

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting
January 20, 2026

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following present: Chairperson Jim Reichman, Commissioner William Klingman, Commissioner Jean Timm, County Attorney Jon Stellar, County Assessor Michele Bartlett, County Treasurer Alicia Adams, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetsky, Assistant Highway Superintendent Kristian Fusilier, County Sheriff Scott DeCoste, Sheriff Deputy Jim McCormick, Kristi Warner 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 January 15, 2026. 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; January 20, 2026, agenda, minutes of the regular meeting January 6, 2026. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

Public comment. None.

A motion by Commissioner Klingman seconded by Commissioner Timm to enter the Board of Equalization at 8:35 a.m. Klingman, aye, Timm, aye, Reichman, aye.

Kimball County Transit System Director Kristi Warner presented the midyear review of the program highlighting the new veterans and spouse ride program to medical services including eye doctors and dentists. It does take two days to qualify for the program. Deuel County has topped five thousand rides for the year. Nebraska Department of Transportation has cut funding for this service by thirty percent. KCTS is still planning to continue all their services. The Commissioners appreciated the update and the continued service for Deuel County.

Planning & Zoning; Planning & Zoning Administrator Bartlett advised the board that the budget for the Planning & Zoning department will be approximately \$2,000 short due to unforeseen expenses for monthly meetings, dues for the Planning Association and convention later in the year. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to approve the transfer of funds to be authorized at the next meeting per resolution. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye.

Treasurer Alicia Adams presented the six-month report for the Treasurer's office for review and filing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to approve an additional \$50 a month to Anna Collins for additional janitorial duties of cleaning the courtroom and judges' chambers. Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye, Timm, aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to not appoint Patricia Nelson as Deuel County Veterans Service Officer for 2026. Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Deuel County Highway Department updated on operations in the department. The department is hauling millings to the asphalt plant for spring/summer re-surfacing projects. The mowing is close to being done.

Sheriff DeCoste reported for the department. The new Tahoe is in at the dealership. It will be a couple of months before it is fully equipped and delivered.

Warrants in the amount of \$101,171.11 were read and approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Reichman, (Payroll \$37,897.64 Claims \$63,273.47); Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

GENERAL

PAYROLL		24454.26
ALL STAR AUTO GLASS	REPAIRS	39.95
AT&T	TELEPHONE	54.39
AT&T MOBILITY	TELEPHONE	688.56
BRENT FLETCHER	REIMB CONFERENCE	699.82
CANDLEWOOD SUITES	CONFERENCE	727.00
CCEC 911 EMERGENCY	SERVICES	5767.94
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	426.45
CENTURY LINK COMM	TELEPHONE	46.26
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	10.99
CHEYENNE CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	950.00
CHEYENNE CO TREASURER	4-H AID/SALARY REIMB	5180.00
COMFORT INN	CONFERENCE	749.70
DARIN'S AUTO REPAIR	REPAIRS	322.50
DEUEL CO ATTORNEY	POSTAGE	20.96
DEUEL CO CLERK	CHECKS	22.36
DEUEL CO DISTRICT COURT	FEES	144.00
DEUEL COUNTY COURT	FEES	255.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	825.02
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	100.00

GARDEN CO HOSPITAL	INMATE MEDICAL	73.22
GARDEN CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	2200.00
GARY FREEMAN	ZONING MTG	15.00
GBE CPA	AUDIT	5000.00
GOTO COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	429.66
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	1895.59
IDEAL LINEN	SERVICES	80.71
INTRALINKS, INC	SERVICES	183.39
JASON CHELEEN	ZONING MTG	15.00
JONATHON STELLAR	REIMB ASSOC. FEES	378.00
JUSTIN JULIUS	ZONING MTG	15.00
KEITH COUNTY NEWS	SUBSCRIPTION	93.00
MIPS	SERVICES	89.17
NACO	CONFERENCE	75.00
NE ASSN OF CO ASSESSORS	DUES	100.00
NE PLANNING & ZONING	DUES	15.00
OPTK NETWORKS	TELEPHONE	300.00
PANHANDLE ASSESSOR		
ASSN	DUES	125.00
PATRICIA NELSON	MILEAGE	267.40
POINT C	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	123.75
POINTS WEST COMM BANK	SERVICES	5.00
PROTEX CENTRAL	SERVICES	300.00
ROBERT HARVOY	COURT APPT ATTRNY	225.00
SARA NELSON	MILEAGE	149.45
SARAH PAISLEY	MILEAGE	28.00
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	899.61
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1639.32
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	3550.01
TRANSUNION	SERVICES	100.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2434.20
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	3770.06
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2392.14
USDA	WILDLIFE SERVICE	436.56
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	320.08
	ROAD & BRIDGE	
PAYROLL		13443.38
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SERVICES	1022.80
BIG SPRINGS TIRE	REPAIRS	1705.11
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	155.89
CHAPPELL LUMBER	REPAIRS	437.36
COMFORT INN	LODGING/CONFERENCE	249.90
EAKES	SUPPLIES	197.42
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	204.16
FLOYD'S TRUCK	REPAIRS	752.93
FVC	FUEL	40.00
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	788.18
INTRALINKS	SERVICES	292.82
NPPD	UTILITIES	98.21
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	FUEL TAX	667.00
NE MACHINERY CO	REPAIRS	257.04
NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	SIGNS	40.34
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	4527.96
PREMIER AUTO	REPAIRS	1507.68
SEDGWICK CO LANDFILL	SERVICES	10.00
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	536.80
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	794.97
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1335.86
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1350.96
VALLEY TIRE SERVICE	REPAIRS	453.00
WHEATBELT	UTILITIES	173.08

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND		
CHAPPELL CHAMBER	CHRISTMAS ADVERT	500.00
	COUNTY FAIR	
EAKES OFFICE	SUPPLIES	69.78
NAFM	DUES/CONVENTION	350.00
TOTAL		\$ 101,171.11

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 9:32 a.m. upon motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

Attest: _____ Tammy Sherman, Clerk

Board of Equalization
January 20, 2026

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

Assessor Bartlett presented Resolution 2026-04 Permissive Exemptions for tax year 2026:

- 1) Adopt-A-Dog Rescue, Inc. Chappell, NE #656.00
- 2) Assembly of God Church Big Springs, NE #3056.00, 3057.00, 3223.00
- 3) Assembly of God Church, Chappell, NE #2017.00, 2123.00, 2430.00
- 4) Berea Evangelical Lutheran Church Chappell, NE #1025.00
- 5) Berean Fundamental Church Chappell, NE #2058.00
- 6) Chappell Lion's Club Chappell, NE #675.00
- 7) Chappell Methodist Church Chappell, NE #2072.00
- 8) Chappell Senior Center Chappell, NE #2154.00
- 9) Grace Community Fellowship, Inc. Chappell, NE #2349.00
- 10) Phelps Hotel Big Springs, NE partial exemption #3125.00
- 11) St. Joseph's Church Chappell, NE #697.00, 2201.00, 2202.00
- 12) United Methodist Church Big Springs, NE #3093.00
- 13) Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Big Springs, NE #3153.00
- 14) Zion Lutheran Church Chappell, NE #2253.00

A motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to approve the Permissive Exemptions for tax year 2026 as presented by Assessor Bartlett. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

There being no further business, the Board of Equalization adjourned, and the regular meeting reconvened at 8:39 a.m. upon motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

Attest: _____

Tammy Sherman, Clerk