

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting
August 4, 2026

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following members present: Chairperson Jim Reichman, Commissioner Jean Timm, and Commissioner William Klingman.

County officials, employees, and others present included County Attorney Jon Stellar, County Assessor Michele Bartlett, County Treasurer Alicia Adams, Sheriff's Office Administrator Leslie Snell, Chief Deputy Jim McCormick, Assistant Highway Superintendent Kristian Fusilier, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetsky, Marge Freeman, Veterans' Service Officer Charles Graves, Vanessa Bartlett, Jerry Sutton, and Clerk Tammy Sherman.

Notice of the meeting was published in the *Chappell Register* and posted on the county website (www.deuelcountyne.gov) on or before July 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 Meetings Act, with copies of the law available in printed form and posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Commissioner Klingman moved to approve the consent agenda, including August 4, 2026, meeting agenda and the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 21, 2026. Commissioner Timm seconded the motion. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. Motion carried.

The Deuel County Court fee report for July was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$8,732.09. The Deuel County Clerk's monthly report for July was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$1,380.98. The Deuel County Tourism report for July was presented for review and filing. The Deuel County Fair Board report for July was read and presented for filing.

Jerry Sutton expressed concern regarding the Planning & Zoning Board's August 3, 2026, decision to allow only a three-mile setback from a non-participating residential structure for wind tower placements in the new planning & zoning regulations. He noted that the required setback for wind towers located near city or village limits is five miles and questioned why a smaller setback was approved for non-participating residences outside city limits. The commissioners thanked Jerry for his comments.

No business for Board of Equalization.

A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman and seconded by Commissioner Timm to deny the levy request from the Big Springs Cemetery District, allowing the district to request its own levy as authorized by the voters in the May 12, 2026, primary election, in accordance with state statute. Klingman, aye, Timm, aye, Reichman, aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-009; Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance for 2026; whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and standards; and whereas: State of Nebraska Statue, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification. Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Deuel County is hereby authorized to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance. A motion was made by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to approve resolution 2026-009 as read. Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye, Timm, aye. Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning the proceedings during July 20th, 2026, Property Valuation Protest Hearings. County Attorney Stellar will contact the appropriate authorities for further investigations.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Bartlett reported that there were no new building permits, she has been attending the meetings for the Perkins Canal project, and that the Planning & Zoning Board is continuing to update the provisions of the Planning & Zoning Ordinance. Bartlett advised the commissioners that she spoke with Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc. about their performance to date on updating the comprehensive plan for the county as required by state statute. Mr. Marvin himself will do the town hall meeting for Big Springs.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Fusilier provided the Board with an update on Road Department operations. Fusilier reported that he has received one bid for the repairs/replacement of the Big Springs building that was damaged during a storm earlier this summer. He is waiting for two more bids. Werner Construction has completed their Highway 30 project and working to get the asphalt plant cleaned up before fair.

Sheriff's Office Administrator Snell presented Sheriff's annual Distress Warrant report for review and filing.

Sheriff's Office Administrator Snell advised of the happenings in the Sheriff's department.

Treasurer Adams updated the board on the ARPA funds allocation; the concrete work at the Big Springs firehall is moving along and on track.

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 \$156,284.12 (payroll \$46,169.44 and claims \$110,114.68). Timm, aye, Reichman abstain, Klingman aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL		
PAYROLL		30821.89
ALICIA ADAMS	MILEAGE	162.40
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES/SUPPLIES	675.00
AUDREY M. LONG	COURT APPT ATTRY	410.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	137.17
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	18591.04
C-WEED MANAGEMENT	SERVICES	3283.35
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	63.16
CHAPPELL LUMBER	REPAIR	26.58
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	873.06
CRANMORE PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	50.00
DAS MATERIAL	SERVICES	250.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	242.08
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	22.50
GARDEN CO HOSPITAL	INMATE CARE	1279.02
JERALD OSTDIEK	SERVICES	200.00
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES/CELL PHONE	900.00
JOELYANN SAUCEDO	SERVICES	200.00
JULIE SLAGLE	SERVICES	200.00
LARIMER CO CORONER	SERVICES	500.00
MARVIN PLANNING	SERVICES	2607.00
MASA	TRANSPORT INS	487.50
MENARDS	BLD EQUIP	351.00
PADD	MEMBERSHIP	528.00
POINT C	SERVICES	321.75
POINTS WEST COMM BANK	FEES	37.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	87.09
REGION I OFF. HUMAN DEV	SERVICES	547.50
ROBERT HARVOY	COURT APPT ATTRY	50.00
SARA NELSON	MILEAGE	22.11
STEVEN ELM SHAUSER	COURT APPT ATTRY	1560.00
TTL RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	3965.86
TRANSUNION	SERVICES	100.00
TTL FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	4607.43
US BANK	SOFTWARE/EQUIP	109.74
VANSEE HEATING & AIR	REPAIRS	482.75
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	320.08
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	200.02
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1000.08
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	250.00
PRINCIPAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	591.84
T.T.L. - STATE TAX	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1773.55
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2717.97
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	4948.38
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	4607.43
ROAD & BRIDGE		
PAYROLL		15347.55
AJK SERVICES	SERVICES	436.60
BIG SPRINGS TIRE	REPAIRS	2136.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	8455.22
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	170.23
KRISTIAN FUSILIER	MAY/JUNE CELL PH	100.00
RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO	REPAIRS	9101.22
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	TRASH	35.00
VISITOR PROMOTION		
INNOVATIVE CONCEPTS	ADVERTISING	645.00
LINCOLN HWY	ADVERTISING	250.00

	VISITORS IMPROVEMENT	
KONNI SAUDER	JULY/INTERNET/PHONE	762.94
	FAIR BOARD	
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	76.95
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	171.80
US BANK	BINGO SUPPLIES	447.97
MID-NE PEDAL PULLERS	ENTERTAINMENT	948.80
DEUEL CO FAIR BOARD	PREMIUMS	2500.00
FUN SERVICES	ENTERTAINMENT	7411.89
THE PANCAKE MAN	ENTERTAINMENT	2100.00
KILEY BARWICK	ENTERTAINMENT	3000.00
MOZO'S PIXELS	ENTERTAINMENT	3220.00
PROFESSOR BUBBLEMAKER	ENTERTAINMENT	2400.00
QUICKDRAW CARICATURES	ENTERTAINMENT	1200.00
RANCH RODEO	ENTERTAINMENT	750.00
HIGH PLAINS BUDWEISER	BEER GARDEN	1526.32
ARROWHEAD DISTRIBUTING	BEER GARDEN	628.75
DIETRIECHS DISTRIBUTING	BEER GARDEN	528.40
	VETERAN'S AID	
US BANK	GRAVE MARKERS	225.69
	DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT	
RON'S TOWING & TRANS	SERVICES	<u>546.46</u>
TOTAL		\$ 156,284.12

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, August 18, 2026, upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm. Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. Motion carried.

Attest: _____ Tammy Sherman, Clerk