

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting
September 15, 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 Assessor Michele Bartlett, County Treasurer Alicia Adams, County Attorney Jon Stellar, Sheriff Scott DeCoste, Sheriff Deputy Jim McCormick, Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski, Assistant Highway Superintendent Kristian Fusilier, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetsky, Vanessa Bartlett, Veterans' Service Officer Charles Graves, 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 September 10, 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 September 15, 2026, meeting agenda and the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 1, 2026. Commissioner Timm seconded the motion. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. Motion carried.

The Deuel County Tourism report for August was presented for review and filing.

Public comments: Jane Starostka asked about the repair work needed on Wheatland Road. Fusilier shared that work should start this month and the materials for the work have been ordered. Zack Ringer expressed his concerns with the Assessor's office and the Road Department. Stellar will look into the concerns.

No business for the Board of Equalization

A motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to increase the mileage reimbursement rate from .725 cents/mile to .76 cents/mile, per Federal rate increase. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Bartlett reported that there were no new building permits, and no updates on the Perkins Canal project. Bartlett handed out a draft of the planning and zoning ordinances that will be proposed at an upcoming meeting, when finalized by the Planning & Zoning Board.

A discussion of the hail damage done to the county property as a result of the September 5, 2026, storm was held. The adjuster inspected the damage on September 14, 2026, and will send a worksheet assessing the damage.

Highway Superintendent Krajewski and Assistant Highway Superintendent Fusilier provided the Board with an update on Road Department operations. Millings have been requested from the NE Department of Transportation for next year's projects. Fusilier stated that as soon as they were done fixing the washouts they would start working on Wheatland Rd.

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

Treasurer Adams advised no change on the COVID funds commitment.

The 2026 Budget hearing was conducted at 9:04 a.m. The final budget document was received and reviewed by each Commissioner. There was no public comment, discussion was held pertaining to:

Resolution 2026-0013, setting the Property Tax Request for 2026-2027 at .401923 which is a 10.7611% change from last year, was approved upon motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-0014, Adoption/Appropriations of the Budget document was approved upon motion by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Klingman. Klingman, aye, Timm, aye, Reichman, aye.

Resolution 2026-0015, establishing petty cash funds for the County Attorney in the amount of \$500.00 and the County Court in the amount of \$25.00, was approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-0016, instructing County Treasurer to transfer funds to the Sheriff Sinking Fund from County General in the amount of \$10,000.00, was approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-0017, instructing County Treasurer to transfer to the Road & Bridge Fund from the County General in the amount of \$1,268,000.00, was approved upon motion of Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Reichman. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-0018, instructing County Treasurer to transfer from the Road & Bridge Fund to the Bonded Debt Service Fund from the County General in the amount of \$283,103.00, was approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. Motion carried.

The Special Hearing to set the final Tax Request for .401923 was held at 9:10 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to set the final tax request for 2026-2027 at .401923 a 10.7611% change from the 2025-2026 tax request. Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. Motion carried.

The claims were read. A motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to approve payroll, claims and warrants in the amount of \$131,099.91 (payroll \$42,131.05 and claims \$88,968.86). Timm, aye, Reichman aye Klingman aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL		
PAYROLL		28060.52
ASHLYN ROELLE	MILEAGE	484.48
AT&T	TELEPHONE	55.48
AT&T MOBILITY	TELEPHONE	701.58
CAMERON CHRISTENSEN	P&Z MEETING	30.00
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	433.23
CENTURY LINK COMMUN	TELEPHONE	45.74
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	712.49
CHAPPELL REGISTER	SERVICES	1157.04
CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	SUPPLIES	1.29
CHARLES GRAVES	MILEAGE/MEALS	321.86
CHEYENNE CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	1050.00
DATASHIELD	SERVICES	66.22
DEUEL CO ATTORNEY	POSTAGE	27.42
DEUEL CO DISTRICT COURT	FEES	232.00
DEUEL CO COUTY COURT	FEES	407.00
EAKES	SUPPLIES/SERVICES	458.34
GARDEN CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	150.00
GOTO COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	430.09
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	2862.26
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	1119.60
HUBER & ASSOCIATES	SERVICES	443.00
IDEAL LINEN	SERVICES	83.51
INTRALINKS, INC	SERVICES	3007.75
JAMES WAY	P & Z MEETING	30.00
JASON CHELEEN	P & Z MEETING	30.00
JOIE KENDRICK	MILEAGE/MEALS	376.94
KEITH CO NEWS	PUBLISHING	894.07
MIPS	SERVICES	1866.65
MORRILL CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	225.00
NPPD	UTILITIES	52.40
NE SUPREME COURT ADMIN	INTERLOCAL AGRMT	4721.27
NKC TIRE GROUP	REPAIRS	7.40
OPTK NETWORKS	SERVICES	300.00
OUTDOOR RESTORE	SERVICES	80.00
PITNEY BOWES	SUPPLIES	544.86
PLATTE VALLEY COMM	REPAIRS	7519.45
POINTS WEST COMM BANK	SERVICES	5.00
PREMIER AUTO	REPAIRS	13.53
TTL RET PLANS AMERTIAS	RETIREMENT	4037.14
TRANSUNION	SERVICES	100.00
TTL FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	4230.18
US BANK	POSTAGE	79.19
VANESSA BARTLETT	MILEAGE	133.00
VERIZON	TELEPHONE	320.08
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	MEDICAL INMATE	23.89
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	250.00
TTL - STATE TAX	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	1650.04
TTL - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	2787.29
TTL - FEDERAL TAX	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	8727.84
ROAD & BRIDGE		

PAYROLL		14070.53
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SERVICES	202.08
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	129.29
FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	FUEL	4380.38
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	9433.93
HEIGEL'S FIELD SERVICE	REPAIRS	5970.00
NPPD	UTILITIES	41.59
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	3299.50
PREMIER AUTO	REPAIRS	271.00
S&W AUTO	REPAIRS	47.48
TITAN MACHINERY	REPAIRS	2165.72
US BANK	POSTAGE	15.15
VALLEY TIRE	REPAIRS	80.00
WHEATBELT	UTILITIES	81.89
	<u>VISITORS IMPROVEMENT</u>	
KONNI SAUDER	AUGUST	666.55
	<u>COUNTY FAIR</u>	
BUFFALO CREEK	MEALS	314.00
CHAPPELL REGISTER	PUBLISHING	112.68
CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	BBQ	6457.30
	<u>COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN</u>	
LIVENGOD BACKHOE	SERVICES	1639.72
MILLER SEPTIC	SERVICES	<u>375.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$131,099.91

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 9:21 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, October 6, 2026, upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Reichman. Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. Motion carried.

Attest: _____ Tammy Sherman, Clerk