

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting
February 17, 2026

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following present: Chairperson Jim Reichman, Commissioner William Klingman, 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's office administrator Leslie Snell, Sheriff Deputy Jim McCormick, Chip Graves, 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 February 12, 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 for an excused absence for Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Reichman. Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye, Timm, absent. Commissioner Klingman made a motion, second of Commissioner Reichman to approve the consent agenda; February 17, 2026, agenda, minutes of the regular meeting January 20, 2026. Timm, absent, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

Public comment. Chip Graves introduced himself to the Commissioners and expressed his interest in the open Veterans Service Officer position. The application closing date for the position is February 24th, 2026, at 4:00 pm. Mr. Graves was invited to submit a letter of interest prior to the deadline.

A motion by Commissioner Klingman seconded by Commissioner Reichman to enter the Board of Equalization at 8:39 a.m. Klingman, aye, Timm, absent, Reichman, aye.

A brief discussion was held concerning Panhandle Public Health District's request to place an air quality monitoring device on the roof of the courthouse. A motion was made to Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to approve the request. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, absent.

Planning & Zoning; Planning & Zoning Administrator Bartlett referenced the open position on the Planning & Zoning Board and that a Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustment will be established in conjunction with the updated Planning & Zoning regulations. She will advertise the positions in the paper.

Deuel County Highway Department updated on operations in the department. Assistant Highway Superintendent Fusilier gave a copy of the One and Six-Year Road Plan for the county to the Commissioners. The public hearing for the plan will be held March 17th during the regular meeting.

Sheriff DeCoste presented the January 2026 Sheriff's Department report for review and filing. The fees total \$499.10.

Warrants in the amount of \$179,486.50 were read and approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Reichman, (Payroll \$42,687.90 Claims \$136,798.60); Reichman, aye, Timm, absent, Klingman, aye.

GENERAL

PAYROLL		29244.52
ASHLYN ROELLE	MILEAGE	63.44
AT&T	TELEPHONE	55.03
AT&T MOBILITY	TELEPHONE	688.44
CAMERON CHRISTENSEN	ZONING MTG	15.00
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	426.34
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	39.61
CHAPPELL REGISTER	PUBLISHING	1738.19
CHEYENNE CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	400.00
DEUEL CO COURT	COURT FEES	238.00
DEUEL CO TREASURER	TITLE FEE	15.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	671.31
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	100.00
GARDEN CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	1200.00
GARY FREEMAN	ZONING MTG	15.00
GREGG YOUNG AUTO	2026 TAHOE	54025.00
HAMILTON TELECOMM	TELEPHONE	29.00
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	1687.40
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIERS	296.67
IDEAL LINEN	SERVICES	80.71
INTRALINKS, INC	SERVICES	2510.13
JASON CHELEEN	ZONING MTG	15.00
JIM REICHMAN	CELL PHONE	50.00
JONATHON STELLAR	CELL PHONE	350.00
JUSTIN JULIUS	ZONING MTG	15.00
MIPS	SERVICES	1719.83
NPPD	UTILITIES	47.94
NE PLANNING & ZONING	CONFERENCE FEE	235.00

NKC TIRE GROUP	REPAIRS	100.55
POINTS WEST COMM BANK	SERVICES	5.00
PREMIER AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS	12.50
ROBERT HARVOY	COURT APPT ATTRNY	50.00
RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO	REPAIRS	507.97
SARA NELSON	MILEAGE	118.18
STEVEN ELM SHAUSER	COURT APPT ATTRNY	1990.00
SVOBODA BENEFITS	SERVICES	358.00
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1219.49
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2135.45
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	4214.74
T&K TIRE INC	REPAIRS	553.58
TRANSUNION	SERVICES	100.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	3007.51
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	4343.37
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	3706.62
US POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	142.60
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	320.08
VIAERO	TELEPHONE	40.77
	<u>ROAD & BRIDGE</u>	
PAYROLL		13443.38
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SERVICES	398.30
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	185.54
CHAPPELL LUMBER	REPAIRS	132.80
DOLLY NITZEL	GRAVEL	2670.00
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS	PAYROLL DEDUCT	204.16
FLOYD'S TRUCK	REPAIRS	373.98
FVC	FUEL	3621.90
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	701.68
KELLY KOPETZKY	CELL PHONE	50.00
KRISTIAN FUSILIER	CELL PHONE	50.00
L&R NEXT GEN LLC	GRAVEL	90.00
NPPD	UTILITIES	115.47
PATRICIA SCHLAKE	GRAVEL	13290.00
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	2684.66
PREMIER AUTO	REPAIRS	2269.05
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	536.80
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	794.97
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1335.86
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1350.96
VALLEY TIRE SERVICE	REPAIRS	117.00
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	TRASH	35.00
WHEATBELT	UTILITIES	167.15
	<u>VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND</u>	
KONNI SAUDER	JANUARY	594.88
	<u>COUNTY FAIR</u>	
CANDLEWOOD SUITES	CONVENTION LODGE	736.00
CROWNE PLAZA	CONVENTION LODGE	809.70
SIDNEY FLORAL	KING/QUEEN FAIR	32.25
	<u>DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND</u>	
JONES AUTOMOTIVE	SAFETY EQUIP/TAHO	<u>13797.04</u>
TOTAL		\$ 179,486.50

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 9:07 a.m. upon motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman. Timm, absent, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Attest: _____ Tammy Sherman, Clerk

**Board of Equalization
February 17, 2026**

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

The public hearing for the Tax Exemptions Real Property for the 2026 tax year was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chairperson Reichman. No public comments.

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

There being no further business, the Board of Equalization adjourned, and the regular meeting reconvened at 8:42 a.m. upon motion by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Klingman. Timm, absent, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

Attest: _____

Tammy Sherman, Clerk