

**PAWNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**JULY 8, 2025**

The Pawnee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., which was open to the public, on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, in the first-floor meeting room in the Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Notice of such meeting was published in the Thursday, July 3, 2025, issue of the Pawnee Republican. Present were Ron Seitz, Jan Lang, Lavon Heidemann and County Clerk Rachel King. Chairman Ron Seitz opened the meeting and announced the open meeting law poster is posted on the east wall of the meeting room. Lang moved and Heidemann seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2025 Commissioner meeting. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes). Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Voting: Lang (yes) Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes). Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve the claims as presented. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes).

The Board reviewed the Treasurer fund balance, 6-month, and 12-month accumulated reports for June.

The June month end reports for Clerk, Register of Deeds and District Court were reviewed by the Board.

The Board discussed the Building & Grounds position.

The Board discussed the County Auditor possibilities, no action taken at this time.

The quarterly sheriff report was reviewed by the Board.

At 9:10 public comment was held. No public comment was made.

Hunter Scott with Secure Tech Systems Inc. met with the Board to discuss courthouse security. No action taken at this time.

Nancy Tilton, met with the Board to discuss road conditions, personnel, sheriff vehicles and evidence room. The Commissioners suggested splitting the probation room into two parts, half for the usage of probation and the other half for remodeling into the evidence room. The current janitors' office would be cleaned out to be used for attorney/ client usage and jury deliberation. Personnel: There has only been one application for the open deputy position so far, more advertising may be necessary.

Emily Sisco, County Attorney, met with the Board to give the open/closed cases update. The Board reviewed the Pawnee County Public Defender appointment contract. Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve the Public Defender contract with Mercure. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes).

Dennis Schaardt met with the Board to discuss MFO mill levy, Dennis proposed lowering the MFO mill levy to 1.75 from 2. Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to set the MFO mill levy at 1.75. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes).

Braden Lang, Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss policies & procedures.

Megan Buckley, EMS, met with the Board and gave updates.

Chris Rauner, Hwy. Supt. met with the Board and gave the rock report and discussed the project list, personnel, equipment, materials/supplies, Resolution 25-18 to certify proper completion of project Bridge Match Program CBMP 6 and to review and possibly sign contracts for Box Culvert Package that were approved on May 28, 2025. Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve Resolution 25-18 to certify proper completion of project Bridge Match Program CBMP 6. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes).

The following claims were reviewed and signed:

NET PAYROLL 42609.36; FWH 3989.28; SWH 1847.35; FICA 6895.08; MICA 1612.52; NATIONWIDE 370.00; RETIREMENT 6439.52; DELTA DENTAL 319.65; AMERITAS 95.05; AMERICAN HERITAGE 61.35; MADISON LIFE 76.15; UNITED HEALTHCARE 12819.15; DIRECT DEPOSIT FEE 10.00.

#### **GENERAL FUND:**

South Fork Pioneer Cemetery, cemetery upkeep 100.00; Capitol Business Systems, extension office equipment 183.00, sheriff office supplies 62.32; Central Plains Valuation, rural review 1500.00; City of Pawnee City, water/sewer 123.36; Eakes Office Supplies, courthouse supplies 276.00; Donahue & Sisco, July utilities 12.50, rent 150.00, phones 20.83; Falls City Mercantile, janitor supplies 205.79; Fankhauser, Nelson, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin PC, court appointed counsel 2316.50; Grainger, building repair 148.82; H & H Auto Parts, sheriff miscellaneous 5.99; Johnson County Dispatch, quarterly dispatch agreement 15517.93; Kyles Service Center, grounds equipment 90.00, sheriff supplies 91.00; MIPS, programs & support 2352.28; Nestor & Mercure, court appointed counsel 506.00; NPPD, electricity 632.75; Pawnee County Sheriff, postage 28.10; Pawnee Republican, publishing 83.63; Soarin Group, IT security 968.00; Tichy Land Supply, surveyor 850.00; U-line, janitor supplies 103.50; US Bank, sheriff fuel 1177.94, inmate transport 90.47, sheriff subscription 30.00, sheriff expense 199.73; Jason Vetrovsky, mileage 218.40.

#### **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:**

City of Pawnee City, water/sewer 86.41; Dens Country Meats, fuel 688.80; Diversified Drug Testing, supplies 180.00; Eggers Bros, repairs 830.96; Harmony Inn & Suites, conference lodging- Rainer 516.00; Martin Marietta Materials, rock/gravel 20108.72; Nebraska Motor Fuel,

fuel 1276.00; NPPD, electricity 130.97; OPPD, electricity 33.1; Petty Cash, reimbursement 35.75; Sapp Bros., fuel 2293.01; US Bank, office supplies 39.94.

**ROD PRESERVATION FUND:**

MIPS, programs & support 176.90

**K-9 FUND:**

US Bank, supplies 199.73

**911 FUND:**

Johnson County Clerk, quarterly 911 2354.76

Chairman Seitz adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

S/Ron Seitz

S/Jan Lang

S/ Lavon Heidemann

Attest: Rachel King, Pawnee County Clerk