

PAWNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

The Pawnee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., which was open to the public, on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, in the first-floor meeting room in the Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Notice of such meeting was published in the Thursday, August 28, 2024, issue of the Pawnee Republican. Present were Jan Lang, Lavon Heidemann, Ron Seitz was absent, and County Clerk, Rachel King. Vice-Chairman Lang opened the meeting and announced the open meeting law poster is posted on the east wall of the meeting room. Heidemann moved and Lang seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025 Commissioner meeting. Voting: Seitz (absent), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes). Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the change of the meeting being on Wednesday, not Tuesday. Voting: Lang (yes) Heidemann (yes), Seitz (absent). Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve the claims as presented. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (absent), Lang (yes).

The Board reviewed the levy allocation requests for the Ag Society and Fire Districts. Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve Resolution 25-19 Setting the 2025-2026 levy authority for the Pawnee County Ag Society at .004519 and Fire Districts at .0175. Voting: Seitz (absent), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes).

The IT proposal from Eakes was reviewed by the Board. No action taken at this time. The Board reviewed the interlocal agreement for Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee and Richardson Counties for Juvenile Diversion. Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve the Four County Juvenile Diversion Interlocal Agreement for 2025-2026. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (absent)

At 9:10 There was no public comment. No public was present.

Cindy Johnson, Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss Distress Warrants.

Susan Eisenhauer met with the Board and requested support for the FSA office to keep it open in Pawnee. Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to send letters out to support the local FSA office in Pawnee City, NE. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (absent), Lang (yes).

Jerad Reimers, District Coordinator, met with the Board to give updates from Rep. Smith concerning his work on behalf of Nebraska in the U.S. House.

Braden Lang, Sheriff, met with the Board and discussed strategies to reduce overtime in the Sheriff Department. No action taken at this time.

Mary Droge, ZCBI Hall, met with the Board to submit an application for a liquor license.

Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve the liquor license application for ZCBJ Hall for October 4th, 2025. Voting: Seitz (absent), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes).

Megan Buckley, Emergency Manager, did not appear.

Chris Rauner, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Rauner discussed the rock report, project list, personnel, equipment, materials/ supplies, review agreement with Farmers Cooperative and BNSF regarding the closure of Railroad crossing on 711 Rd. Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve Resolution 25-20 Agreement with BNSF for closing procedures of the railroad crossing at 711 Rd. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (absent).

Pam Bourne, legal counsel, met with the Board by telephone and requested closed session to discuss possible litigation for the protection of the public interest. Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to go into closed session at 10:40 am to discuss possible litigation. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (absent). Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to come out of closed session at 12:03 pm with no action taken at this time. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (absent), Lang (yes).

The Board reviewed the 2025/2026 budget

The following claims were reviewed and signed:

NET PAYROLL 44605.76; FWH 4485.43; SWH 1998.28; FICA 7377.50; MICA 1725.34; NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT 370.00; RETIREMENT 6928.49; DELTA DENTAL 319.64; CHILD SUPPORT 213.56; GARNISHMENT 449.37; AMERITAS 136.47; AMERICAN HERITAGE 61.35; MADISON LIFE 82.53; UNITED HEALTHCARE 13709.00; DIRECT DEPOSIT FEE 10.00;

GENERAL FUND:

Capitol Business Systems, sheriff supplies 1324.14; Constellation, courthouse heat 8.26; CVSOA, veterans officer dues 60.00; DAS State Accounting- Central Finance, data processing 230.00; Eakes, veterans services supplies 11.50; Falls City Mercantile, janitorial supplies 238.49; Jill Hatfield, mileage 285.60, meal reimbursement 39.00; Kyles Service Center, sheriff repairs 101.30; NPHEL, sheriff testing 105.00; MIPS, data processing 2352.28; Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, special prosecutor 883.50; NACVSO, veterans services registration 400.00; NPPD, courthouse electric 1018.00; Pawnee City Thriftway, janitorial supplies 14.76; Pawnee Republican, publishing 316.50; Richardson County Sheriff, inmate lodging 4015.00, inmate medical 77.44; Elizabeth Samuelson, court appointed counsel 1263.50; Secretary of State- Nebraska, election supplies 10.00; US Bank, clerk lodging- King 89.99, sheriff fuel 1598.68, sheriff transport 129.23, sheriff dues 30.00, sheriff training 175.00, lawn equipment 246.03; Jason Vetrovsky, mileage 262.29; Zerotrace, electronic disposal 100.00.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Beatrice Fire protection, shop safety 502.29; Kyles Service Center, repairs 9690.00; Martin Marietta Materials, rock/gravel 48006.70; Metal Culverts Inc., tubes 2479.40; NPPD, electric 144.65; Powerplan, repairs 995.42; Sapp Bros Inc., fuel 4868.19; Speers Truck Repair, repairs/labor 450.58; US Bank, fuel 117.00

ROD PRESERVATION FUND:

MIPS, data processing 176.90

Vice-Chairman Lang adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

S/Jan Lang

S/Lavon Heidemann

Attest: Rachel E. King,
Pawnee County Clerk