

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting
June 16, 2026

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following present: Chairperson Jim Reichman, Commissioner Jean Timm, 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 Deputy Jim McCormick, Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski, Assistant Highway Superintendent Kristian Fusilier, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetsky, Joie Kenderick, Jon Cannon, Mike Boden, Jessica Witting, Charles Graves, Brian Armstrong, Steve Fischer, 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 June 11, 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 Reichman to approve the consent agenda; June 16, 2026, agenda, minutes of the regular meeting June 2nd, 2026. Upon roll call vote: Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

Public comment. None.

No business for the Board of Equalization.

Joie Kenderick, Deuel County 4-H Office manager updated the Commissioners on the staffing changes within the extension office. Jamie Bright's last day was June 12th; she has been appointed as the Kimball County District Court Clerk and Sarah Paisley's last day is August 6th. Ashlyn Roelle and Vinicius Zuppa have assumed the role of Lead Educators for the department until UNL can get these positions filled.

Jeremy Kral, USDA Wildlife Specialist, was not able to attend the meeting. He will be at the July 7th meeting.

Jon Cannon, Director for the Nebraska Association of County Officials, updated the Commissioners on the happenings within the Association and at the Nebraska Legislature.

Mike Boden and Jessica Witting, with the Nebraska Association of County Officials benefits department, spoke to the Commissioners about their proposal for the County's health insurance plan. After a review of the proposal from Svoboda Benefits and NACO, a motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to table the decision on health care providers until later in the meeting. Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. After the Safety committee meeting, Commissioner Reichman asked for a motion on the health insurance provider. A motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to select the Nebraska Association of County Official's proposal for health coverage with Blue Cross and Blue Shield for July 1, 2026, thru July 1, 2027. Upon roll call vote: Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye. Motion carried.

County Assessor Bartlett presented the 2027 three-year plan for the Assessor's office as per state statute. A motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve the plan as presented. Upon a roll call vote; Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Coordinator Bartlett presented the following building permits approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on July 15, 2026. Permit 2026-09, Cichy, Glen barndominium on PID 1073.10. A motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to approve the permit as presented. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. Permit 2026-10, Jones, Christopher pole barn on PID 1091.10. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm, to approve the permit as presented. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman aye. Permit 2026-11, Coffey, Michael and Adrienne single family home on PID 759.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to approve the permit as presented. Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye, Timm, aye. Permit 2026-12 New Cingular Wireless-Equipment replacement and removal of equipment on PID 770.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to approve the permit as presented. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

Planning & Zoning Coordinator Bartlett advised the Commissioners that the Perkins Canal project is moving forward quickly. The public comments period is now. The public needs to contact her office if they have any comments they want presented on this project. Bartlett advised that the Planning & Zoning Board is revamping the penalties for building without a permit. She also presented information on a software program for the Planning & Zoning department.

Sue Teal, Director of Emergency Services for Region 1 Behavioral Health Authorities updated the Commissioners on the Crisis Stabilization Unit/facility that Region 1 is working to establish in Kimball. The facility will house twelve adult sub-acute crisis stabilization beds and medical monitored detox beds, six adolescent crisis stabilization beds, sixteen short term residential beds for mental health and substance use disorder treatment and a mobile crisis unit to provide services starting in Garden, Deuel, Cheyenne, and Kimball Counties for Crisis Response. The State of Nebraska has provided funding for the renovations that are needed for the facility. The Commissioners appreciated the update and thanked Sue for her dedication to the project.

Highway Superintendent Krajewski updated the Board on the operations in the roads department. The repair of the shelter that blew down at the Big Springs shop was discussed. Kopetsky will look into getting an estimate for repair and replacement.

Sheriff’s report for May was presented for review and filing. Fees for the month total \$890.28. Sheriff’s Office Administrator Snell reported for the department.

Discussion was held regarding the final allocation of ARPA funds. On behalf of the Big Springs District Fire Department, Brian Armstrong requested that the department partner with the County on the handicapped parking project at the Big Springs Fire Hall. The Big Springs District Fire Department offered to pay for the additional portion of the parking lot to be paved beyond the handicapped parking area. Commissioner Klingman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reichman, to approve the partnership with the Big Springs District Fire Department. Under the agreement, ARPA funds will be used for the handicapped parking area as previously allocated, and the Big Springs District Fire Department will pay for the remaining portion of the parking lot to be paved. Upon roll call vote: Timm, aye; Klingman, aye; Reichman, aye. Motion carried.

Second quarter safety committee meeting was held at 10:04 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman for a brief recess at 10:14 a.m. Upon roll call vote: Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. At 10:18 a.m. the meeting was reconvened.

At 10:18 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Reichman and seconded by Commissioner Klingman to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Present during the executive session were Reichman, Klingman, Timm, Stellar, Krajewski, Fusilier, and Sherman. Upon roll call vote: Reichman, aye; Timm, aye; Klingman, aye. Motion carried. At 10:44 a.m., Fusilier was dismissed from the executive session. At 11:02 a.m., Fusilier was asked to re-enter the executive session. At 11:08 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Klingman and seconded by Commissioner Reichman to reconvene in regular session. Upon roll call vote: Reichman, aye; Klingman, aye; Timm, aye. Motion carried.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Timm and seconded by Commissioner Reichman to reinstate the employee who had been dismissed at the June 2 meeting, as the issue had been resolved satisfactorily. Upon roll call vote: Timm, aye; Klingman, aye; Reichman, aye. 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 \$224,844.71 (payroll \$37,109.97 and claims \$187,734.74). Upon roll call vote: Timm, aye, Reichman aye, Klingman aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL		
PAYROLL		23741.59
ASHLYN ROELLE	MILEAGE	88.45
AT&T	TELEPHONE	54.79
AT&T MOBILITY	TELEPHONE	687.96
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	432.11
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	18.57
CHAPPELL REGISTER	PRINTING	644.83
CHARLES GRAVES	MILEAGE	658.99
CHEYENNE CO SHERIFF	BOARDING/PAPER	100.00
CHEYENNE CO TREASURER	4-H EDUCATOR	5200.00
CROWNE PLAZA	LODGING	299.90
CTI	COURT RM SUPPLIES	3627.92
DATASHIELD	SERVICES	66.22
DEUEL COUNTY DIST CT	FEES	0.00
DEUEL COUNTY CO CT	FEES	203.00
DICKINSON SURVEYORS	SERVICES	1033.26
EAKES	SUPPLIES/SERVICES	212.01
GARDEN CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	650.00
GOTO COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	429.44
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	2709.92
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIERS	481.28
IDEAL LINEN	SERVICES	83.51
INTRALINKS, INC	SERVICES	2559.00
CARDINAL ASSESSMENT	SERVICES	25000.00
KIMBALL CO TRANSIT	ECONOMIC DEVELOP	1500.00
MARVIN PLANNING		
CONSULT	SERVICES	5955.00
MIPS	SERVICES	1753.07
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	EQUIPMENT	666.00
NPPD	UTILITIES	49.27
NACO	CONVENTION	1347.70
NE CO ATTORNEY ASSN	DUES	550.00

NE NOTARY ASSOCIATION	SERVICES	163.32
NIRMA	INSURANCE	30821.00
OPTK NETWORKS	SERVICES	300.00
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE	11300.00
POINTS WEST COMM BANK	SERVICES	5.00
PREMIER AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS	10.00
REYNOLDS, KORTH	COURT APPT ATTRY	322.00
RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO	REPAIRS	133.25
RTS TACTICAL	SAFETY EQUIP	6382.64
SARA NELSON	MILEAGE	66.34
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL	
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL	3529.94
T&K TIRE INC	TIRES	653.30
TRANSUNION	SERVICES	100.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL	
	PAYROLL	
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	DEDUCTIONS	3711.36
TREMCO PRODUCTS	REPAIRS	144.90
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	320.08
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	304.16
TTL - STATE TAX	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	1416.72
TTL - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	2431.48
TTL - FEDERAL TAX	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	7555.83
	ROAD & BRIDGE	
	PAYROLL	13368.38
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SERVICES	1481.90
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	118.78
	ROAD WEED	
C-WEED MANAGEMENT	SPRAYING	9054.00
CHAPPELL LUMBER	REPAIRS	27.98
CRANMORE FIRE		
PROTECTION	SERVICES	906.00
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	
FLOYD'S TRUCK	REPAIRS	114.29
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	874.34
KELLY KOPETZKY	CELL PHONE	50.00
NE MACHINERY CO	REPAIRS	1071.68
NIRMA	INSURANCE	33184.00
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE	100.00
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	696.80
S&W AUTO	REPAIRS	299.99
VALLEY TIRE	REPAIRS	50.00
WHEATBELT	UTILITIES	90.36
	VISITORS IMPROVEMENT 995	
KONNI SAUDER	MAY	562.29
	COUNTY FAIR	
ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES	SERVICES	78.55
CHAPPELL LIONS CLUB	MEALS 2025	326.50
COMMERCIAL LED LIGHTS	TRAP/ARENA LIGHTS	6088.76
NIRMA	INSURANCE	<u>5825.00</u>
		\$ 224,844.71

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 11:37 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, July 7, 2026, upon motion of Commissioner Reichman, second of Commissioner Klingman. Upon roll call vote: Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Tammy Sherman, Clerk