

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting
June 2, 2026

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following present: Chairperson Jim Reichman, and Commissioner William Klingman. County Officials, employees, and others present were County Attorney Jon Stellar, County Assessor Michele Bartlett, Sheriff's Office Administrator Leslie Snell, Sheriff Scott DeCoste, Chief Deputy Jim McCormick, Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetsky, Jeff Nitzel, Judd Allen, Jessica Witting, Marj Freeman, and Clerk Tammy Sherman. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Chappell Register and the county website (www.deuelcountynet.gov) on or before May 28, 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. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, absent. Commissioner Klingman made a motion, second of Commissioner Reichman to approve the consent agenda; June 2, 2026, agenda, minutes of the regular meeting May 19, 2026. Timm, absent, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye. Motion carried.

The Deuel County Court fee report for May was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$17,669. The Deuel County Clerk's office monthly report for May was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$1,463.47. The Deuel County Tourism report for May was presented for review and filing. The Deuel County Fair Board report for May was read and presented for filing.

Public comments: Chip Graves, Deuel County Veterans' Service Officer, advised that the remembrance service for the B24 Crash will be held June 7th, 2026, at 1:00 pm at the crash site south of Chappell.

No business for the Board of Equalization.

No one was available to attend the meeting from the Deuel County Extension office due to illness. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to table this item until the June 16th meeting. Timm, absent, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. Motion carried.

Judd Allen and Jessica Witting from Nebraska Association of County Officials presented a health insurance proposal with Blue Cross Blue Shield. The proposal was not exactly what the county is providing but is close and the cost savings is approximately \$15,000 less than the renewal quote/proposal offered by the current broker/agent. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to table the decision of health insurance providers for the 2026/2027 term until the June 16th meeting. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to designate NACO/MIPs to facilitate the printing and mailing of the Joint Public Hearing postcards through the State Print Shop and Pitney Bowes at a cost of .62 per postcard which includes the postage charge for 2026. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, absent. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Bartlett advised that the preliminary plan for the Perkins Canal project was approved and after a two-year waiting period, the process to build the canal will begin. No decision was held concerning amending the penalties for building without a building permit. Bartlett mentioned that iWorQ provides a software program for Planning and Zoning that would help with the permitting process. The annual fee for the software program is between \$1700 and \$1900 annually.

Highway Superintendent Krajewski and Roads Superintendent Kopetsky updated the Board on the operations in the roads department. Shelco has completed the work on Road 165/167 south. Patch work will continue on Wheatland Rd. A discussion was held concerning right-of-way obligations. Krajewski will look into the matter and report back. Jeff Nitzel expressed his appreciation for the work done on Rd 189.

Sheriff DeCoste stated that he needs to replace the Guardian Analog Vehicular Repeater P25 Mode option SKR for SVR-350 Guardian Motorola XTL/APX in the Tahoe. The cost is \$6,576. The current unit is almost 20 years old. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to approve the purchase. Timm, absent, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff DeCoste advised of the happenings in the Sheriff's department. Chief Deputy Jim McCormick was presented with an appreciation plaque for five years of service to the sheriff's department.

Treasurer Adams was unable to attend the meeting. She left information about the ARPA funds that were relayed to the Commissioners. 1. All the ARPA funds need to be dispersed by December 2026. 2. The Federal Government has issued completion orders for these funds. 3. The sewer work at the Roads Shop at Chappell needs to be completed. Kopetsky said he would look into getting this addressed. 4. The concrete work at the Big Springs Fire Hall needs to be completed. Reichman has looked at the slope of the parking lot and will work at getting this job completed.

At 9:23 a.m., Commissioner Klingman moved, seconded by Commissioner Reichman, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Present for the executive session were Commissioners Klingman and Reichman, along with Stellar, Krajewski, and Kopetsky. Commissioner Timm was absent. Upon roll call vote, Klingman voted aye and Reichman voted aye. Motion carried. At 9:35 a.m., Commissioner Klingman moved, seconded by Commissioner Reichman, to reconvene in regular session. Upon roll call vote, Reichman voted aye, Klingman voted aye,

and Commissioner Timm was absent. Motion carried. Following reconvening in regular session, Commissioner Klingman moved, seconded by Commissioner Reichman, to dismiss an employee effective immediately. The employee's name is omitted from these minutes due to a pending grievance filing. Upon roll call vote, Reichman voted aye, Klingman voted aye, and Commissioner Timm was absent. Motion carried.

The claims were read. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to approve payroll, claims and warrants in the amount of \$540,663.01 (payroll \$44,807.46 and claims \$495,855.55). Timm, absent, Reichman aye, Klingman aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL		
PAYROLL		30783.62
ABSOLUTE SOLUTIONS	SERVICES	1922.61
ALL STAR AUTO GLASS	REPAIRS	59.95
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	675.00
AW LASER ART	SERVICES	15.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	361.13
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	13378.01
C-WEED MANAGEMENT	SERVICES	3283.35
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	62.57
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	626.07
CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	SUPPLIES	2.70
CRANMORE PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	50.00
DEUEL COUNTY DISTRICT CT	FEES	1120.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	48.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS	SERVICES	1109.14
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	30.00
GARDEN CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	250.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIERS	296.67
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES/CELL PH	900.00
JONES AUTOMOTIVE	SERVICES	1037.50
MARSHALL & SWIFT	SERVICES	772.43
MASA	TRANSPORT INS	487.50
NKC TIRE GROUP	REPAIR	402.13
PITNEY BOWES	SUPPLIES	422.70
POINT C	PAYROLL DEDUCT	123.75
POINT C HEALTH	SERVICES	1500.00
SHADES WINDOW TINTING	SERVICES	200.00
SIDNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL	INMATE MEDICAL	401.85
STEVEN ELM SHA EUSER	COURT APPT ATTRY	1650.00
TTL RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	3921.11
TTL SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	4481.47
US BANK	TRAINING/SOFTWARE	196.49
US BANK	FUEL/UNIFORMS/SFTY	3514.23
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	231.92
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	911.42
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	304.16
PRINCIPAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	656.26
T.T.L. - STATE TAX	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1702.91
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2691.99
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	4886.99
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	4481.47
ROAD & BRIDE BUYBACK		
SHELCO	ROAD WORK	100000.00
ROAD & BRIDGE		
PAYROLL		14023.84
BIG SPRINGS EQUIP	REPAIRS	14.04
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	7754.12
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	181.44
DEUEL CO TREASURER	TITLE FEE	15.00
KELLY KOPETSKY	CELL PHONE	50.00
SHELCO	ROAD REPAIR	327536.00

US BANK	PARTS	151.10
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	TRASH	35.00
	FAIR BOARD	
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	192.92
	TRAFFIC DIVERSION PROGRAM	
FABER SIGNS	SERVICES	<u>757.45</u>
TOTAL		\$ 540,663.01

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, June 16, 2026, upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Reichman, Reichman, aye, Timm, absent, Klingman, aye. Motion carried.

Attest: _____ Tammy Sherman, Clerk