

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting  
July 15, 2025

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following present: Chairperson Jim Reichman, Commissioner William Klingman, Commissioner Jean Timm, County Assessor Michele Bartlett, County Treasurer Alicia Adams, Sheriff’s office administrator Leslie Snell, Sheriff Scott DeCoste, Sheriff Deputy Jim McCormick, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetsky, Assistant Highway Superintendent Kristian Fusilier, Audrey Worthing, Richard Graeff, Leon Dallegge, Lonnie Dallegge, Josh Wendall, via phone Garrett Gustafson, via phone Rich Ostdiek, John Rutledge, and Clerk Tammy Sherman. The meeting, notice of which was published in the Chappell Register according to law, was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Reference was made to open meeting laws, posted at the entrance of the room. Commissioner Klingman made a motion, second of Commissioner Timm to approve the consent agenda, July 15<sup>th</sup>agenda, minutes of the regular meeting July 1, 2025, and warrants in the amount of \$112,996.76 (payroll \$37,243.74 and claims \$75,753.02). Timm, aye, Reichman, abstain, Klingman, aye.

| GENERAL                  |                   |          |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| PAYROLL                  |                   | 25072.21 |
|                          | PAYROLL           |          |
| BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD   | DEDUCTIONS        | 74.17    |
| C-WEED MANAGEMENT        | SERVICES          | 3283.35  |
| CCECC - 911              | SERVICES          | 4696.66  |
| CENTURY LINK             | TELEPHONE         | 308.56   |
| CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL       | UTILITIES         | 673.18   |
| CHAPPELL REGISTER        | PUBLISHING        | 508.94   |
| CHEYENNE CO SHERIFF      | BOARDING          | 3100.00  |
| DATASHIELD               | SERVICES          | 66.22    |
| DEUEL COUNTY ATTRNY      | POSTAGE           | 9.68     |
| DEUEL CO DIST COURT      | COURT FEES        | 72.00    |
| DEUEL CO COUNTY COURT    | COURT FEES        | 305.00   |
| DEUEL CO TREASURER       | BANK FEES         | 15.00    |
| DISCOVER BANK            | PAYROLL DEDUCT    | 224.94   |
| EAKES CORP               | SUPPLIES          | 2570.87  |
| FIRST CONCORD            | PAYROLL DEDUCT    | 100.00   |
| GARDEN CO SHERIFF        | BOARDING          | 450.00   |
| GOTO COMMUNICATIONS      | TELEPHONE         | 525.43   |
| HAMILTON TELECOMMUN      | TELEPHONE         | 29.00    |
| HANSENS PETROLEUM        | FUEL              | 2149.99  |
| HOMETOWN LEASING         | COPIER            | 110.52   |
| IDEAL LINEN              | SERVICES          | 75.43    |
| US TREASURY              | PCORI TAX         | 122.36   |
| INTRALINKS, INC          | SERVICES          | 2955.00  |
| LINDA JEFFERS            | MILEAGE           | 254.10   |
| MIPS                     | SERVICES          | 1594.05  |
| NPPD                     | UTILITIES         | 47.33    |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT CNTR     | TRAINING          | 150.00   |
| NSA                      | DUES              | 60.00    |
| OPTK NETWORKS            | SERVICES          | 300.00   |
| PLATTE VALLEY COMM       | SERVICES          | 118.80   |
| POINT C                  | SERVICES          | 440.50   |
| POINTS WEST COMM BANK    | SERVICES          | 5.00     |
| ROBERT HARVOY            | COURT APPT ATTRNY | 635.00   |
| SARA NELSON              | MILEAGE           | 42.70    |
| STEVEN ELMSHAEUSER       | COURT APPT ATTRNY | 3060.00  |
| T.T.L. - STATE           | PAYROLL DEDUCT    | 1113.18  |
| T.T.L. - RETIREMENT      | PAYROLL DEDUCT    | 1833.56  |
| T.T.L. - RETIREMENT      | COUNTY SHARE      | 3692.44  |
| TABLE OF GRACE/KINGS INN | SERVICES          | 280.00   |
| TRANSUNION               | SERVICES          | 75.00    |
| T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY | PAYROLL DEDUCT    | 2593.29  |
| T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY | COUNTY SHARE      | 3817.42  |
| T.T.L. - FEDERAL         | PAYROLL DEDUCT    | 3061.70  |
| VERIZON WIRELESS         | TELEPHONE         | 320.08   |
| VIAERO                   | TELEPHONE         | 40.54    |
| WESTFIELD PHARMACY       | INMATE MEDICAL    | 103.35   |

| ROAD & BRIDGE            |                   |               |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| PAYROLL                  |                   | 12171.53      |
| AJK SERVICES, LLC        | SERVICES          | 1552.54       |
| BIG SPRINGS TIRE         | REPAIRS           | 82.00         |
| CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL       | UTILITIES         | 198.49        |
| EAKES                    | SUPPLIES          | 384.47        |
| FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS   | PAYROLL DEDUCT    | 204.16        |
| FLOYD'S TRK CENTER       | REPAIRS           | 185.91        |
| HANSENS PETROLEUM        | FUEL              | 2053.22       |
| KELLY KOPETZKY           | CELL PHONE        | 50.00         |
| NE DEPT OF REVENUE       | FUEL TAX REPORT   | 1582.00       |
| PREMIER AUTO PARTS       | REPAIRS           | 121.26        |
| T.T.L. - STATE           | PAYROLL DEDUCT    | 562.70        |
| T.T.L. - RETIREMENT      | PAYROLL DEDUCT    | 729.26        |
| T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY | PAYROLL DEDUCT    | 1224.13       |
| T.T.L. - FEDERAL         | PAYROLL DEDUCT    | 1314.02       |
| VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS   | TRASH             | 35.00         |
| WHEATBELT                | UTILITIES         | 68.78         |
| VISITORS PROMOTION FUND  |                   |               |
| WESTERN NE TOURISM       | DUES              | 394.62        |
| VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND |                   |               |
| KONNI SAUDER             | JUNE              | 671.90        |
| VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS   | WELCOME SIGN      | 225.00        |
| COUNTY FAIR              |                   |               |
| CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL       | UTILITIES         | 177.17        |
| EAKES                    | SUPPLIES          | 50.00         |
| KEGAN BROTT              | LICENSE FEE       | 60.00         |
| FLOOD COMMUNICATIONS     | ADVERTISING       | 1000.00       |
| POPPE ENTERPRISES        | SERVICES          | 221.55        |
| HYPNOTIC CHANGE, LLC     | ENTERTAINMENT     | 600.00        |
| ALIENS & STRANGERS. LLC  | SOUND SYSTEM      | 4550.00       |
| CV CHEER & DANCE TEAM    | SERVICES          | 500.00        |
| DEUEL COUNTY FAIR BOARD  | PREMIUMS          | 2500.00       |
| DUSTY TRAILS, LLC        | ENTERTAINMENT     | 1682.00       |
| CAPTAIN MORGAN & BIRDS   | ENTERTAINMENT     | 1224.20       |
| PANCAKE MAN              | ENTERTAINMENT     | 2100.00       |
| LUCAS MINOR              | ENTERTAINMENT     | 1000.00       |
| MID-NE PEDAL PULLERS     | ENTERTAINMENT     | 948.80        |
| ORIENTAL TRADING         | KIDS GAMES PRIZES | 685.50        |
| RANCH RODEO MEMORIAL     | ENTERTAINMENT     | <u>750.00</u> |
| TOTAL                    |                   | \$ 112,996.76 |

The Deuel County Court fee report for June 2025 was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$3,283.47.

Audery Worthing with Senator Adrian Smith’s office updated the Commissioners on the goings on in Senator Smith’s office.

At 8:43 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to enter the Board of Equalization. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye.

After review by the County Attorney, a motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to approve the non-exclusive Franchise Agreement with Spectrum Mid-America, LLC locally known as Charter Communications for cable services within the county. Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Sheriff DeCoste presented an updated Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Cheyenne County Emergency Communications Center, dated July 1, 2025. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to approve the updated Interlocal Agreement with Cheyenne County Emergency Communications Center. Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to designate NACO/MIPS to facilitate the printing and mailing of the Joint Public Hearing postcards at a cost of .60 - .62 per postcard including postage charge for 2025. Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye, Timm, aye.

County Treasurer Alicia Adams presented the Six-month report for the Treasurer’s office for review and filing.

No business for Planning & Zoning.

Fusilier and Kopetsky updated the Board on the operations in the roads department. One of the mowers went down. They have the parts and will be fixing it today. Mowing will continue on the rural roads. The Dept has one application for the open position. The applicant does not live in Deuel County. It was decided that an interview should be granted to the individual, since the Dept. has had no local applicants.

Sheriff DeCoste reported for the Sheriff’s office. The Deuel County Sheriff’s Department monthly report for June was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$2,368.20. A brief discussion was held concerning the School Resource Officer position. An individual with specific personality characteristics is needed for that position. The Commissioners commended the Sheriff’s department for implementing that program into the school system. They have seen the benefit of the program. A wrecked abandoned trailer in inoperable condition currently at the impound shed, after regulated procedure is followed, will be transferred to a waste/recycling facility.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to reconvene the Board of Equalization meeting at 10:34 a.m. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Public comment. Jared Hahn called in concerning permission for the 4-H shooters to practice at the fairgrounds. After a brief discussion Commissioner Klingman asked for the item to be placed on the next meeting agenda which is July 22, 2025.

John Rutledge addressed the Board with an update regarding the gas and oil leases within Deuel County, most of which have been tapped/closed.

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Deuel County Courthouse upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Reichman; Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy Sherman, Clerk

Board of Equalization  
July 15, 2025

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date as the Board of Equalization with the following present: Commissioner Reichman, Commissioner Klingman, Commissioner Timm, County Attorney Stellar, Assessor Bartlett, and Clerk Sherman.

Permissive Exemption hearing was held for the Chappell Senior Center. KCTS Transit uses parcel 0000215300 as an office for the transit service. KCTS is paying rent to the Chappell Senior Center for the use of the building, therefore according to the State Statute the Chappell Senior Center does not qualify for tax exemption for this parcel. A motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to approve the removal of tax exemption status for parcel 0000215300. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Reichman for the denial of Homestead Exemption for parcel 3197.00 due to death of the resident and age of the remaining resident. Klingman, aye, Timm, aye, Reichman, aye.

Bartlett updated the board on the TERC hearing with the Phelps Motel. The State of Nebraska and the Phelps Hotel have come to an agreement concerning the tax exemption status of the hotel. With the pending agreement awaiting final signatures, the hearing was tabled.

County Attorney Jon Stellar swore in the County Board of Equalization and Property Valuation Protestors.

Property Valuation Protests were heard or reviewed from the following: 2025-6 Teresa Green; 2025-05 Richard Graeff; 2025-03 & 2025-04 Big Springs Equipment; 2025-01 & 2505-05 Lonnie Dallegge; 2025-08 & 2025-09 Bosselman Motels, Inc.; 2025-10 Carlton Jeffcoat.

At 10:11 a.m. a motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to recess the Board of Equalization meeting to reconvene the regular meeting. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

Bartlett advised that she would work on a review of the protest items. A special meeting will be held on July 22, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. for a review of the findings and rulings on the protests. Meeting notice was published in July 9, 2025, Chappell Register.

There being no further business, the Board of Equalization adjourned, and the regular meeting was reconvened at 10:45 a.m. upon motion by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Klingman. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Tammy Sherman, Clerk