

**AUDIT REPORT
OF
DEUEL COUNTY
JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025**

DEUEL COUNTY

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DEUEL COUNTY

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LIST OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

At June 30, 2025

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Board of Commissioners	Jim Reichman	Dec. 2028
	Jean Timm	Dec. 2026
	William Klingman	Dec. 2026
Assessor	Michele Bartlett	Dec. 2026
Attorney	Jonathon Stellar	Dec. 2026
Clerk/ Register of Deeds	Tammy Sherman	Dec. 2026
Sheriff	R. Scott DeCoste	Dec. 2026
Treasurer	Alicia Adams	Dec. 2026

DEUEL COUNTY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Deuel County, Nebraska

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Deuel County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash-basis financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Deuel County as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in cash-basis financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statement, budgetary comparison information, schedule of office activity, and schedule of taxes certified and collected, page numbers as noted in the Table of Contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 15, 2026, on our consideration of Deuel County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Deuel County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Seward, Nebraska
June 15, 2026

DEUEL COUNTY
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
June 30, 2025

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 1.D)	\$ 4,328,340
Investments (Note 1.D)	850,000
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 5,178,340</u></u>
 NET POSITION	
Restricted for:	
Visitor Promotion	\$ 71,597
911 Emergency Services	2,312
Drug Education	5,474
Law Enforcement	72,085
Preservation of Records	10,247
Federal Relief	8,461
Debt Service	-
Unrestricted	5,008,164
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u><u>\$ 5,178,340</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

DEUEL COUNTY
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS
June 30, 2025

Functions:	Cash	Program Cash Receipts		Net (Disbursement)
		Fees, Fines, and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
	Disbursements			Receipts and Changes in Net Position
Governmental Activities:				
General Government	\$ (820,415)	\$ 353,460	\$ -	\$ (466,955)
Public Safety	(705,277)	8,298	-	(696,979)
Public Works	(1,057,357)	1,257	553,078	(503,022)
Public Health	(10,907)	9,738	-	(1,169)
Public Assistance	(15,098)	-	-	(15,098)
Culture and Recreation	(106,387)	12,536	-	(93,851)
Miscellaneous	(728,731)	-	-	(728,731)
Debt Payments	(284,110)	-	-	(284,110)
Capital Outlays	(542,038)	-	-	(542,038)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (4,270,320)</u>	<u>\$ 385,289</u>	<u>\$ 553,078</u>	<u>\$ (3,331,953)</u>

General Receipts:

Taxes	\$ 2,101,857
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs	411,750
Investment Income	246,159
Licenses and Permits	1,185
Miscellaneous	34,854
Net Transfers	-
Total General Receipts	<u>\$ 2,795,805</u>
Change in Net Position	\$ (536,148)
Net Position - Beginning of year	5,714,488
Net Position - End of year	<u>\$ 5,178,340</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

DEUEL COUNTY
STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2025

		General Fund	Road Fund	Inheritance Tax Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 1.D)	\$	2,124,603	\$ 211,313	\$ 1,499,079	\$ 493,345	\$ 4,328,340
Investments (Note 1.D)		850,000	-	-	-	850,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	<u>2,974,603</u>	<u>211,313</u>	<u>1,499,079</u>	<u>493,345</u>	<u>5,178,340</u>
FUND BALANCES						
Restricted for:						
Visitor Promotion	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,597	\$ 71,597
911 Emergency Services		-	-	-	2,312	2,312
Drug Education		-	-	-	5,474	5,474
Law Enforcement		-	-	-	72,085	72,085
Preservation of Records		-	-	-	10,247	10,247
Federal Relief		-	-	-	8,461	8,461
Debt Service		-	-	-	-	-
Committed to:						
Law Enforcement		-	-	-	36,268	36,268
County Buildings		-	-	-	-	-
Road and Bridge Maintenance		-	211,313	-	264,669	475,982
Aid and Assistance		-	-	-	8,364	8,364
Equipment Purchases		-	-	-	-	-
Property Reappraisal		-	-	-	-	-
Community Betterment		-	-	-	13,868	13,868
Assigned to:						
Other Purposes		-	-	1,499,079	-	1,499,079
Unassigned		2,974,603	-	-	-	2,974,603
TOTAL CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES	\$	<u>2,974,603</u>	<u>211,313</u>	<u>1,499,079</u>	<u>493,345</u>	<u>5,178,340</u>

DEUEL COUNTY
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	General Fund	Road Fund	Inheritance Tax Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
RECEIPTS					
Taxes	\$ 2,011,256	\$ -	\$ 42,167	\$ 48,434	\$ 2,101,857
Licenses and Permits	1,185	-	-	-	1,185
Investment Income	240,676	-	-	5,483	246,159
Intergovernmental	290,459	601,876	-	72,493	964,828
Charges for Services	353,460	1,257	-	30,572	385,289
Miscellaneous	5,381	7,250	-	22,223	34,854
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>2,902,417</u>	<u>610,383</u>	<u>42,167</u>	<u>179,205</u>	<u>3,734,172</u>
DISBURSEMENTS					
General Government	584,822	-	-	235,593	820,415
Public Safety	666,062	-	-	39,215	705,277
Public Works	67,602	989,755	-	-	1,057,357
Public Health	-	-	-	10,907	10,907
Public Assistance	12,667	-	-	2,431	15,098
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	106,387	106,387
Miscellaneous	728,731	-	-	-	728,731
Debt Service:					-
Principal Payments	-	235,000	-	-	235,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	49,110	-	-	49,110
Capital Outlay	206,733	260,016	-	75,289	542,038
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>2,266,617</u>	<u>1,533,881</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>469,822</u>	<u>4,270,320</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	<u>635,800</u>	<u>(923,498)</u>	<u>42,167</u>	<u>(290,617)</u>	<u>(536,148)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	25,000	849,110	-	23,043	897,153
Transfers out	(588,043)	(284,110)	-	(25,000)	(897,153)
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(563,043)</u>	<u>565,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,957)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>72,757</u>	<u>(358,498)</u>	<u>42,167</u>	<u>(292,574)</u>	<u>(536,148)</u>
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>2,901,846</u>	<u>569,811</u>	<u>1,456,912</u>	<u>785,919</u>	<u>5,714,488</u>
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 2,974,603</u>	<u>\$ 211,313</u>	<u>\$ 1,499,079</u>	<u>\$ 493,345</u>	<u>\$ 5,178,340</u>

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DEUEL COUNTY
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
FIDUCIARY FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Custodial Fund Balances July 1, 2024	Receipts	Disbursements	Custodial Fund Balances June 30, 2025
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 101,267	\$ 6,035,514	\$ 5,885,596	\$ 251,185
LIABILITIES				
Due to other governments				
State - Collected by County				
Treasurer	36,895	620,737	606,684	50,948
State - Collected by Other Offices	-	34,346	35,919	(1,573)
Schools	32,033	4,035,349	4,019,885	47,497
Educational Service Units	337	74,115	73,699	753
Technical College	2,215	220,662	221,760	1,117
Natural Resource Districts	1,060	229,652	228,396	2,316
Fire Districts	619	206,695	204,857	2,457
Drainage Districts	-	10,568	10,568	-
Municipalities	3,717	391,600	385,190	10,127
Airport Authority	44	11,033	10,766	311
Others - Collected by County Treasurer	24,347	17,447	36,687	5,107
Others - Collected by Other Offices	-	183,310	51,185	132,125
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>101,267</u>	<u>6,035,514</u>	<u>5,885,596</u>	<u>251,185</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

DEUEL COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies utilized in the accounting system of Deuel County.

A. Reporting Entity

Deuel County, Nebraska, (County) is a governmental entity established under and governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska (State). The County is managed by county officials who are elected on a political ballot for four-year terms. As a political subdivision of the State, the County is exempt from State and Federal income taxes. The financial statements include all funds of the County that are not legally separate. The County has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable, as well as other organizations that are either fiscally dependent on the County or maintain a significant relationship with the County, such that exclusion would be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the County to impose its will on that organization, or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the County. The County is also considered financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on and there is potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the County regardless of whether the organization has (1) a separately elected governing board, (2) a governing board appointed by a higher level of government, or (3) a jointly appointed board.

Joint Organization.

Behavioral Health Region III – The County has entered into an agreement with surrounding counties and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to provide services to carry out the provisions of the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act (Act). Agreements were established under the authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act for services to be provided under the Act. Region III (Region) consists of the following counties: Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Custer, Valley, Greeley, Sherman, Howard, Buffalo, Hall, Phelps, Kearney, Adams, Clay, Furnas, Deuel, Hamilton, Merrick, Franklin, Webster, and Nuckolls.

The governing board for the Region includes representatives from the participating county boards. Each county contributes to the financial support of the Region activities based on formulas developed by the Region governing board and as required by the Act. Funding is provided by a combination of Federal, State, local, and private funding. The County contributed \$5,332 toward the operation of the Region during fiscal year 2025. In the event of the termination of the agreement, assets would be disposed of in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services requires the Region to be audited annually in accordance with State statute. Financial information for the Region is available in those audit reports.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements. The Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis and Statement of Activities - Cash Basis display information about the activities of the County and are in the format of government-wide statements, as required by GASB Statement Number 34. These statements include all the financial activities of the County, except for fiduciary activities and the Hospital. Internal activities in these statements were considered immaterial and have not been eliminated. Governmental Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) requires internal activity to be eliminated to minimize double counting. The County reports governmental activities only. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts, and other nonexchange transactions. The County is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable. The Statement of Net Position presents the County's non-fiduciary assets in two categories:

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Restricted. This category results when constraints are externally imposed on net asset use by creditors, grantors, or contributors, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the County's policy to use restricted resources first, then the unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Unrestricted. This category represents resources that do not meet the definition of the preceding category. Unrestricted resources often have constraints on resources that are imposed by management, but those constraints can be removed or modified.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct disbursement of a given function or segment is offset by program receipts. Direct disbursements are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program receipts include the following: 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment; and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program receipts are reported instead as general receipts.

Fund Financial Statements. The fund financial statements provide information about the County's funds, including its fiduciary funds. GAAP requires separate statements by fund category – governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. The County uses only the governmental and fiduciary fund categories. The County Board is the highest level of decision-making authority and has the authority, by resolution, to establish, modify, or rescind the commitment or assignment of a fund balance to a specific purpose. When resources for a specific purpose are available in more than one fund balance classification, the County's policy is to use resources in the following order: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund. This is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Road Fund. This fund is used to account for costs associated with the repair and maintenance of roads and bridges and is primarily funded by State tax receipts.

Inheritance Fund. This fund is used to account for the receipts generated from inheritance taxes and is used for various projects.

The County reports the following additional non-major governmental fund types:

Special Revenue Funds. These funds account for the proceeds from a specific receipt source that is restricted to disbursements for a specified purpose.

Custodial Funds. These funds account for assets held by the County as an agent for various local governments.

Capital Project Funds. The Courthouse Improvement Sinking Fund accounts for all resources received and used for the acquisition or development of major capital improvements.

Debt Service Fund. The Hospital Bond Fund accounts for the resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

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The County designates fund balances as follows:

Restricted. The fund balance is restricted by external impositions, such as creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed. The fund balance has been designated by the County Board for a specific purpose.

Assigned. The fund balance has not been designated by the County Board for a specific purpose, but it has been separated based on the type of revenue.

Unassigned. This portion of the General Fund is not restricted, committed, or assigned for a specific purpose.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus and basis of accounting. The accounting records of the County are maintained, and the government-wide financial statements were reported on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. As such, the measurement focus includes only those assets and fund balances arising from cash transactions on the Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis. Receipts are recognized when received, and disbursements are recognized when paid. This differs from governmental GAAP, which requires the government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements to be reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this measurement focus and basis of accounting, receipts are recorded when earned, and disbursements are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The governmental fund financial statements were also reported on the cash receipt and disbursement basis of accounting. As such, the same measurement focus and basis of accounting were used, as described above. This differs from governmental GAAP, which requires governmental fund financial statements to be reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this measurement focus and basis of accounting, receipts are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Receipts are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Disbursements are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, disbursements related to compensated absences, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

D. Assets and Net Position

Cash and Cash Equivalents. The County's cash and cash equivalents consist of all cash on hand, demand deposit accounts, and money market accounts with immediate liquidity.

Investments. The types of investments in which the County is authorized to invest funds are enumerated in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2315, § 77-2340, and § 77-2341 (Reissue 2018) and generally include U.S. Government obligations, certificates of deposit, time deposits, and securities authorized by the Nebraska Investment Council.

Capital Assets. Under the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, capital assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisitions are reflected as disbursements in governmental funds. GAAP requires capital assets, which would include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), to be reported in the applicable governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements.

Depreciation expenses on capital assets were not recorded on the cash basis financial statements. Under GAAP, depreciation expenses would be recorded in the Statement of Activities. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that does not add to the value of the asset or extend asset life is not capitalized.

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Compensated Absences. Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as a disbursement of the County funds as paid. Upon termination, employees are paid for any unused vacation. Under the receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, the liabilities for compensated absences are not reported since they do not represent liabilities arising from cash transactions. Under GAAP, the compensated absences liability would be reported in the government-wide financial statements and would be recorded in accordance with the County's policy, which is to recognize the expense and accrued liability when vacation and compensatory leave is earned.

Restricted Net Position. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the County's policy to use restricted resources first, then the unrestricted resources, as they are needed. Net position is reported as restricted when constraints placed on its use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The government-wide statement of net position reports \$170,176 of restricted net position which is fully restricted by enabling legislation.

Budgetary Process. The County adopts an annual budget in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Nebraska Budget Act and County Budget Act of 1937. The budget is prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. The budget contains only those receipts actually received by the County Treasurer. The County does not utilize an encumbrance accounting system. All appropriated spending authority lapses at the end of the fiscal year.

On or before August 1, the County budget-making authority prepares and transmits a budget for each County fund to the County Board. The budget includes the requirements, the outstanding warrants, the operating reserves to be maintained, the cash on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, the receipts from sources other than taxation, and the amount to be raised by taxation. The County Board must hold at least one public hearing on the proposed budget. On or before September 30, the County Board adopts the budget and appropriates the amounts specified in the budget for the departments, offices, activities, and funds of the County.

The County Board is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund through resolution; however, if revisions are made that alter the total disbursements of any fund, an additional public hearing must be held. The legal level of budgetary control for the General Fund is at the function level, and the special revenue fund types are at the fund level. The County Board is also authorized to budget for the transfer of money between County funds.

2. Deposits and Investments

The County has generally pooled the cash resources of the various funds for investment purposes. Interest earned on pooled funds is credited to the County General Fund in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77- 2315 (Reissue 2018).

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Breakdown of Cash and Equivalents as of June 30, 2025:

Checking	\$ 4,489,095
Money Market	17,513
Certificates of Deposit	<u>850,000</u>
Total Cash and Equivalents	<u>5,356,608</u>
Less: Agency Held	(120,636)
Less: Balance Held by Other Offices	<u>(57,632)</u>
Total Cash Held by County	<u>\$ 5,178,340</u>

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Custodial Credit Risk – For purposes of classifying categories of custodial credit risk, the bank balances of the County’s deposits, as of June 30, 2025, were either entirely insured or collateralized with securities held by the County’s agent in the County’s name.

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Duration is a measure of a debt investment’s exposure to fair value changes arising from changes in interest rates. It uses the present value of cash flows, weighted for those cash flows as a percentage of the investments full price.

The County invests primarily in certificates of deposit which effectively limits exposure to interest rate risk as certificates of deposit have fixed interest rates. The County’s use of money market funds does expose the County to interest rate risk, but the effects of such exposure do not put the County’s current operating environment at risk for failure as the County is not dependent on the performance of such funds to maintain its current operations.

Credit Risk – Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. By investing primarily in certificates of deposit and money market accounts the County effectively limits exposure to credit risk. Bond ratings are not applicable to the County’s portfolio of cash and investments.

Concentration of Credit Risk – Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government’s investment in a single issuer. The County does have some exposure to concentration of credit risk as it keeps funds in investment vehicles that were entirely insured by the FDIC or collateralized with securities held in the County’s name.

The County does not have exposure to foreign currency risk.

3. Taxes

Property taxes are levied by the County Board on or before October 20 of each year for all political subdivisions in the County. Real estate and personal property taxes are due and attach as an enforceable lien on January 1 following the levy date, and they become delinquent in two equal installments on May 1 and September 1. Motor vehicle taxes are due when application is made for registration of a motor vehicle.

As stated in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-3442 counties are permitted by the State Constitution to levy a tax of up to \$.45/\$100 of assessed valuation for general governmental services other than the payment of principal and interest on bonded debt plus an additional \$.05/\$100 for interlocal agreements. Counties may levy taxes in addition to this 50-cent limitation upon a vote of the people. The levy limit analysis of the largest possible district levy set in October 2024 was \$.4415/\$100 which complied with state statute.

The levy set in October 2024, for the 2024 taxes, which will be materially collected in May and September 2025, was set at \$.4415/\$100 of assessed valuation. The levy set in October 2023, for the 2023 taxes, which were materially collected in May and September 2024, was set at \$.4575/\$100 of assessed valuation. The amount collected for the motor vehicle tax is outlined in State statute.

Additionally, there is currently a statutory lid limitation, which limits taxation to the prior year’s level, with provisions for growth. The lid may be increased by 1% upon the approval of a three-fourths majority of the County Board.

4. Retirement Systems

The Retirement System for Nebraska Counties (Plan) is a multiple-employer plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board in accordance with the provisions of the County Employees Retirement Act. The Plan consists of a defined contribution option and a cash balance benefit. The cash balance benefit is a type of defined benefit plan. The Plan provisions are established under Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 23-2301 through 23-2334 (Reissue 2022, Supp. 2023) and may be amended through legislative action.

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Participation in the Plan is required of all full-time employees. Part-time (working less than one-half of the regularly scheduled hours) employees may elect voluntary participation upon reaching age 18. Part-time elected officials may exercise the option to join.

County employees and elected officials contribute 4.5% of their total compensation. In addition, the County contributes an amount equal to 150% of the employee's contribution. The contribution rates are established by § 23-2307 and § 23-2308 and may be amended through legislative action. The employee's and employer's contributions are kept in separate accounts. The employee's account is fully vested. The employer's account is fully vested after three years of participation in the system or credit for participation in another governmental plan prior to actual contribution to the Plan. Non-vested County contributions are forfeited upon termination. Forfeitures are used to cover a portion of the pension plan's administrative expenses. Prior service benefits are paid directly by the County to the retired employee. The Plan's financial statements, including pension costs and obligations, are audited annually and can be obtained from the State of Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System.

A supplemental retirement plan was established on January 1, 2003, for the benefit of all present and future commissioned law enforcement personnel employed by the County. Employees contribute 1% of their salary, and the County contributes an amount equal to 100% of the employee's contribution. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the Plan plus investment earnings. For the year ended June 30, 2025, 34 employees contributed \$58,390, and the County contributed \$84,859.

5. Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to the following: torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The County is a member of the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for 107 counties and local governments throughout Nebraska.

The County pays an annual deposit premium, as calculated by the administrator of the pool. The premium is based on the losses and exposures of each County and the entire pool. If the pool becomes insolvent or otherwise unable to discharge its legal liabilities and obligations, the County may be assessed for an additional contribution. Each county remains liable for such assessments, regardless of the county's withdrawal from participation or the termination of the agreement, as well as for liabilities of the pool incurred during the county's period of membership.

The agreement with NIRMA requires the risk pool to provide coverage for up to a maximum amount per occurrence and purchase commercial insurance for claims in excess of coverage provided. In the event of a liability exceeding the commercial insurance, the County would be responsible for funding the excess amount.

	NIRMA Coverage	Maximum Coverage
General Liability Claim	\$ 500,000	\$ 5,000,000
Workers' Compensation Claim	\$ 550,000	Statutory Limits
Property Damage Claim	\$ 250,000	Insured Value at Replacement Cost

The County has not paid any additional assessments to the pool or paid out any amounts that exceeded coverage provided by the pool in the last three fiscal years. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year coverage.

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

6. Interfund Transfers

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2025, consisted of the following:

		Transfers Out			Total
		MAJOR FUNDS		NONMAJOR FUND	
		100 General	300 Road	1000 County Fair	
Transfers In					
MAJOR FUNDS					
100	General		-	25,000	
300	Road	565,000	-	-	
NONMAJOR FUNDS					
2910	E911 Fund	13,043	-	-	
3700	Roads - Bond Debt Service		284,110		
4000	Sheriff Vehicle Sinking Fund	10,000	-		
Total		588,043	284,110	25,000	

Transfers are used to move unrestricted receipts collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

During the year ended June 30, 2025, the General Fund transferred \$565,000 to the Road Fund to support road maintenance, construction projects, and equipment purchases. The General Fund also transferred \$13,043 to the E911 Fund and \$10,000 to the Sheriff Vehicle Sinking Fund to provide funding for their respective operations. In addition, the Roads Bond Debt Service Fund transferred \$284,110 to the Road Fund, and the County Fair Fund transferred \$25,000 to the General Fund. Total interfund transfers for the year amounted to \$897,153.

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

7. Long Term Obligations

The following is a summary of long-term debt activity for the years ended June 30:

Governmental Activities	2025				
	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance	Current Portion
Long-term debt					
Bonds payable	\$2,940,000	\$ -	\$235,000	\$2,705,000	\$240,000
Total long-term debt	<u>\$2,940,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$235,000</u>	<u>\$2,705,000</u>	<u>\$240,000</u>

Long-term debt is comprised of the following individual issues:

Governmental Type	Original Amount	Interest Rate	Principal Amount Outstanding
General Obligation Bonds			
2020 Highway Allocation Bond Due through 2036	\$ 2,965,000	.65 - 1.90%	\$ 2,220,000
2018 Highway Allocation Bond Due through 2034	750,000	1.75 - 3.40%	\$ 485,000
			\$ 2,705,000

The following is a summary of long-term debt activity for the years ended June 30:

Year Ending September 30,	2025					
	Governmental Activities					
	General Obligation Bonds		Notes Payable		Capital Lease	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2026	\$ 240,000	\$ 45,870	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2027	240,000	45,870	-	-	-	-
2028	245,000	42,703	-	-	-	-
2029	245,000	39,206	-	-	-	-
2030	255,000	35,391	-	-	-	-
2031-2036	1,480,000	86,323	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 2,705,000</u>	<u>\$ 295,363</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

DEUEL COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 2,191,459	\$ 2,191,459	\$ 2,011,256	\$ (180,203)
Licenses and Permits	100	100	1,185	1,085
Investment Income	10,000	10,000	240,676	230,676
Intergovernmental	36,520	36,520	290,459	253,939
Charges for Services	251,650	251,650	353,460	101,810
Miscellaneous	40,736	40,736	5,381	(35,355)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,530,465	2,530,465	2,902,417	371,952
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government				
County Board	67,450	67,450	65,891	1,559
County Clerk	70,700	70,700	59,719	10,981
County Treasurer	126,250	126,250	96,512	29,738
County Assessor	199,485	199,485	184,347	15,138
Elections	63,700	63,700	44,181	19,519
Planning and Zoning	14,500	14,500	14,465	35
District Court	34,400	34,400	20,498	13,902
County Court	10,400	10,400	4,652	5,748
Building and Grounds	155,250	155,250	44,108	111,142
Agriculture Ext AG	52,840	52,840	50,449	2,391
Public Safety				
Sheriff	533,520	533,520	468,576	64,944
Attorney	121,970	121,970	111,862	10,108
Jail	115,750	115,750	85,624	30,126
Public Works				
County Surveyor	2,000	2,000	27,343	(25,343)
Noxious Weed Control	52,360	52,360	40,259	12,101
Public Welfare/Social Services				
Vets Serv	15,475	15,475	12,667	2,808
Miscellaneous				
Miscellaneous	1,268,051	1,268,051	728,731	539,320
Capital Projects				
Capital Projects	235,810	235,810	206,733	29,077
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3,139,911	3,139,911	2,266,617	873,294
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(609,446)	(609,446)	635,800	1,245,246
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	36,533	36,533	25,000	(11,533)
Transfers out	(575,000)	(575,000)	(588,043)	(13,043)
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING	(538,467)	(538,467)	(563,043)	(24,576)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,147,913)	(1,147,913)	72,757	1,220,670
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	2,903,625	2,903,625	2,901,846	2,903,625
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 1,755,712	\$ 1,755,712	\$ 2,974,603	\$ 1,218,891

DEUEL COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
MAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
ROAD FUND				
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	605,239	605,239	601,876	(3,363)
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	1,257	1,257
Earnings on Investments	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	7,250	7,250
TOTAL RECEIPTS	605,239	605,239	610,383	5,144
DISBURSEMENTS	1,255,940	1,255,940	1,249,771	6,169
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(650,701)	(650,701)	(639,388)	11,313
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	565,000	565,000	565,000	-
Transfers out	(284,110)	(284,110)	(284,110)	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	280,890	280,890	280,890	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(369,811)	(369,811)	(358,498)	11,313
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	569,811	569,811	569,811	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 211,313	\$ 11,313
INHERITANCE TAX FUND				
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	21	21	42,167	42,146
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	21	21	42,167	42,146
DISBURSEMENTS	1,456,933	1,456,933	-	1,456,933
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(1,456,912)	(1,456,912)	42,167	1,499,079
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,456,912)	(1,456,912)	42,167	1,499,079
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	1,456,912	1,456,912	1,456,912	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,499,079	\$ 1,499,079

DEUEL COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
NONMAJOR FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
VISITORS PROMOTION FUND				
Receipts	\$ 20,678	\$ 20,678	\$ 12,753	\$ (7,925)
Disbursements	(50,000)	(50,000)	(15,921)	34,079
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(29,322)	(29,322)	(3,168)	26,154
Fund Balance - Beginning	29,322	29,322	29,322	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 26,154</u>	<u>\$ 26,154</u>
VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND				
Receipts	\$ 13,759	\$ 13,759	\$ 12,753	\$ (1,006)
Disbursements	(48,000)	(48,000)	(25,128)	22,872
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(34,241)	(34,241)	(12,375)	21,866
Fund Balance - Beginning	34,241	34,241	34,241	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 21,866</u>	<u>\$ 21,866</u>
COUNTY FAIR FUND				
Receipts	\$ 94,199	\$ 94,199	\$ 60,796	\$ (33,403)
Disbursements	(110,785)	(110,785)	(65,338)	45,447
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	(36,533)	(36,533)	(25,000)	11,533
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(53,119)	(53,119)	(29,542)	23,577
Fund Balance - Beginning	53,119	53,119	53,119	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 23,577</u>	<u>\$ 23,577</u>
PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND				
Receipts	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 1,925	\$ 1,917
Disbursements	(8,330)	(8,330)	-	8,330
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(8,322)	(8,322)	1,925	10,247
Fund Balance - Beginning	8,322	8,322	8,322	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,247</u>	<u>\$ 10,247</u>

DEUEL COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
NONMAJOR FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025
(Continued)

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
VETERANS' AID FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 533	\$ 533
Disbursements	(10,262)	(10,262)	(2,431)	7,831
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(10,262)	(10,262)	(1,898)	8,364
Fund Balance - Beginning	10,262	10,262	10,262	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,364</u>	<u>\$ 8,364</u>
FEDERAL DRUG FUND				
Receipts	\$ 129,845	\$ 129,845	\$ 4,950	\$ (124,895)
Disbursements	(150,000)	(150,000)	(19,631)	130,369
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(20,155)	(20,155)	(14,681)	5,474
Fund Balance - Beginning	20,155	20,155	20,155	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,474</u>	<u>\$ 5,474</u>
HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK PROGRAM FUND				
Receipts	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 65,952	\$ 65,951
Disbursements	(271,307)	(271,307)	(72,589)	198,718
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(271,306)	(271,306)	(6,637)	264,669
Fund Balance - Beginning	271,306	271,306	271,306	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 264,669</u>	<u>\$ 264,669</u>
COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Disbursements	(244,054)	(244,054)	(235,593)	8,461
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(244,054)	(244,054)	(235,593)	8,461
Fund Balance - Beginning	244,054	244,054	244,054	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,461</u>	<u>\$ 8,461</u>

DEUEL COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
NONMAJOR FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025
(Continued)

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
E911 FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,048	\$ 3,048
Disbursements	(278)	(278)	(14,057)	(13,779)
Transfers in	-	-	13,043	13,043
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(278)	(278)	2,034	2,312
Fund Balance - Beginning	278	278	278	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,312</u>	<u>\$ 2,312</u>
ROADS - BOND DEBT SERVICE FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Disbursements	(284,110)	(284,110)	-	284,110
Transfers in	284,110	284,110	-	(284,110)
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance - Beginning	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
TRAFFIC DIVERSION				
Receipts	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,249
Disbursements	(12,419)	(12,419)	(8,227)	4,192
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(12,418)	(12,418)	(2,977)	9,441
Fund Balance - Beginning	12,418	12,418	12,418	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,441</u>	<u>\$ 9,441</u>
DRUG TRUST FUND				
Receipts	\$ 95,001	\$ 95,001	\$ 9,738	\$ (85,263)
Disbursements	(168,255)	(168,255)	(10,907)	157,348
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(73,254)	(73,254)	(1,169)	72,085
Fund Balance - Beginning	73,254	73,254	73,254	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 72,085</u>	<u>\$ 72,085</u>

DEUEL COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
NONMAJOR FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025
(Continued)

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
LOTTERY FUND				
Receipts	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 1,507	\$ 1,503
Disbursements	(12,365)	(12,365)	-	12,365
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(12,361)	(12,361)	1,507	13,868
Fund Balance - Beginning	12,361	12,361	12,361	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 13,868</u>	<u>\$ 13,868</u>
SHERIFF'S COMMISSARY FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Disbursements	(26,827)	(26,827)	-	26,827
Transfers in	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(16,827)	(16,827)	10,000	26,827
Fund Balance - Beginning	16,827	16,827	16,827	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 26,827</u>	<u>\$ 26,827</u>

DEUEL COUNTY
COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Visitors Promotion Fund	Visitors Improvement Fund	County Fair Fund	Preservation and Modernization Fund
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 12,753	\$ 12,753	\$ 22,928	\$ -
Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	3,109	1,925
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	12,536	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	22,223	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	12,753	12,753	60,796	1,925
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	-	-	-	-
Public Safety	-	-	-	-
Public Works	-	-	-	-
Health and Sanitation	-	-	-	-
Public Assistance	-	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	15,921	25,128	65,338	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:				
Principal Payments	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	15,921	25,128	65,338	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(3,168)	(12,375)	(4,542)	1,925
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	(25,000)	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	(25,000)	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	(3,168)	(12,375)	(29,542)	1,925
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	29,322	34,241	53,119	8,322
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 26,154	\$ 21,866	\$ 23,577	\$ 10,247
FUND BALANCES:				
Restricted for:				
Visitor Promotion	26,154	21,866	23,577	-
911 Emergency Services	-	-	-	-
Drug Education	-	-	-	-
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-
Preservation of Records	-	-	-	10,247
Federal Relief	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Committed to:				
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-
County Buildings	-	-	-	-
Road Bridge and Maintenance	-	-	-	-
Aid and Assistance	-	-	-	-
Equipment Purchases	-	-	-	-
Property Reappraisal	-	-	-	-
Community Betterment	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 26,154	\$ 21,866	\$ 23,577	\$ 10,247

DEUEL COUNTY
COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Vets Aid	Federal Drug Fund	Highway Bridge Buyback Program Fund	COVID American Rescue Plan
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment Income	533	4,950	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	65,952	-
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	533	4,950	65,952	-
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	-	-	-	235,593
Public Safety	-	19,631	-	-
Public Works	-	-	-	-
Health and Sanitation	-	-	-	-
Public Assistance	2,431	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:				
Principal Payments	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	72,589	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	2,431	19,631	72,589	235,593
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(1,898)	(14,681)	(6,637)	(235,593)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	(1,898)	(14,681)	(6,637)	(235,593)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	10,262	20,155	271,306	244,054
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 8,364	\$ 5,474	\$ 264,669	\$ 8,461
FUND BALANCES:				
Restricted for:				
Visitor Promotion	-	-	-	-
911 Emergency Services	-	-	-	-
Drug Education	-	5,474	-	-
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-
Preservation of Records	-	-	-	-
Federal Relief	-	-	-	8,461
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Committed to:				
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-
County Buildings	-	-	-	-
Road Bridge and Maintenance	-	-	264,669	-
Aid and Assistance	8,364	-	-	-
Equipment Purchases	-	-	-	-
Property Reappraisal	-	-	-	-
Community Betterment	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 8,364	\$ 5,474	\$ 264,669	\$ 8,461

DEUEL COUNTY
COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	E911 Fund	Traffic Diversion	Drug Trust Fund
RECEIPTS			
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment Income	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-
Charges for Services	3,048	5,250	9,738
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3,048	5,250	9,738
DISBURSEMENTS			
General Government	-	-	-
Public Safety	14,057	5,527	-
Public Works	-	-	-
Health and Sanitation	-	-	10,907
Public Assistance	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Debt Service:			
Principal Payments	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	2,700	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	14,057	8,227	10,907
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS			
 OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(11,009)	(2,977)	(1,169)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	13,043	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	13,043	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,034	(2,977)	(1,169)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	278	12,418	73,254
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 2,312	\$ 9,441	\$ 72,085
FUND BALANCES:			
Restricted for:			
Visitor Promotion	-	-	-
911 Emergency Services	2,312	-	-
Drug Education	-	-	-
Law Enforcement	-	-	72,085
Preservation of Records	-	-	-
Federal Relief	-	-	-
Debt Service			
Committed to:			
Law Enforcement	-	9,441	-
County Buildings	-	-	-
Road Bridge and Maintenance	-	-	-
Aid and Assistance	-	-	-
Equipment Purchases	-	-	-
Property Reappraisal	-	-	-
Community Betterment	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,312	\$ 9,441	\$ 72,085

DEUEL COUNTY
COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Lottery Fund	Sheriff's Vehicle Sinking Fund	Total Nonmajor Funds
RECEIPTS			
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,434
Investment Income	-	-	5,483
Intergovernmental	1,507	-	72,493
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	30,572
Miscellaneous	-	-	22,223
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,507	-	179,205
DISBURSEMENTS			
General Government	-	-	235,593
Public Safety	-	-	39,215
Public Works	-	-	-
Health and Sanitation	-	-	10,907
Public Assistance	-	-	2,431
Culture and Recreation	-	-	106,387
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Debt Service:			
Principal Payments	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	75,289
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	-	-	469,822
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	1,507	-	(290,617)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	10,000	23,043
Transfers out	-	-	(25,000)
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	10,000	(1,957)
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,507	10,000	(292,574)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	12,361	16,827	785,919
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 13,868	\$ 26,827	\$ 493,345
FUND BALANCES:			
Restricted for:			
Visitor Promotion	-	-	71,597
911 Emergency Services	-	-	2,312
Drug Education	-	-	5,474
Law Enforcement	-	-	72,085
Preservation of Records	-	-	10,247
Federal Relief	-	-	8,461
Debt Service	-	-	-
Committed to:			
Law Enforcement	-	26,827	36,268
County Buildings	-	-	-
Road Bridge and Maintenance	-	-	264,669
Aid and Assistance	-	-	8,364
Equipment Purchases	-	-	-
Property Reappraisal	-	-	-
Community Betterment	13,868	-	13,868
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 13,868	\$ 26,827	\$ 493,345

DEUEL COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	<u>County Clerk</u>	<u>Clerk of the District Court</u>	<u>County Sheriff</u>	<u>County Attorney</u>	<u>Total</u>
BALANCES JULY 1, 2024	\$ 5,958	\$ 18,743	\$ 487	\$ 527	\$ 25,715
RECEIPTS					
Charges for Services	23,708	1,852	107,111	4,330	137,001
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	5,881	5,881
State Fees	32,206	2,140	-	-	34,346
Other Receipts	-	76,520	106,790	-	183,310
TOTAL RECEIPTS	55,914	80,512	213,901	10,211	360,538
DISBURSEMENTS					
Payments to County Treasurer	23,597	1,581	212,019	4,320	241,517
Payments to State Treasurer	33,490	2,429	-	-	35,919
Petty Cash & Other Payments	-	-	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	-	45,304	-	5,881	51,185
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	57,087	49,314	212,019	10,201	328,621
BALANCES JUNE 30, 2025	<u>\$ 4,785</u>	<u>\$ 49,941</u>	<u>\$ 2,369</u>	<u>\$ 537</u>	<u>\$ 57,632</u>
BALANCES CONSIST OF:					
Due to County Treasurer	\$ 2,645	\$ 404	\$ 2,369	\$ 10	5,428
Petty Cash		-	-	527	527
Due to State Treasurer	2,140	67	-	-	2,207
Due to Others		49,470	-	-	49,470
BALANCES JUNE 30, 2025	<u>\$ 4,785</u>	<u>\$ 49,941</u>	<u>\$ 2,369</u>	<u>\$ 537</u>	<u>\$ 57,632</u>

DEUEL COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF TAXES CERTIFIED AND COLLECTED
FOR ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN THE COUNTY
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Item	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Tax Certified by Assessor					
Real Estate	\$ 4,251,971	\$ 4,153,646	\$ 4,367,599	\$ 4,339,318	\$ 3,702,171
Personal and Specials	1,404,393	1,503,069	1,473,648	1,534,507	1,273,689
Total	5,656,364	5,656,715	5,841,247	5,873,825	4,975,860
Corrections					
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Deductions	-	-	-	-	-
Net Additions/ Deductions	-	-	-	-	-
Corrected Certified Tax	5,656,364	5,656,715	5,841,247	5,873,825	4,975,860
Net Tax Collected by County Treasurer as of June 30, 2025	5,656,329	5,656,678	5,839,054	5,870,040	3,281,328
Total Net Collections	5,656,329	5,656,678	5,839,054	5,870,040	3,281,328
Total Uncollected Tax	\$ 35	\$ 37	\$ 2,193	\$ 3,785	\$ 1,694,532
Percentage Uncollected Tax	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.06%	34.06%

Note: Tax refunds are netted against tax collections to determine Net Tax Collected.

DEUEL COUNTY, NEBRASKA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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DEUEL COUNTY
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT
OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Commissioners
Deuel County, Nebraska

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Deuel County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 15, 2026. The report notes the financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the County's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as Findings 2025-1 to 2025-2 to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Deuel County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

DEUEL COUNTY, NEBRASKA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Deuel County's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards require the auditor to perform limited procedures on the County's response to the finding identified in our audit and described previously. The County's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Seward, Nebraska
June 15, 2026

DEUEL COUNTY, NEBRASKA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Finding 2025-1 Financial Statement Preparation

Criteria: Good internal control requires entities have personnel in place to produce financial statements, which includes the notes to the financial statements, in accordance with GAAP and other applicable standards.

Condition: Though management demonstrates the capability of running a governmental organization, we noted a lack of expertise and knowledge was evident in the area of financial statement preparation in accordance with cash basis and other applicable standards. Additionally, numerous material audit adjustments were brought to management's attention during the audit.

Effect: Without proper personnel, there is an increased risk the financial statements may be materially misstated.

Recommendation: We recommend the County weigh the cost benefit of providing training to current personnel in the areas of GAAP and financial statement preparation or hiring additional personnel with this expertise.

Response: *The County will consider the costs benefit of training provisions or hiring additional personnel.*

Questioned Costs: No questioned costs were identified.

Finding 2025-2 Segregation of Duties

Criteria: Good internal control over financial reporting requires entities have proper segregation of duties in the accounting function so that no one person can authorize a transaction, record the transaction in account, and be responsible for the custody of the asset resulting from the transaction.

Condition: Though management demonstrates the capability of running a governmental organization, we noted a lack of segregation of duties as one person could handle all phases of a transaction from beginning to end.

Effect: Without proper segregation of duties, there is an increased risk the financial statements may be materially misstated.

Repeat Finding: Yes

Recommendation: We recommend the County weigh the cost benefit of hiring personnel with accounting function capabilities in order to properly segregate duties.

Response: *The County's Board will consider the costs benefit of hiring additional personnel. Additionally, the Board takes an active interest in the finances of the County and provides additional oversight.*

Questioned Costs: No questioned costs were identified.