

PAWNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 29, 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 29, 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 15, 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. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes).

Board discussed possible approval appointing new County Assessor. After discussion, motion made by Lang, seconded by Heidemann to appoint Jill Hatfield to position of County Assessor for remainder of term. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang, (yes), Heidemann (yes).

Board reviewed Interlocal Agreement for Four County Juvenile Diversion. After discussion motion made by Lang, seconded by Heidemann to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Four County Juvenile Diversion. Voting: Lang, (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes).

Board reviewed distress warrant summary for tax year 2024. After discussion no action taken.

Board reviewed application for use of the courthouse grounds for Pawnee City School Homecoming Pep rally. Motion made by Lang seconded by Heidemann to approve use of grounds for the October 16, 2026 pep rally activities. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes).

At 9:10 public comment was held. Nancy Tilton spoke with questions regarding Assessor's office. No other public comment.

The Board reviewed the budget for 2026-2027 and the resolutions. Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve Resolution 26-16 Adoption and Appropriations for the 2026-2027 budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes).

Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve Resolution 26-17 Setting the Property Tax Request at \$3,086,690.33. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes). Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve Resolution 26-18 Authorizing the transfer of \$174,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes). Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve Resolution 26-19 Authorizing the transfer of \$1,256,117.66 from the General Fund to the Bridge/Road Fund. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes). Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve Resolution 26-20 Authorizing the transfer of \$657.86 from the General Fund to the Veteran's Aid Fund. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes). Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve Resolution 26-21 Authorizing the transfer of \$17,000.00 from the General Fund to the LE Grant & Federal Grants Fund. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes). Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve Resolution 26-22

Authorizing the transfer of \$22,020.79 from the Handi-bus Fund to the General Fund. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes).

James Duff, Veterans Services, met with the Board about Tyler Technologies. After discussion Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve the signing of Memorandum of Understanding with Tyler Technologies. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes).

Cindy Johnson, Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss distress warrants and tax report. After discussion motion made by Lang seconded by Heidemann to approve the sales of the delinquent 2024 tax list. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes).

Jill Hatfield, Assessor, met with the Board to discuss Central Plains contract. After discussion motion made by Lang seconded by Heidemann to approve contract with Central Plains to continue maintenance work they started. Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes).

Braden Lang, Sheriff, and Nancy Tilton, met with the Board to discuss sheriff office evidence. B. Lang states there is a missing cell phone from evidence and unable to locate where the chain of custody the phone went missing. After discussion sheriff office will contact the evidence owner to file a claim for the missing phone.

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 and review dump belly trailer quotes and possibly award. Board reviewed 3 quotes, after discussion motion made by Heidemann seconded by Lang to accept Brazos quote at \$52,428.00 and use the insurance money received from the wrecked trailer of \$27,000.00 and take the difference out of inheritance tax to pay. 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:

Capital Business, copier 68.59,191.00; Eakes, supply 1161.18; ES&S, election supply 1711.25; H&H Auto, supply 8.65; Holiday Inn, veterans lodging 389.85; Johnson County Clerk, emergency manager 9074.20; NE State Fire marshal, elevator inspection 120.00; NPPD, lights 1157.31; NE weed control association, dues 225.00; Nemaha Co. Sheriff office, inmate housing 750.00; Nestor & Mercure, court appt council 1023.00; Pawnee County Clerk, postage 12.90; Pawnee County Sheriff, service fee 34.59; Pawnee Republican, publishing 1023.30; Region 5, mental health 1244.00; Richardson County Sheriff, inmate housing 3300.00, medical 79.41; Russ & Sons services, building repair 2400.00; Southeast weed management assoc. 250.00; US Bank, JPH cost 24.92, sheriff dues 127.49, sheriff fuel 1628.16; Verizon, sheriff phone 408.36; Jason Vetrovsky, mileage 286.60.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Black Hills, heat 54.52; Eggers Bros., parts 383.87; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. 32749.38; NACO, registration 165.00; NPPD, electric 36.84; US Bank, fuel 228.00, supply 511.85.

OPIOID FUND:

Region 5, opioid recovery 224.00

Chairman Seitz adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

S/ Ron Seitz

S/Jan Lang

S/Lavon Heidemann

Attest: Lindsay Kostecka, Pawnee County Clerk