

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting
May 5, 2026

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following present: Chairperson Jim Reichman, Commissioner William Klingman and Commissioner Jean Timm. County Officials, employees, and others present were County Assessor Michele Bartlett, County Treasurer Alicia Adams, Sheriff's Office Administrator Leslie Snell, Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski, Assistant Highway Superintendent Kristian Fusilier, Terrence Wilhelms, Barney Steger, Britten Rageth, Jeff Nitzel, Chip Graves, Christy Warner, Brenda Parsons, 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 April 30, 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, seconded by Commissioner Timm to approve the consent agenda; May 5, 2026, agenda, minutes of the regular meeting April 21, 2026. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

The Deuel County Court fee report for April was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$20,644.56. The Deuel County Clerk's office monthly report for April was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$2,397.95. The Deuel County Tourism report for April was presented for review and filing. The Deuel County Fair Board report was read and presented for filing. The Veteran's Services Officers report for April was presented for review and filing.

Public comments; none.

No business for the Board of Equalization.

A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to proclaim May Mental Health Month as requested by Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Bartlett presented conditional use permit #2026-03 Werner Construction for an asphalt plant at the fairgrounds. The permit is recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm, to approve the permit as presented. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. Building permit 2026-04 was cancelled. Utility permit 2026-05 for Wheatbelt PPD was presented with a recommendation for approval from the Planning and Zoning Board for a power pole on Rd 167. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to approve the permit as presented. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. Utility permit 2026-06 for Wheatbelt PPD was presented with a recommendation for approval from the Planning and Zoning Board for a power pole on Rd 8. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to approve the permit as presented. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. Building permit 2026-07 for a pole building on parcel ID 1200.05 was presented with a recommendation for approval from the Planning & Zoning Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to approve the permit as presented. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. Utility permit 2026-08 for Black Hills Energy for boring and work on Rd 169 was presented with a recommendation for approval from the Planning and Zoning Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to approve the permit as presented. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. Planning & Zoning Administrator Bartlett advised that she and County Attorney Stellar are working together to get an engineering consultant for the Perkins Canal project. She advised that changes are pending on the building permit fee structure and will be presented at a later date.

Christy Warner, Director for the Kimball County Transport Service, was on hand to explain the 21% funding cut from the State for the transportation service. The reason for the funding cut is because the State of Nebraska is keeping a larger portion of the Federal funding for the transit service. The Chappell site is \$34,000 underfunded. The Commissioners appreciated Warner's update and expressed their commitment to the service for the community. Warner asked for an increase in financial support for the service. The Commissioners will get back to her prior to June 1st.

Highway Superintendent Krajewski and Assistant Highway Superintendent Fusilier updated the Board on the operations in the roads department. A discussion was held concerning the south 600 ft on Rd 189. The asphalt is deteriorating. This area on Rd 189 is susceptible to washout and blowout. Krajewski recommended leaving this area as is until funding can be found to fix it. Efforts will be made to improve this section of Rd 189. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to sign the lease agreement with Werner Constructions for an asphalt plant to be located at the Deuel County Fair grounds from the signing of the lease until August 3, 2026. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye.

Chip Graves, VSO reported for the Veteran Service office.

Sheriff's office administrator Snell advised of the happenings in the Sheriff's department.

At 9:19 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to go into executive session for a legal matter with the following present; Klingman, Reichman, Timm, and Bartlett. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. At 9:33 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman 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 \$119,318.33 (payroll \$43,793.94 and claims \$75,524.39). Timm, aye, Reichman abstain, Klingman aye.

GENERAL

PAYROLL		29784.02
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	675.00
AUDREY M. LONG	COURT APPT ATTRY	210.00
BENCHMARK GOV SOL	TRAINING	87.65
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	443.21
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	14230.11
C-WEED MANAGEMENT	SERVICES	3283.35
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	62.57
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	625.52
DAS MATERIAL	SERVICES	250.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2101.09
ELECTION SYSTEMS	SERVICES	2770.89
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	30.00
GOTO COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	438.23
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIERS	296.67
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES/CELL	900.00
JOAN HANSEN	REIMB SUPPLIES	437.84
MARVIN PLANNING	SERVICES	2793.00
MASA	TRANSPORT INS	487.50
MICHELE BARTLETT	MILEAGE	383.04
NACO	WORKSHOP	450.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT	TRAINING	525.00
NKC TIRE GROUP	REPAIR	95.82
OPTK	INTERNET	300.00
POINT C	PAYROLL DEDUCT	123.75
PRINCIPAL LIFE INS	PAYROLL DEDUCT	165.17
PROTEX CENTRAL, INC	SERVICES	720.00
RAVE WIRELESS	SERVICES	341.57
ROBERT HARVOY	COURT APPT ATTRY	768.40
RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO	REPAIRS	995.61
SCIP	SERVICES	2000.00
STEVEN ELM SHAEUSER	COURT APPT ATTRY	3830.00
TTL RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	3803.44
TTL SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	4364.84
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	475.94
US BANK	FUEL/UNIFORMS/SFTY	635.26
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	320.08
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	231.92
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	911.42
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	304.16
PRINCIPAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	665.67
T.T.L. - STATE TAX	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1656.54
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2608.40
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	4364.84
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	4622.44

ROAD & BRIDGE

PAYROLL		14009.92
BIG SPRINGS EQUIP	REPAIRS	223.59
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	7754.12
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	172.53
US BANK	PARTS	656.99
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	TRASH	35.00

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT

KONNI SAUDER	APRIL	701.31
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FAIR BOARD

CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	<u>194.91</u>
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TOTAL \$ 119,318.33

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 9:49 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, May 19, 2026, upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Reichman, Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. Attest: _____ Tammy Sherman, Clerk