

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting  
March 3, 2026

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following present: Chairperson Jim Reichman, Commissioner William Klingman, Commissioner Jean Timm. County Officials, employees, and others present were County Attorney, Jon Stellar, County Assessor Michele Bartlett, County Treasurer Alicia Adams, Sheriff Scott DeCoste, Sheriff's office administrator Leslie Snell, Deputy Jim McCormick, Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski, Assistant Highway Superintendent Kristian Fusilier, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetsky, William Franken, Jerrod Elms, Charles Graves, Jeff Ortgies, Britten Rageth, and Clerk Tammy Sherman. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Chappell Register and the county website ([www.deuelcountyne.gov](http://www.deuelcountyne.gov)) on or before February 26, 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; March 3, 2026, agenda, minutes of the regular meeting February 17, 2026. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

The Deuel County Court fee report for February was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$2,633.66. The Deuel County Clerk's office monthly report for February was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$1,403.99. The Deuel County Tourism report for February was presented for review and filing.

Public comments; 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.

Jeff Ortgies, President of the Deuel Co Fair Board updated the Commissioners on a lighting project for the arena and trap range. The project is estimated to cost \$19,000 which will be paid for by donations and grants. They would like to host spring and fall trap shooting leagues after the lighting has been installed along with roping and barrel racing competitions. The Commissioners were assured range officers and safety persons are part of the trap range competitions. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation of the planned improvements.

Jeff Ortgies, President of the Deuel Co Fair Board presented received grant funds from Thomas D. Buckley Trust in the amount of \$10,000 for entertainment for the fair and from the Virginia Smith Charitable Trust in the amount of \$7,000 for entertainment and attractions for kids during the fair. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to both trusts and to Jeff for his efforts.

The Deuel County Veterans Board will meet March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to review the letters of interest received for the Veterans Service Officer position.

Safety Chairman Alicia Adams advised the Commissioners that Deuel County will be receiving \$500 from NIRMA for the safety reporting done during 2025. The funds will be used to purchase safety equipment.

County Treasurer Alicia Adams presented the tax sale report for March 2, 2026, tax sale.

The ADA compliant website for Deuel County is complete.

County Assessor Bartlett presented the 2026 Cardinal Assessment Group LLC appraisal contract. The annual fee for all county appraisals is \$45,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve the contract as presented. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Bartlett presented a building permit for David & Mandy Zorn for a house, garage, and building. The permit is recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman, to approve the permit as presented. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye.

Highway Superintendent Krajewski and Assistant Highway Superintendent Fusilier updated the Board on the operations in the roads department. They are still hauling millings to the asphalt plant getting ready for spring repair work.

Sheriff DeCoste advised of the happenings in the Sheriff's department.

At 9:16 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to go into executive session for a legal matter with the following present; Klingman, Timm, Reichman, Stellar, M. Bartlett and Fusilier. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. At 9:35 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to reconvene to regular session. Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. No action taken.

The claims were read. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to approve payroll, claims and warrants in the amount of \$114,809.97 (payroll \$45,934.65 and claims \$68875.32). Timm, aye, Reichman abstain and Klingman aye.

GENERAL

ALICIA ADAMS	MILEAGE	183.61
AMERICAN FAMILY ASSUR	PAYROLL DEDUCT	200.98
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	675.00
AUDREY M LONG	COURT APPT ATTRY	220.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	684.58
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	16829.02
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	624.94
C-WEED MANAGEMENT	SERVICES	3283.35
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	63.14
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CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	SUPPLIES	7.58
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	724.21
CRANMORE PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	50.00
DAS MATERIAL	SERVICES	470.00
DATASHIELD CORP	SERVICES	66.22
DEUEL CO DISTRICT COURT	CASE DISMISSAL	1120.00
PANHANDLE TREAS ASSOC	FEES	50.00
DICKINSON SURVEYORS	SERVICES	142.83
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	210.36
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	130.00
IDEAL LINEN	SERVICES	80.71
INTRALINKS	SERVICES	247.50
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES	850.00
MASA	TRANSPORT INS	487.50
MENARDS	JANITORIAL EQUIP	89.98
MICHELE BARTLETT	MILEAGE	431.29
MIPS	SERVICES	1965.34
PATRICIA NELSON	MILEAGE/LODGING	777.62
PATRICK HANSON	FUEL	24.66
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE	422.70
POINT C	PAYROLL DEDUCT	123.75
PRINCIPAL LIFE INS	PAYROLL DEDUCT	557.11
ROBERT HARVOY	COURT APPT ATTRY	300.00
STEVEN ELMSHAEUSER	COURT APPT ATTRY	1687.50
STOLL SPRINKLER CO	LAWN/SPRINKLER	1510.00
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1203.00
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1962.94
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	4018.80
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	3181.25
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	4588.98
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	3302.32
US BANK	SOFTWARE/POSTAGE	64.42
US BANK	FUEL/UNIFORMS/SFTY	1381.83
VAN ZEE HEATING	SERVICES	636.00
	<u>ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</u>	
PAYROLL		14009.92
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	30.94
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	6007.31
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	286.48
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	209.85
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	204.16
NEBRASKA MACHINERY	REPAIRS	591.17
NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	SIGNS	120.66
PRINCIPAL LIFE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	292.55
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	576.69
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	794.97
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1407.73
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1612.69
TITAN MACHINERY	REPAIRS	311.70
	<u>VISITOR PROMOTION</u>	
THE NEW KJV	SERVICES	275.00

	<u>FAIR BOARD</u>	
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	221.64
TERI DOTY	MILEAGE	<u>276.95</u>
TOTAL		\$ 114,809.97

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 9:46 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, March 17, 2026, upon motion of Commissioner Reichman, second of Commissioner Klingman. Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Tammy Sherman, Clerk

**Board of Equalization  
March 3, 2026**

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, County Assessor Bartlett and Clerk Sherman.

County Assessor Bartlett presented the following tax list corrections:

Tax Year 2022

- No. 916 parcel 0002447.00 – Dept of Revenue Audit, changed Homestead exemption percentage from 100% to 0%.
- No. 917 parcel 0000972.00 - Dept of Revenue Audit, changed Homestead exemption percentage from 100% to 60%.
- No. 918 parcel 0001083.00 - Dept of Revenue Audit, changed Homestead exemption percentage from 10% to 0%.
- No. 919 parcel 0000350.00 - Dept of Revenue Audit, changed Homestead exemption percentage from 80% to 0%.

Tax Year 2023

- No. 920 parcel 0000972.00 - Dept of Revenue Audit, changed Homestead exemption percentage from 100% to 20%.

A motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to approve the corrections as presented. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

There being no further business, the Board of Equalization adjourned, and the regular meeting reconvened at 8:40 a.m. upon motion by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Klingman. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Tammy Sherman, Clerk