

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting
September 1, 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 and employees present included County Attorney Jon Stellar, County Assessor Michele Bartlett, County Treasurer Alicia Adams, Sheriff's Office Administrator Leslie Snell, Sheriff Scott DeCoste, Chief Deputy Jim McCormick, Assistant Highway Superintendent Kristian Fusilier, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetsky, Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski, Veterans' Service Officer Charles Graves, Vanessa Bartlett, Weed Superintendent Brent Fletcher, 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 August 27, 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.

Chairman Reichman moved the meeting from the commissioners meeting room to the courtroom upstairs due to the number of persons attending the meeting.

Commissioner Klingman moved to approve the consent agenda, including September 1, 2026, meeting agenda and the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 18, 2026. Commissioner Timm seconded the motion. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. Motion carried.

The Deuel County Court fee report for August was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$18,472.54. The Deuel County Clerk's monthly report for August was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$538.99. The Deuel County Fair Board report for August was presented for filing.

No public comments.

No business for Board of Equalization.

Brent Fletcher, Deuel County Weed Superintendent requested approval to apply for a federal grant in the amount of \$75,000 with a match of \$3,750. The grant would be used to help control noxious weeds in the county. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to approve Fletcher's request to apply for the grant with the \$3,750 match requirement. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye.

David Begley, attorney from Omaha, addressed the commissioners concerning the possibility of banning wind tower energy construction in Deuel County. He suggested the county do a complete investigation of the actual carline tax amount the county would receive and where it would go, the actual environmental impacts of the towers and exactly how the towers will effect individual customer bills.

Planning and Zoning had no building permits. Bartlett will attend a zoom meeting on the Perkins Canal project on September 2nd. A motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to table the appointment of the Board of Adjustment for Planning & Zoning until interviews can be done. Klingman, aye, Timm, aye, Reichman, aye.

At 9:06 a.m. the public hearing for the One (1) and Six (6) Year Road Plan for Deuel County was opened. Highway Superintendent Krajewski reviewed the plan with Commissioners and the public. After some discussion, the public hearing was closed at 9:14 a.m.

Resolution 26-0012 was presented and read as follows; At the regular meeting of the Deuel County Board of Commissioners in Chappell, NE, held at the Deuel County Courthouse on September 1, 2026, a hearing was held on the 2026 One (1) and Six (6) Road Plan at 9:00 a.m., as advertised. Following discussion by the Board of Commissioners and citizens present, a motion was made to adopt the One (1) and Six (6) Year Road Plan for the Fiscal Year 2026 as proposed. A motion was made by Commissioner Timm and seconded by Commissioner Reichman to approve Resolution 26-0012 as presented. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. Motion carried.

County Officers' inventories of county personal property were received and reviewed according to State Statue section 23-347. Inventories were received from the County Board, Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, County Court, County Courtroom, Attorney, Roads, Sheriff, Extension, Fair Board, Veterans and Building/Grounds. A motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve the inventories as certified by each official. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Fusilier and Highway Superintendent Krajewski provided the Board with an update on Road Department operations. Fusilier reported that he is still waiting for two bids for the repairs/replacement of the Big Springs building that was damaged during a storm earlier this summer. They will be starting to mow the ditches. Fusilier assured the Commissioners all the roads will be mowed; however, it does take some time getting all 1080 miles of road

ditch mowed with two mowers. Krajewski advised that they have started hauling millings to the asphalt plant. A discussion was also held about the possibility of spraying twice next year to help with the goat heads.

Sheriff DeCoste reported for Sheriff’s department. They will continue to take female inmates to Ogallala until Garden County reopens their jail. One of the deputies is at the academy and the drone need repaired.

A safety committee meeting was held at 9:24 a.m.

Treasurer Adams updated the board on the ARPA funds allocation.

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 \$167,371.14 (payroll \$49,216.60 and claims \$118,154.54). Timm, aye, Reichman abstain, Klingman aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL		
PAYROLL		33869.05
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	675.00
AUDREY M. LONG	COURT APPT ATTRY	760.00
AUTEL ROBOTICS	SAFETY EQUIP	4514.25
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	169.99
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	17536.06
C-WEED MANAGEMENT	SERVICES	3283.35
CAMERON CHRISTENSEN	P&Z MEETING	15.00
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	63.16
CENTURY LINK COMM	TELEPHONE	23.02
CHAPPELL LUMBER	REPAIR	60.57
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	996.70
CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	SUPPLIES	10.83
CHEYENNE CO TREASURER	4-H EDUCATOR REIMB	2000.00
CRANMORE PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	50.00
CVSOAN	CONFERENCE FEE	60.00
DAS MATERIAL	SERVICES	470.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	552.15
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	22.50
GARDEN CO HOSPITAL	INMATE CARE	1580.46
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER	296.67
IWORQ SYSTEMS, INC	SOFTWARE	1700.00
JAMES WAY	P&Z MEETING	15.00
JASON CHELEEN	P&Z MEETING	15.00
JESSICA MCKAY	MILEAGE/FEES	64.08
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES/CELL PHONE	900.00
LINCOLN CO DETENTION	INMATE BOARDING	1430.00
LITTLE TORNADO TOWING	SERVICES	390.00
MASA	TRANSPORT INS	487.50
NKC TIRE GROUP	REPAIRS	126.22
OGALLALA AG SUPPLY	SAFETY EQUIP	575.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMM.	SERVICES	727.00
POINT C	SERVICES	4998.15
PROTEX CENTRAL	SERVICES	274.00
REICHMAN CONSTRUCTION	TREE REMOVAL	1670.00
ROBERT HARVOY	COURT APPT ATTRY	25.00
RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO	REPAIRS	535.13
STEVEN ELM SHAUSER	COURT APPT ATTRY	4155.00
TTL RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	4237.73
TTL FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	4940.27
US BANK	FUEL/UNIFORMS/EQUIP	2108.31
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	1939.21
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2908.80
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	5562.88
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	4940.27

	ROAD & BRIDGE	
PAYROLL		15347.55
BIG SPRING EQUIP	REPAIRS	2355.49
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	8455.22
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	178.06
KRISTIAN FUSILIER	CELL PHONE	50.00
NEBRASKA MACHINERY	REPAIRS	6650.33
NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	SIGNS	516.30
RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO	REPAIRS	377.45
SHELCO CONSTRUCTION	MILLING HAULING	5885.00
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	TRASH	35.00
	VISITOR PROMOTION	
CHAPPELL CHAMBER	ADVERTISING	1684.72
CHAPPELL GOLF COURSE	ADVERTISING	2000.00
DEUEL CO FAIR BOARD	ADVERTISING	3000.00
	FAIR BOARD	
ALIENS & STRANGERS	ENTERTAINMENT	2100.00
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	750.00
ASHLYN ROELLE	REIMB JUDGES MEALS	161.25
BEN HANSEN	SUPPLIES	168.30
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	264.65
HAY BALE BANNERS	SERVICES	861.90
JASON SPADY	JUDGE FEES/MILEAGE	134.45
KARI GORTEMAYER	JUDGE FEES	125.00
KEGAN BROTT	SUPPLIES	66.60
KIMBERLY SHARPLES	JUDGE FEES/MILEAGE	172.15
NEBRASKA PRINTWORKS	SERVICES	88.28
POPPE ENTERPRISES	SERVICES	105.50
ROBIN HALLEY	JUDGE FEES/MILEAGE	1012.69
RONDA MITCHELL	JUDGE FEES	125.00
SANDI BYBEE	SERVICES	150.00
STEVE BROTT	JUDGE FEES	125.00
SUMMER MARDIS	JUDGE FEES	125.00
TWO LOOPS GOAT ROPING	ENTERTAINMENT	<u>525.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 167,371.14

After a short discussion, a special meeting will be held September 3, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners’ meeting room at the Deuel County Courthouse at 718 3rd Street, Chappell, NE to interview and appoint the candidates to the Board of Adjustment for Planning and Zoning. 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, September 15, 2026, upon motion of Commissioner Reichman, second of Commissioner Klingman. Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. Motion carried.

Attest: _____ Tammy Sherman, Clerk