Deuel County Commissioner Meeting
November 3, 2026

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

County officials and employees present included County Attorney Jon Stellar, County Assessor Michele Bartlett, County Treasurer Alicia Adams, Veterans Service Officer Charles Graves, Sheriff Scott DeCoste, Chief Deputy Jim McCormick, Assistant Highway Superintendent Kristian Fusilier, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetsky, Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski, Vanessa Bartlett, 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 October 29, 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 Timm moved to approve the consent agenda, including November 3, 2026, meeting agenda and the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 20, 2026, and the special meeting held on October 29th, 2026. Commissioner Reichman seconded the motion. Timm, aye, Fischer abstain, Reichman, aye. Motion carried.

The Deuel County Court fee report for October was presented for review and filing. The fee totals $3,291.62. The Deuel County Clerk's monthly report for October was presented for review and filing. The fee totals $748.49. The Deuel County Tourism report for October was presented for review and filing.

Public comments. Joe McGinley expressed his support of extending the moratorium for wind and solar regulations.

No business for the Board of Equalization.

Moratorium Extension Resolution 2026-0019: Whereas, the County of Deuel, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, has a comprehensive development plan adopted October 2016 by the Deuel County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter "County Board of Deuel County") pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 23-114.02; and whereas, on November 4, 2025 the County Board of Deuel County approved a twelve (12) month moratorium extension (Moratorium Extension Resolution 2025-18) incorporated here in by reference) on accepting any application for commercial wind energy systems or commercial solar energy systems, as defined in the current county zoning regulations; and whereas, the purpose of said moratorium extension is to enable the County of Deuel, Nebraska to update the comprehensive development plan and zoning regulations; and whereas, the County of Deuel, Nebraska is still in the process of said updates; and whereas Moratorium Extension Resolution 2025-18 has the option to an extension, if necessary, in order for the county to finish the process of updating the comprehensive plan and zoning regulations. Now therefore be it resolved, County Board of Deuel County hereby extends Moratorium Extension 2025-18 for twelve (12) months of the adoption of the updated comprehensive development planning and zoning regulations, whichever event comes first: Be it further resolved that this moratorium extension will be extended if necessary in order to allow the planning and zoning commission to conduct public meetings, including but not limited to public hearings, in direct regards to current and potential changes to regulations pertaining to commercial wind energy systems and commercial solar energy systems and updating the comprehensive plan adopted October 2016; and to further allow any potential changes to be passed on to the Deuel County Board of Commissioners for review, approval and disapproval with the same previously mentioned considerations as allowed for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Be is further resolved that said extension shall become effective as of December 3, 2026. A motion was made by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve Resolution 2026-0019 as presented. Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Fischer, aye. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Alicia Adams presented the Distress Warrants. Only one outstanding balance. The commissioners appreciated Adams' efforts to keep the list to a minimum.

Ashlyn Roelle presented the renewal of the memorandum of understanding for a 4-H Assistant between Cheyenne County, NE Commissioners and Deuel County, NE Commissioners. The terms are the same as in the past. Ashlyn explained that with the help of the 4-H Assistant the counties were able to reach approximately thirty-three percent more students. The counties will split the annual salary for this position 50/50. Cheyenne County will pay 100% of all benefits paid for this position. A motion was made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to approve the renewal of the memorandum of understanding for a 4-H Assistant with Cheyenne County, NE as presented. Reichman, aye, Fischer, aye, Timm, aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-0022, authorizing the board chairperson to sign the Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent for 2026 was approved by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Fischer, aye. Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Barlett presented the following building permit, on the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board. Building Permit number 2026-18; off grid home (small) solar system on the roof of the home.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve the permit as recommended. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Reichman, aye. Motion carried.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Fusilier and Highway Superintendent Krajewski provided the Board with an update on Road Department operations. Mowing will continue, Wheatland has been patched and the motor grader has been repaired. Fusilier presented three bids for the building replacement in Big Springs. The Commissioners asked for more unified bids before deciding at the next regular meeting.

Sheriff DeCoste updated the Commissioners of the happenings in the Sheriff's department. The cost for the 911 emergency communications services may be going up.

A brief discussion was held concerning the repairs needed from the September 5th storm. The replacement/fixing of windows in the courthouse and repair to the fair buildings will be made a priority.

The claims were read. A motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve payroll, claims and warrants in the amount of $127,856.98 (payroll $47,821.27 and claims $80,035.71). Timm, aye, Reichman abstain, Fischer, aye. Motion carried.

	GENERAL	
PAYROLL		32473.72
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	675.00
ASHLYN ROELLE	MILEAGE	174.04
BENCHMARK GOV SOLUTIONS	SAFETY EQUIP	754.90
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	188.70
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	19653.71
C-WEED MANAGEMENT	SERVICES	3283.35
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	63.93
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	660.10
CHARLES GRAVES	MILEAGE	275.50
CRANMORE PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	50.00
DAS MATERIAL	SERVICES	250.00
DATASHIELD	SERVICES	66.22
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1048.70
ELECTION SYSTEMS	SERVICES	2393.85
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	22.50
GOTO COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	431.27
HAMPTON INN	LODGING	895.70
IDEMIA IDENTITY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3000.00
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES/CELL PHONE	900.00
MASA	TRANSPORT INS	487.50
MODERN IMAGING	OFFICE SUPPLIES	219.88
NE SECRETARY OF STATE	OFFICE SUPPLIES	39.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE	INSURANCE	188.79
REICHMAN CONSTRUCTION	REPAIRS	520.00
SCOTTSBLUFF DENTION CTR	INMATE BOARDING	2490.00
SIDNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL	SERVICES	130.06
TTL RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	4156.57
TTL FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	4781.95
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	SOFTWARE	504.50
US BANK	UNIFORMS/FUEL/TRN	2727.33
US BANK	CONV/TRNG/POSTAGE	284.77
VERIZON	TELEPHONE	320.08
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	200.02
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1088.74
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	250.00
PRINCIPAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	610.73
T.T.L. - STATE TAX	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1849.90
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2854.91
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	5190.46
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	4781.95
	ROAD & BRIDGE	
PAYROLL		15347.55
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	8455.22
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	164.24

CROELL, INC	COLD MIX	1956.05
KELLY KOPETZKY	CELL PHONE	50.00
KRISTIAN FUSILER	CELL PHONE	50.00
PV BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	298.50
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	TRASH	35.00
WHEATBELT	UTILITIES	85.82
	FAIR BOARD	
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	206.97
CHARLENE FICHTNER	JUDGE FEES	269.30
TOTAL		$ 127,856.98

A motion was made by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to enter into executive session at 9:40 a.m. with the following present Reichman, Timm, Fischer and Stellar regarding a personnel matter. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Fischer, aye. Motion carried. At 10:04 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to reconvene the regular meeting. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Fischer, aye. Motion carried. No motions or discussion held.

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 10:06 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, November 17, 2026, upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Fischer. Fischer, aye, Reichman, aye, Timm, aye. Motion carried.

Attest: _____ Tammy Sherman, Clerk