

PAWNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 9, 2025

The Pawnee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., which was open to the public, on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, in the first-floor meeting room in the Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Notice of such meeting was published in the Thursday, November 26, 2025, issue of the Pawnee Republican. Present were Ron Seitz, Jan Lang, Lavon Heidemann and County Clerk, Lindsay Kostecka. 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 November 25, 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 with holding Soarin Group claim until confirmation of dates of service. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes).

The Board reviewed the November month-end Register of Deeds, District Court, Treasurer, year to date District Court and six month accumulated Treasurer reports. The Board reviewed correspondence from the Sheriff regarding Distress Warrants.

At 9:10 Public comment was held. There was no public comment.

Lindsay Kostecka, Clerk, met with the board to discuss possible rehire of former Deputy Clerk, Suzanne Sommerhalder. After discussion Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve the rehiring of Suzanne Sommerhalder for the Deputy Clerk position. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes).

Emily Sisco, County Attorney, met with the board to discuss a room for attorneys to use to meet with clients. After discussion Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve the use of the former maintenance office on the third floor for an attorney room. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes).

Braden Lang, Sheriff, Nancy Tilton, met with the board to discuss new sheriff vehicle and potential non-certified hiring bonus. No action taken.

Megan Buckley, Emergency Manager, met with the Board and gave updates.

Chris Rauner, Hwy. Supt., met with the Board and discussed possibly sign resolution for Project BRO-70678(24) and gave the rock report.

After discussion Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve Resolution 25-29 Signing of Preliminary Engineering Services Supplemental Agreement BK2488-001 for Project BRO-70678(24). Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes).

Board Discussed 2027-2030 county employee salaries. No action taken.

The following claims were reviewed and signed:

NET PAYROLL 41423.28; FWH 3667.51; SWH 1778.05; FICA 6730.96; MICA 1574.14; NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT 370.00; RETIREMENT 6208.74; DELTA DENTAL 352.58; CHILD SUPPORT 213.56; GARNISHMENT 272.89; AMERITAS 125.95; AMERICAN HERITAGE 61.35; MADISON LIFE 82.53; UNITED HEALTHCARE 14836.66; DIRECT DEPOSIT FEE 10.00;

GENERAL FUND:

Capital Business Systems, Sheriff lease 82.74; Central Plains Valuation, reappraisal 14,888.00; City of Pawnee City, water 123.66; CVSOAN, Veteran Services dues 100.00; James Duff, mileage 94.50; Eakes, Veterans services supply 56.00, Clerk supplies 12.40, Sheriff supplies 99.07; Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts & Ziskey, court appointed counsel 825.00; Gage County, Bailiff 884.16; Dylan Handley, Mental Health Board training 80.00; Johnson County Sheriff, inmate housing 2,145.00; Kollasch Law Office, court appointed council 539.00; Lindsay Kostecka, clerk supplies 6.74; Braden Lang, Sheriff meals, fuel & transport 100.76; MIPS, programs and support 2,529.18; NACVSO, Veterans Service dues 50.00; NPPD, electricity 540.60; Pawnee City Thriftway, janitor supplies 7.58; Pawnee County Hospital, Sheriff CPR training 30.00; Pawnee County Treasurer, real estate taxes 275.86; Pawnee Republican, publishing 83.25; Richardson Co. Sheriff, inmate housing 4,201.64; Segra, internet 295.00; Soarin Group, IT Security 824.00; Table Rock Appliance, courthouse repair 283.00; Tichy Land Survey Co, surveying 1,640.13; TK Elevator Corporation, building repairs 336.87; Pawnee True Value, janitor supplies 49.96; US Bank, Sheriff fuel 861.91, equipment 134.36, transport 44.19, dues 30.00; Verizon Wireless, Sheriff phones 408.49; Windstream, courthouse phone 974.71;

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

City of Pawnee City, water 89.39; Dens, fuel 295.40; Diversified Drug Testing, testing 180.00; Colt Johnson, boot reimbursement 255.83; Malone Construction Co, pay out C006732025-C-67 150,973.63; Martin Marietta Materials, rock 22,028.90; NPPD, electricity 141.95; OPPD, electric 33.00; Pawnee Republican, subscription 50.00; Sapp Bros., fuel 4,948.34; Smith Auto, equipment repair 120.00; Speers Truck Repair, repairs 8,862.18; US Bank, fuel, 36.00.

Chairman Seitz adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

S/Ron Seitz

S/Jan Lang

S/ Lavon Heidemann

Attest: Lindsay Kostecka, Pawnee County Clerk