

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting
July 7, 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, Sheriff's Office Administrator Leslie Snell, Sheriff Scott DeCoste, Chief Deputy Jim McCormick, Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski, Assistant Highway Superintendent Kristian Fusilier, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetsky, Marge Freeman, Susan Riley, Veterans' Service Officer Charles Graves, Ryan Powers, Jeremy Kral, 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 2, 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 the July 7, 2026, meeting agenda and the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 16, 2026. Commissioner Timm seconded the motion. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. Motion carried.

The Deuel County Court fee report for June was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$3,424.36. The Deuel County Clerk's office monthly report for June was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$1,425.47. The Deuel County Tourism report for June was presented for review and filing. The Deuel County Fair Board report for June was read and presented for filing.

Public comments: Chip Graves, Deuel County Veterans' Service Officer, advised that the flag retirement ceremony will be held in September. He is working with area schools to provide a flag etiquette program. Susan Riley asked the Commissioners to consider reducing or waiving her impound storage fees.

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.

Ryan Powers and Jeremy Kral with USDA Wildlife Services were present to review the Work/Financial Plan between USDA Wildlife Services and Deuel County. The agreement provides Deuel County with 250 hours of service to be used and paid for on an as-needed basis. Commissioner Klingman moved to approve the renewal of the Work/Financial Plan for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Commissioner Reichman seconded the motion. Klingman, aye, Timm, aye, Reichman, aye. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Bartlett reported that there were no new building permits, no updates on the Perkins Canal project, and that the Planning & Zoning Board is continuing to work on the penalty provisions of the Planning & Zoning Ordinance. Bartlett also asked the Commissioners for their thoughts regarding the Planning & Zoning Department's software contract with iWorQ. The iWorQ contract will be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

Highway Superintendent Krajewski and Assistant Highway Superintendent Fusilier provided the Board with an update on Road Department operations. Fusilier reported that several pieces of equipment have required repairs, and one of the department's pickups is currently at Ron's Chappell Auto awaiting a quote for transmission repairs. He also noted that the City of Chappell will be using the asphalt grinder. Job evaluations for department employees have been completed. Krajewski and Fusilier recommended a five percent wage increase for all Road Department employees. Commissioner Klingman moved to approve the five percent increase for all department employees, seconded by Commissioner Reichman. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. Motion carried.

County Attorney Stellar addressed the Board regarding safety concerns related to landowner encroachments within county road rights-of-way and the county's potential liability. The county will continue mowing the rights-of-way as it has in the past. Commissioner Timm moved, seconded by Commissioner Reichman, to enforce the county's right-of-way policy by directing County Attorney Stellar to send letters to landowners in violation, allowing seven days to remove the hazard or encroachment. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. Motion carried.

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

Treasurer Adams was unable to attend the meeting. Information regarding the ARPA funds was provided to the Commissioners in her absence. The Big Springs Volunteer Fire Department will meet on July 9 and on their agenda to discuss is the agreement to partner with the County to pave the parking area along Highway 30. Treasurer Adams will provide an update to the Commissioners at the next meeting.

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 \$165,237.82 (payroll \$49,062.46 and claims \$116,175.36). Timm, aye, Reichman abstain, Klingman aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL		
PAYROLL		34358.60
ABY MFG GROUP	UNIFORMS	440.50
ALICIA ADAMS	MILEAGE	243.60
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES/SUPPLIES	710.73
AT&T MOBILITY	TELEPHONE	704.40
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	258.18
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	16481.08
C-WEED MANAGEMENT	SERVICES	3283.35
CAMERON CHRISTENSEN	MEETING	15.00
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	62.57
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	720.69
CHAPPELL REGISTER	PUBLISHING	680.76
CRANMORE PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	50.00
DEUEL CO ATTORNEY	POSTAGE	14.00
DEUEL COUNTY DISTRICT CT	FEES	150.00
DEUEL CO COUNTY COURT	FEES	255.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1765.43
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	30.00
GARY FREEMAN	MEETING	15.00
HENNE FAMILY FUNERAL	SERVICES	600.00
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	239.90
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIERS	296.67
INTRALINKS	SERVICES	2874.89
JIM WAY	MEETING	15.00
JASON CHELEEN	MEETING	15.00
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES/CP/MILEAGE	1175.50
JONATHON STELLAR	MILEAGE/LODG/MEALS	1119.60
KEITH COUNTY NEWS	PUBLISHING	32.26
MARVIN PLANNING	SERVICES	7095.00
MASA	TRANSPORT INS	487.25
MIPS	SERVICES	1866.65
NPPD	UTILITIES	52.89
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	EDUCATION	75.00
NE STATE PATROL	SERVICES	578.00
NE SUPREME COURT	INTERLOCAL AGREE	4572.65
NKC TIRE GROUP	REPAIR	83.82
PREMIER AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS	59.38
PRINCIPAL LIFE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	374.81
REGION 21 EMERGENCY	SERVICES	6185.78
ROBERT HARVOY	COURT APPT ATTRY	100.00
RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO	REPAIRS	1064.95
STEVEN ELM SHAUSER	COURT APPT ATTRY	660.00
TTL RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	4377.22
TTL SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	4958.85
IRS	HEALTH TAX	93.69
US BANK	SOFTWARE	21.49
US BANK	FUEL/UNIFORMS/SFTY	3568.59
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	622.36
T.T.L. - STATE TAX	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1973.88
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	3025.29
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	5790.75
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	4958.85

ROAD & BRIDGE

PAYROLL		14703.86
AJK SERVICES	SERVICES	399.50
BIG SPRINGS EQUIP	REPAIRS	83.05

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	8455.22
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	170.30
NPPD	UTILITIES	57.80
PREMIER AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS	2313.36
US BANK	PARTS	346.97
VALLEY REPAIR	METAL WORK	47.52
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	TRASH	35.00
VISITOR PROMOTION		
CHAPPELL CHAMBER	GRANT/UPDATED PICS	200.00
RANDY SHAW	MILEAGE	35.00
VISITORS IMPROVEMENT		
KONNI SAUDER	JUNE/INTERNET/PHONE	586.56
FAIR BOARD		
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	175.95
CHAPPELL VFD	FIREWORKS	1000.00
COMMERCIAL LED LIGHTS	LIGHTS	11075.21
ORIENTAL TRADING	FAIR GAMES	503.98
POPPE ENTERPRISES	SERVICES	211.00
ROCK IT MAN ENTERTAIN	FAIR ENTERTAINMENT	<u>3812.50</u>
TOTAL		\$ 165,237.82

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, July 21, 2026, upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Reichman, Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. Motion carried.

Attest: _____ Tammy Sherman, Clerk

July 7, 2026
Board of Equalization

The Deuel County Board of Commissioners met on the above date at 8:35 a.m. with the following officials present; Commissioner Reichman, Commissioner Klingman, Commissioner Timm, County Attorney Jon Stellar, County Assessor Michele Bartlett and Clerk Tammy Sherman.

Assessor Bartlett presented the following value changes completed after March 19th.

			Current	Prior	Value Change
Parcel	2.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$19,120	\$21,030	\$1,910
Parcel	9.10	Error in Bldg. value.	\$2,067,190	\$2,273,910	\$206,720
Parcel	15.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$45,410	\$49,950	\$4,540
Parcel	126.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$15,195	\$16,715	\$1,520
Parcel	172.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$468,170	\$514,985	\$46,815
Parcel	302.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$13,820	\$15,200	\$1,380
Parcel	311.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$2,603,340	\$2,526,775	-\$76,565
Parcel	362.50	Error in Bldg. value.	\$36,105	\$39,715	\$3,610
Parcel	394.10	Error in Bldg. value.	\$25,740	\$28,315	\$2,575
Parcel	420.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$63,945	\$70,340	\$6,395
Parcel	645.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$8,665	\$9,530	\$865
Parcel	653.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$49,570	\$54,525	\$4,955
Parcel	654.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$18,680	\$20,550	\$1,870
Parcel	655.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$30,655	\$33,720	\$3,065
Parcel	655.10	Error in Bldg. value.	\$2,441,085	\$2,685,195	\$244,110
Parcel	659.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$87,550	\$96,305	\$8,755
Parcel	664.50	Error in Bldg. value.	\$13,045	\$14,350	\$1,305
Parcel	678.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$33,445	\$36,790	\$3,345
Parcel	679.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$11,455	\$12,600	\$1,145
Parcel	680.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$20,080	\$22,090	\$2,010
Parcel	684.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$4,094,465	\$4,503,910	\$409,445
Parcel	685.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$3,503,400	\$3,853,740	\$350,340
Parcel	685.05	Error in Bldg. value.	\$421,960	\$464,155	\$42,195
Parcel	699.20	Error in Bldg. value.	\$25,810	\$28,390	\$2,580
Parcel	705.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$26,890	\$29,580	\$2,690

Parcel	707.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$63,415	\$69,755	\$6,340
Parcel	710.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$154,190	\$169,610	\$15,420
Parcel	711.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$174,560	\$192,015	\$17,455
Parcel	825.50	Error in Bldg. value.	\$14,265	\$15,690	\$1,425
Parcel	4053.00	Error in Bldg. value.	\$362,255	\$398,480	\$36,225
Parcel	2066.00	Increase higher than fifteen%	\$273,237	\$284,505	\$11,268
Parcel	2461.00	Overvalue on carport	\$162,275	\$152,465	-\$9,810
Parcel	2218.00	Suggested change 2026	\$141,115	\$149,900	\$8,785
Parcel	2563.00	Suggested change 2026	<u>\$93,710</u>	<u>\$121,965</u>	<u>\$28,255</u>
			\$17,583,812	\$18,976,750	\$1,392,938

Motion by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve the changes as presented by Assessor Bartlett. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. Motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding the TERC filing involving Bosselman Motel, Inc. Stellar will prepare and send a settlement letter to Bosselman Motel, Inc. agreeing to the requested building value for the motel, based on recent sales information.

Property Valuation Protest hearings will be held on Monday, July 20, 2026, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The hearings will take place in the Commissioners' Room at the Deuel County Courthouse.

There being no further business for the Board of Equalization, the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners reconvened at 8:45 a.m. upon motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Tammy Sherman, Clerk