

PAWNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 3, 2026

The Pawnee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., which was open to the public, on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, in the first-floor meeting room in the Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Notice of such meeting was published in the Thursday, February 26, 2026, 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 February 18, 2026, Commissioner meeting. Voting: Seitz (abstain), 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 (abstain), Lang (yes).

Discussion held on Pawnee City Chamber requesting assistance on watering the seven flower pots that surround the courthouse lawn. Chamber agreed to leave the watering unit at the courthouse for convenience, Board discussed with maintenance, and this was agreed to have Josh Smith handle the watering as part of his duties.

At 9:10 Public comment was held. Josh Black spoke about volunteers interested in joining the Planning and Zoning Board and will add this to next meeting agenda. No other comment held.

Braden Lang, Sheriff, Nancy Tilton, met with the board to discuss robo spam calls and communication regarding hiring of the 4th deputy position. After discussion no action taken.

Josh Black, weed superintendent, met with the board to review, and sign county weed review report. After discussion Lang moved and Heidemann seconded for chairman to sign county weed review report. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes).

Megan Buckley, Emergency Management, met with the Board to discuss updates.

Chris Rauner, Hwy. Supt., met with the Board to discuss the rock report, project list, personnel, equipment, materials/ supplies. After discussion no action taken.

The following claims were reviewed and signed:

NET PAYROLL 42733.32; FWH 3660.72; SWH 1656.22; FICA 6891.30; MICA 1611.64; NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT 570.00; RETIREMENT 3914.81; DELTA DENTAL 400.69; CHILD SUPPORT 213.56; GARNISHMENT 272.89; AMERITAS 121.90; AMERICAN HERITAGE 61.37; MADISON LIFE 82.76; UNITED HEALTHCARE 18908.84; AMERITAS 10.00; DIRECT DEPOSIT FEE 10.00.

GENERAL FUND:

Capital Business Systems, copier lease 209.00; Constellation Energy, heat 1022.48; County Veterans Service Office CVSOAN, registration fees 60.00; Crowne Plaza, lodging 149.95; Department Correctional Services Interagency Billing, inmate lodging 180.70; Handley Law Office, court appt. council 1562.50; Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts & Ziskey, court appt. counsel 231.00; Jill Hatfield, mileage 49.92; Johnson County Clerk, quarterly emergency management 8116.50; Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards, dues 100.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center, sheriff training 175.00; NE Assoc. of Co. Clerks, dues 50.00; NPPD, electric 556.06; Pawnee County Clerk, postage 23.90; Pawnee Republican, publishing 1821.23; Pawnee True Value, janitor supply 74.46; Psychological Resources, sheriff training 500.00; Radiology Associates, inmate medical 42.00; Richardson Co. Sheriff, inmate housing 4108.98; Ronald Seitz, mileage 274.05; Steven Mercure, public defender 3750.00; US Bank, supply 2447.46; Windstream, phone 76.84.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Black Hills Energy, heat 677.71; Diversified Drug Testing, testing 218.00; Jackson's Heavy Equipment Training, training 400.00; Martin Marietta Materials, rock 18493.54; Midwest Services & Sales, supplies 1100.00; NPPD, electricity 286.88; Pawnee Republican, publishing 11.50; Pawnee True Value, supply 36.95; Speers Truck Repair, repairs 5528.17; US Bank, supply 215.00.

Chairman Seitz adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

S/Ron Seitz

S/Jan Lang

S/ Lavon Heidemann

Attest: Lindsay Kostecka, Pawnee County Clerk