Public Hearing
Deuel County Commissioners
October 29, 2026

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date at 8:30 AM with the following present: Commissioner Jim Reichman, Commissioner Steven Fischer, Commissioner Jean Timm, County Attorney Jon Stellar, Sheriff Deputy Jim McCormick, County Assessor Michele Bartlett, and Clerk Tammy Sherman. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence. The meeting notice was posted on the Deuel County website and published in the Chappell Register on October 15, 2026, and October 22, 2026. Reference was made to open meeting laws, posted at the entrance of the room, with copies available for the public to take. The agenda was approved upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Timm; Reichman, aye, Fischer, aye, Timm, aye. Motion carried.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed detailed regulations for Section 13 and present the proposed regulations to the residents of Deuel County. Following the public comment period, the County Commissioners will consider and vote on the following items: proposed detailed regulations for Section 13; revisions to the Building Permit Fee Schedule; extension of the moratorium on wind and solar energy projects and the updates to the 2026 Comprehensive plan.

Commissioner Reichman opened the floor for public comment regarding Resolution 2026-0010, which proposes revisions to Section 13 of the County Planning and Zoning Regulations pertaining to small and commercial wind energy conversion systems. Public comments were received from Karla Criswell, Deann Kinney, and Paul Kinney. Commissioner Fischer stated that he would like additional time to become familiar with the proposed regulations and their potential impacts on the county before deciding. A motion was made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Reichman, to table action on Resolution 2026-0010 until Commissioner Fischer has had an opportunity to become familiar with the proposed regulations and their potential impacts on the county. Timm, aye; Fischer, aye; Reichman, aye. The motion carried and action on Resolution 2026-0010 was tabled.

Commissioner Reichman opened the floor for public comment on Resolution No. 2026-0011, concerning revisions to the building permit fee schedule. No public comments were received. Commissioner Fischer expressed concern that he was not sufficiently familiar with the proposed revisions and stated that he needed additional time to review the fee schedule before voting. A motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Fischer, to table action on Resolution No. 2026-0011 until Commissioner Fischer could be brought up to speed on the proposed fee schedule. Timm, aye; Reichman, aye; Fischer, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reichman opened the floor for public comment on Resolution 2026-19, which would extend the moratorium on wind and solar energy development and updating the 2026 Comprehensive Plan for an additional one-year period. Public comments were received from Kristi McClung, Marj Freeman, Karla Criswell, Paul Kinney, Lana Hummermeier, and John Wickstrum. A motion was made by Commissioner Fischer and seconded by Commissioner Reichman to table action on Resolution 2026-19 until the November 3, 2026, Commissioners' meeting. Reichman, aye; Timm, aye; Fischer, aye. The motion carried.

At 9:35 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Timm to enter into executive session for the purpose of a personnel issue with the following present, Reichman, Fischer, Timm, Stellar, and Sherman. Reichman, aye, Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, motion passed. At 9:44 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Timm to reconvene the meeting in regular session. Fischer, aye, Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, motion passed.

At 9:44 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Timm to adjourn the meeting. Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Fischer, aye. The next regular meeting for the Deuel County Commissioners will be November 3, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Attest: T. Sherman, Clerk

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