS	Su	124.16
NMC	Su	1,786.36
Randy Pracht, Road Mechanic	Phone	30.00
Presto-X	Exterm	77.62
Quality Sound & Comm	Equipment Rent	79.00
Rhomar Industries	Su	365.30
Sahling Kenworth	Su	2,066.82

Southern Public Power	Ut	432.66
Southwest Gravel Products	Gravel	3,554.44
Wilcox Ut Dept	Ut	<u>5.32</u>
	TOTAL	\$196,512.47

**ROD PRESERV. & MODERN.
FUND**

MIPS, Inc	Sv	<u>\$430.08</u>
	TOTAL	\$430.08

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND

CenturyLink	Sv	<u>\$497.77</u>
	TOTAL	\$497.77

**JUVENILE SERVICES AID
FUND**

KC Payroll	April 2026	\$5501.70
Morgan Kenton, JV Svcs Aid	Sv	<u>445.32</u>
	TOTAL	\$5947.02

HOSPITAL BOND FUND

Minden Exchg Bank & Trust Co	Refunding Bond Series 2019	<u>\$698,650.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$698,650.00

**CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS
FUND**

KC Payroll	April 2026	\$25,015.61
City of Minden Ut Dept	Ut	145.65
First Concord Benefits Group	Self-Fund Ded	2,100.00
Great Plains Comm	Sv	73.92
St of Ne DAS Central Fin #6506	Teletype	<u>537.60</u>
	TOTAL	\$27,872.78