

PAWNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

The Pawnee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., which was open to the public, on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, in the first-floor meeting room in the Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Notice of such meeting was published in the Thursday, August 20, 2026, issue of the Pawnee Republican. Present were Ron Seitz, Jan Lang, Lavon Heidemann and County Clerk, Lindsay Kostecka. Chairman Seitz opened the meeting and announced the open meeting law copy available in the meeting room. Lang moved and Heidemann seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2026, Commissioner meeting as presented. 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 the motion to approve the claims as presented with addition of making a note on the AKRS claim that it was parts for the County and not the city. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes).

The Board reviewed the August month end Clerk Register of Deeds, Clerk of District Court, August month end, and 6 month accumulated report from Treasurer. After review, no action taken.

The Board discussed courthouse water meter. After discussion Board asked Emily to draft a letter to City of Pawnee City regarding size of the water meter.

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

The Board discussed courthouse Capital Business contracted printers & copiers. After discussion need to get clarification from Capital Business on the fees for cancellation, no action taken.

The Board discussed dispatch agreement, jail agreement and 911 agreement. There is ongoing discussion taking place between Pawnee and Johnson County, so no action taken at this time.

Bobby Mercier, Segra, met with the Board at their request to discuss upgrading phone system. After discussion Segra will send a more detailed cost comparison of the upgrade for Board review at next meeting, no action taken.

Megan Buckley, Emergency Management, met with the Board to give updates. After discussion no action taken.

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

Emily Sisco, County Attorney & Stephanie Kaster, Assessor, met with the Board to discuss the County Assessor position.

Motion made by Lang, seconded by Heidemann to move to executive session to protect the reputation of individual(s) at 10:12 a.m. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes).

Motion made by Heidemann, seconded by Lang to come out of executive session at 11:18 a.m.

Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes).

After discussion Stephanie Kaster, Assessor is submitting her resignation effective immediately. Motion made by Heidemann, seconded by Lang to accept Stephanie Kaster resignation as County Assessor. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes).

The following claims were reviewed and signed:

NET PAYROLL 45873.35; FWH 4194.80; SWH 1858.47; FICA 7487.36; MICA 1751.08; NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT 700.00; RETIREMENT 7239.55; DELTA DENTAL 383.50; CHILD SUPPORT 213.56; GARNISHMENT 480.54; AMERITAS 107.10; AMERICAN HERITAGE 61.35; MADISON LIFE 82.53; UNITED HEALTHCARE 19088.95; DIRECT DEPOSIT FEE 10.00.

GENERAL FUND:

3D Plumbing & Trenching, courthouse repair 75.00; Black Hills, heat 58.60; Cindy Johnson, mileage 107.31; City of Pawnee City, water 362.48; State of NE, data processing 230.00; Eakes, IT support 992.50; Falls City Merch., supply 154.74; Fankhauser, Nelson, Wertz, court appt council 137.50; Segra, phone 706.89; Holiday Inn, assessor lodging 419.85; James Duff, mileage 307.04; Johnson County Sheriff, service fee 18.70; Kollasch Law, court appt council 250.00; Kraviec Maurstad Law, child support enforcement 1503.12; MIPS, data processing 2806.52; NACO, assessor registration 225.00; Pawnee Republican, publishing 10.00; Tichy Land Survey, service 5400.00, surveyor 850.00; True Value, supply 6.99; US Bank, supply 297.39.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Bennetts Fire Protection, service 515.03; City of Pawnee City, water 90.17; Dens, fuel 959.97; Farmers Co-op, fuel 6721.18; HH Auto Parts, parts 59.99, supply 338.19, tools 351.71; Menards, sign supply 38.97; Nippon Sanso Matheson Inc., chemicals 476.05; NPPD, electric 269.88; OPPD, electric 35.25; Sapp Bros., fuel 9026.87; True Value, supply 125.76; Uniti, phone 216.99.

ROD FUND:

MIPS, record preservation 182.21.

Chairman Seitz adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

S/ Ron Seitz

S/Jan Lang

S/Lavon Heidemann

Attest: Lindsay Kostecka, Pawnee County Clerk