

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting
December 16, 2025

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following present: Chairperson Jim Reichman, Commissioner William Klingman, Commissioner Jean Timm. Also, present was Treasurer Alicia Adams, Assessor Michele Bartlett, County Attorney Jon Stellar, Hwy Superintendent Anthony Krajewski, Assistant Hwy Superintendent Kristian Fusilier, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetsky, Sheriff’s Office Administrator Leslie Snell, Sheriff Deputy Jim McCormick, Todd Hatterman, and Clerk Tammy Sherman. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Chappell Register and the county website (www.deuelcountyne.gov) on or before December 11, 2025. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Reference was made to the open meeting laws, posted at the entrance of the room. Commissioner Klingman made a motion, second of Commissioner Timm to approve the consent agenda; December 16, 2025, agenda, minutes of the regular meeting December 2, 2025, and warrants in the amount of \$127,684.84 (payroll \$39,014.07 and claims \$88,670.77). Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

GENERAL		
PAYROLL		25789.68
AT&T	TELEPHONE	54.39
AT&T MOBILITY	TELEPHONE	682.14
AUDREY M. LONG	COURT APPT ATTRNY	200.00
C-WEED MANAGEMENT	SERVICES/DUES	3518.35
CAMERON CHRISTENSEN	ZONING MTG	15.00
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	426.45
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	50.45
CHAPPELL REGISTER	SERVICES	474.64
CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	SUPPLIES	4.38
CHEYENNE CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	1100.00
DAS MATERIAL		
INTERAGENCY	SERVICES	440.00
DEUEL CO DISTRICT COURT	FEES	0.00
DEUEL COUNTY COURT	FEES	306.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	186.91
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	100.00
GARDEN CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	2550.00
GARY FREEMAN	ZONING MTG	15.00
GOTO COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	431.82
HAMILTON TELECOMM	TELEPHONE	29.00
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	1630.91
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIERS	296.67
IDEAL LINEN	SERVICES	80.71
INTRALINKS, INC	SERVICES	3307.84
JAMIE BRIGHT	MILEAGE	39.20
JASON CHELEEN	ZONING MTG	15.00
JONES AUTOMOTIVE	REPAIRS	183.91
MIPS	SERVICES	1594.05
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	REPAIRS	105.70
NPPD	UTILITIES	44.80
NE SUPREME COURT	INTERLOCAL AGRMT	4572.65
NKC TIRE GROUP	REPAIRS	134.64
OPTK NETWORKS	TELEPHONE	300.00
POINTS WEST COMM BANK	SERVICES	5.00
ROBERT HARVOY	COURT APPT ATTRNY	135.00
RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO	SHERIFF VEHICLE	12691.26
SARA NELSON	MILEAGE	118.65
STEVE ELMSHAEUSER	COURT APPT ATTRNY	2010.00
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1122.17
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1808.41
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	3763.99
TRANSUNION	SERVICES	100.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2616.75
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	3942.65
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2868.67
USAVE PHARMACY	INMATE MEDICAL	76.99
VANZEE HEATING	REPAIRS	121.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	320.08
VIAERO	TELEPHONE	40.32

ROAD & BRIDGE		
PAYROLL		13224.39
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SERVICES	391.20
BIG SPRINGS EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS	935.44
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	117.80
CHAPPELL LUMBER	REPAIRS	82.67
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS	PAYROLL DEDUCT	204.16
FVC	FUEL	9383.54
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	11596.49
KELLY KOPETZKY	CELL PHONE	50.00
NPPD	UTILITIES	64.15
PREMIER AUTO	REPAIRS	658.34
SEDGWICK CO HOSPITAL	SERVICES	60.00
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	590.59
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	789.12
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1325.90
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1401.98
US POSTMASTER	BOX FEE	162.00
VAN ZEE HEATING	REPAIRS	523.57
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	UTILITIES	35.00
WHEATBELT	UTILITIES	133.77
COUNTY FAIR		
NAFM	DUES/CONVENTION	475.00
TRAFFIC DIVERSION FUND		
JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQUIP UPDATE	<u>5058.50</u>
TOTAL		\$ 127,684.84

Public comment. None.

No business for the Board of Equalization.

Planning & Zoning; no permits or applications for review. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to approve Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc. to do the Deuel County Comprehensive Plan that is up for review in 2026. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

The memorandum of understanding with Cheyenne, Kimball, and Deuel Counties to form a coalition for the purpose of applying for the FY 2027 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid was presented. No changes from last year. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman, to approve the memorandum of understanding as presented. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

Deuel County Treasurer Adams presented the annual sales tax report for the Deuel County Fair.

A brief discussion was held concerning the pop cooler for the 4-H building at the fairgrounds. A bid from Pepsi Cola of Western Nebraska was received in the amount of \$2,648.64 (delivered, installed and service available). A motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve the purchase of the cooler for the 4-H building. Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Hwy Superintendent Krajewski, Assistant Hwy Superintendent Fusilier and Roads Superintendent Kopetsky updated the board on operations in the department. Job evaluations have been completed on the new hires. A wage increase of fifty cents per hour will be applied to the new hires’ hourly pay rate. The new 2026 pickup has been ordered, per the state bid requirements for the Chappell shop. The department is having trouble with right-of-way violations. Co. Attorney Stellar will work with the department for a solution.

Sheriff’s Office Administrator Snell updated the Commissioners on the happenings within the Sheriff’s department. The report for November was presented for review and filing. Fees collected for the month November \$662.20.

The quarterly safety meeting was held.

Clerk Sherman reviewed updated procedures for submitting claims and credit card usage.

Discussion was held regarding the 2027-2030 NACO elected officials’ salary study. Per Neb. Rev. Statute 23-1114 salaries for elected officials must be sent by resolution for a four-year period prior to January 15th of the year in which a general election is to be held for the respective offices: County Commissioners, County Treasurer, County Assessor, County Attorney, County Sheriff, and County Clerk. The NACO recommends a wage increase between 19% and 27%. NACO explained the cost-of-living rate has been higher than what counties have been factoring into wages. A motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to schedule a special meeting December 30, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. for the purpose of setting the salaries for the elected officials and performance reviews for the appointed positions. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

At 10:04 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman, to enter executive session for a personnel matter with Klingman, Reichman, Timm, Stellar and Sherman present. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to reconvene regular session @ 10:36 a.m. Klingman, aye, Timm, aye, Reichman, aye.

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Attest: _____ Tammy Sherman, Clerk