

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA
June 16, 2026 – 9:30 A.M

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held June 16, 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, Jeff England and Heath Hofstetter. 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 June 2, 2026.
- Approved Bills and Claims. (See below).
- Held a Public Comment. No comments were made.
- Set Budget guidelines for FY 25/26 of up to a 3% increase over all.
- Re-appointed Matthew Cavanaugh to the Veterans Service Board from July 2026 to June 2031.
- Met with Ryan Powers and Kyle Brown from USDA concerning animal control for the County USDA Animal Control who presented the budget request for FY26/27. Approved the request of \$14,057.39.
- Met with Joe Anderson, Hwy Supt. to discuss a new cover for the salt shed and motor grader training
- Open motor grader bids at 10:00 a.m.
Nebraska Machinery Co., Doniphan, NE - \$270,600.00, alternate \$239,600.00; Murphy Tractor, Grand Island, NE - \$297,500.00, alternate \$329,500.00; Road Builders, Grand Island, NE \$291,463.56. The Board approved a Caterpillar from Nebraska Mach. Co. for \$270,600.00.
- Luke Poore and Gavin Blum from the Kearney County Health Services presented the Board their FY26/27 budget. They are asking for \$400,000 in tax asking for the coming year.
- Approved Chairman to sign FEMA Subrecipient Certification of Compliance with Foreign National Vetting Requirements for Emergency Management Grant Funding.
- Held a Public Hearing from 10:30 am to 10:40 am on a Special use Permit for The Grinnell Group for a 300’ Communication Tower at SE ¼ 30-7-13, 1818 32 Rd. The permit was approved.
- Katie Mulligan, Chief Operating Officer from Two Rivers Health Department gave an update.
- Approved Scott White Co. Sheriff to purchase Mobile Data Terminals and Body Worn Cameras and the application for reimbursement grants from NIRMA to aid in cost.
- Discussed the Axtell Emergency Sirens and fixing the alert delay.

Adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Jenni Lupkes
Kearney County Clerk

	GENERAL FUND	
A T & T	Sv	\$475.00
B & S Painting	Sv	700.00
BC Publish	Publish	277.49
Melodie Bellamy, Co Attny	Conf Travel	713.30
Benchmark Gvt Solution	Sv	13.95
Bethany Home	Sv	45.00

Black Hills	Ut	430.86
Business World	Su	2,589.97
Craig Bros Mow	Sv	330.00
Dillenback Enterprise	Sv	500.00
Donkey Towing	Sv	450.00
Eakes Ofc	Su	943.54
Electionsource	Su	2,421.19
FGH Law	Sv	978.02
First Concord Be Grp	Self-Fund Ded	1,143.68
Great Plains Comm	Sv	138.35
Grummert Pro Sv	Sv	6,600.00
Rhonda Herrick, Exten Ed	Su/ Con Reg	612.89
Hometown Leas	Lease	214.12
KC Ag Society	Fair Booth Rent	50.00
KC Road Dept	Fuel	3,468.80
KC Vets Aid Fund	Transfer	500.00
Klein, Brewster, Brandt, & Messersmith	Sv	1,391.50
Lieske, Lieske, & Ensz	Sv	537.00
Jenni Lupkes, Co Clerk	Mile	117.00
Minden Hardware	Su	375.42
MIPS	Su	2,852.96
Nelson Law	Sv	828.00
Quill Corp	Su	431.92
S.A.F.E. Center	Annual Fund	2,500.00
Soarin Group	Sv	2,474.00
Thomson Reuters-West Publish	Sv	132.00
USPS	PO Box Rent	1,132.00
Verizon	Sv	101.98
	TOTAL	\$36,469.94

	ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND	
Ag Spray Equip	Su	278.60
Axxent Buildings	Su	5,128.00
BC Publish	Publish	199.50
Bosselman	Su	26,314.13
Carquest/Landmark	Su	1,770.21
Construction Rental	Su	354.71
Tracy A. Donley	Mow	70.00
E & E Turf Inc.	Mow	250.00
Ed Broadfoot & Sons Sand & Gravel	Gravel	12,703.45
Filtercare	Sv	124.80
First Concord Ben Grp	Self-Fund Ded	471.93
Jackson's Heavy Equip Train	Sv	2,000.00
Jim's OK Tire	Su/Sv	4,126.18
HTR	Su	70,945.00
Landmark	Su	160.55
Lawson Products	Su	41.87
Menards	Su	99.98
NCK Quarrier	Su	3,585.28
Ne Assoc Co Eng, Hwy Supt & Surveyor	Reg	160.00
Ne Glass Co	Su	119.85

NMC	Su	327.81
Oak Creek Engineering	Sv	15,185.00
Sahling Kenworth	Su	6,244.83
Van Diest Su	Su	7,539.55
	TOTAL	158,201.23

	ROD PRESERV. & MODERN FUND	
Eakes Ofc	Su	\$4728.93
	TOTAL	\$4728.93

	INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
Benson Tree Sv	Sv	\$2,900.00
	TOTAL	\$2,900.00

	911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND	
CenturyLink	Maint Agmt	\$8,100.12
Geocomm.	Contract Renew	11,263.34
	TOTAL	\$19,363.46

	JUVENILE SERVICES AID FUND	
Morgan Kenton, JV Sv Aid	Mile	\$157.26
Verizon	Phone	39.93
	TOTAL	\$197.19

	COMMUNICATIONS FUND	
Carter Electric	Sv	\$502.25
First Concord Ben Grp	Self-Fund Ded	1,421.96
Great Plains Comm	Sv	197.53
Ne Tech & Telecomm	Sv	699.03
	TOTAL	\$2,820.77