

Wayne, Nebraska
August 19, 2025

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, in the Wayne County Courtroom. Chairman James Rabe, Members Dean Burbach and Terry Sievers, Clerk Joni Tietz, Deputy County Attorney Ted Lohrberg and Sheriff Jason Dwinell were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on August 6, 2025. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

The following consent agenda items were approved on motion made by Sievers, seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

- a. Approve August 5, 2025, minutes as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Approve payroll; commissioners abstain from approving personal claim
- c. Approve fee reports: Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk, July fees \$8624.11; Diane Pieper, Wayne County Clerk of District Court, July fees \$1284.00, Wayne County Sheriff, Jason Dwinell, July fees \$995.04

Motion made by Burbach, seconded by Sievers to approve the regular agenda. Roll call vote: Burbach, Sievers, Rabe-ayes; motion carried.

Wayne County Agricultural Society Board Members David Jaeger, Doug Temme, Trever Hartmann and Merlin Felt appeared before the Board to discuss the 2025-26 Budget Request. They provided the Commissioners with expenses they incurred at the 2025 Wayne County Fair. They also presented a list of 3-5 year capital expenditures that they would like to see done including \$40,000 Lights on east side, \$20,000 of new camper pads and \$60,000 to \$80,000 of laying asphalt on the lower drive. Ag Society members reported that revenue was up overall but no exact amounts were given. The Board will take this into consideration when reconvening into the budget work session at 1 p.m.

A motion was made by Sievers, seconded by Burbach that amounts of the preliminary tax dollar requests for Wayne County Fire Protection Districts as well as Wayne County Agricultural Society and Wayne County Library Association appearing as Item 6 on the Agenda be tabled until the Board meets with budget preparer, Mike Pommer, at 1 p.m. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

A request was made by Gill Hauling that Logan Valley Drive southward owned by the County of Wayne be dedicated to the public in order for them to put in a driveway. Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Burbach to have the County Attorney draw up paperwork dedicating Logan Valley Drive southward to the public. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe-all aye. Motion carried.

New floor covering on the third floor was discussed. No decision was made until more quotes and samples are available.

Appearing as part of the public, Jill Belt, gave the commissioners a flyer explaining the kiosk by the Short Stop near the Wayne State College campus, supplied by the Public Health Department.

Sievers made a motion with Burbach seconding to recess the meeting until 1 p.m. in the back commissioner room to meet with Mike Pommer, budget preparer.

Wayne County Board of Commissioners reconvened at 1 p.m., August 19, in the back Commissioner room with Chairman, James Rabe, Members Dean Burbach and Terry Sievers, Clerk Joni Tietz, County Attorney, Amy Miller and budget preparer, Mike Pommer, present. Amy Miller reviewed her budget with the Board including a possible split between the City of Wayne, County of Wayne Sheriff and Wayne County Attorney of an application with the name of Icrimefighter. This would enhance availability of the documents used by all three entities. She also informed the Board that the County would no longer need a Child Support Enforcement Budget since Wayne County would no longer be receiving funds due to low child support enforcement needs. Miller did request that she keep the secretary hired as child support enforcement assistant as additional staff.

Mike Pommer then presented the budget numbers he had prepared stating that keeping the levy relatively the same, tax revenue goes up just over \$800,000 and cash reserve remains the same at \$2 million. Unused tax authority is just over \$400,000. Wayne County would have to participate in the Joint Public Hearing.

At this time the Board wanted more information from the Wayne Agricultural Society before approving the preliminary tax requests. Clerk Tietz was instructed to contact Diane Roeber, Ag Society Secretary, to get more information.

Commissioner Sievers made a motion with Burbach seconding to recess the meeting until 3 p.m. Wednesday, August 20, in the back commissioner room to complete budget discussion.

Wayne County Board of Commissioners reconvened at 3 p.m., August 20, 2025 in the back commissioner room with Chairman, James Rabe, Members Dean Burbach and Terry Sievers, Clerk Joni Tietz, and Ag Society members, Doug Temme and Trever Hartmann. After much discussion the Board of Commissioners was satisfied with the information.

At this time Jason Dwinell, Wayne County Sheriff, was present to answer questions the Board had concerning the Icrimefighter application. Dwinell said he didn't know enough about it at this time to commit to using it. He and the Board would be obtaining more information. The Board decided to keep enough money in Miscellaneous General to cover the expense if used.

Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Burbach to approve the following preliminary tax requests and approve allocation resolutions. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe -all ayes. Motion carried.

- a. Resolution No. 25-8 Wayne Ag Society, General Fund \$200,000.00
- b. Resolution No. 25-9 Carroll Rural Fire Protection, \$36,528.00, Bond Fund \$35,586.00
- c. Resolution No. 25-10 Wayne Rural Fire Protection, \$80,430.00, Bond Fund \$21,000.00
- d. Resolution No. 25-11 Hoskins Rural Fire District, \$90,000.00

- e. Resolution No. 25-12 Winside Rural Fire District, \$39,997.000, Bond Fund \$20,000.00
- f. Resolution No. 25-13 Wakefield Rural Fire District, \$120,000.00
- g. Resolution No. 25-14 Wayne County Library Association, \$15,000.00

The following claims were approved on motion made by Burbach, seconded by Sievers. Roll call vote: Burbach, Sievers, Rabe-all ayes. Motion carried:

General Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$74,232.23; Ace Hardware & Home, RP \$28.34; Allo Communications, OE \$3,821.62; Antelope County Sheriff, OE \$7,885.00; Appera, OE \$569.52; Applied Connective Technologies, OE \$3,921.40; AT&T Mobility, SU,OE \$171.58; Big Red Printing, SU \$244.84; Card Services, SU \$2,102.38; Card Services, SU \$366.15; Davis Ford, RP \$71.84; Eakes Office Solutions, SU \$63.99; Farmers Co-Operative, MA \$222.43; Fast Pik, MA \$1,014.97; Fastwyre Broadband, OE \$144.98; Feld Fire, RP,CO \$120.00; Hometown Café, Tacos & More, OE \$61.56; Hometown Leasing, ER \$118.41; Jamie Miller Law, OE \$4,810.45; Jorgensen Law, OE \$13,941.44; Main Street Garage LLC, RP,MA \$1,079.34; MIPS Inc., ER,CO \$2,992.42; NACO, OE \$120.00; Nebraska Education Tele. Comm., ER \$442.66; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., OE \$78.70; O’Reilly Automotive Inc., RP \$18.64; Physicians Laboratory PC, OE \$2,750.00; Security Shredding Services, OE \$120.00; Stratton, Delay, Doele et. al., OE \$398.60; Text My Gov. Inc., OE \$4,900.00; Tri-State Communications Inc., RP \$52.80; U.S. Cellular, OE \$473.70; U-Save Pharmacy, OE \$420.87; UHS Premium Billing, PS \$101,624.54; Visa, OE,SU,CO \$291.01; Visa, OE,SU \$549.36; Waste Connections of Nebraska, OE \$188.50; Wayne County Clerk of Dist. Ct., OE \$72.00; Wayne County Court, OE \$163.00; Wayne Herald/Morning Shopper, OE \$1,221.15; Wayne, City of, OE \$7,600.62; White Dog Lawn Service, OE \$1,000.00; Woehler Trailer Court LLC, ER \$700.00; York County Sheriff’s Dept., OE \$20.92; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$16,724.01; Aflac, PS \$688.40; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$510.84; First Concord Benefits Group, PS,OE \$2,036.62; Legal Shield, PS \$61.85; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$5,985.23; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$8,510.96; Vision Service Plan, PS \$255.61; Washington National Ins. Co., PS \$55.10; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,449.91;

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$42,465.60; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$12.99; Appera, OE \$78.26; B’s Enterprises, Inc., MA \$7,605.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, MA \$84,055.55; Card Services, RP \$282.08; Carroll, Village of, OE \$108.00; Farmers Co-Operative, SU,MA \$12,494.70; Fast Pik, RP \$60.00; Filtercare of Nebraska, RP \$31.50; Fredrickson Oil Company, SU \$81.70; Grossenburg Implement, RP \$327.03; John’s Welding & Tool LLC, SU \$180.34; Martin Marietta Materials, MA \$4,564.25; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co. Inc., MA \$27,544.23; Menard’s, SU \$319.96; Midwest Service & Sales Co., MA \$1,085.23; NMC Exchange LLC, RP,MA \$1,159.76; Powerplan, RP \$200.00; RDO Truck Centers, RP \$175.93; Stalp Gravel Company, MA \$20,526.65; Wayne Auto Parts, RP,SU \$157.60; West Point Auto & Truck Center, RP \$906.09; Winside, Village of, OE \$102.40; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$9,098.07; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$372.86; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$947.66; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$3,716.32; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$4,777.38; Vision Service Plan, PS \$57.93; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,193.97;

Road Snow Removal & Equipment Fund: NMC Exchange LLC, CO \$64,800.00;
ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund: MIPS Inc., OE \$162.87;
Lodging Tax Fund: Carroll Volunt. Fire Dept. Trust, OE \$407.48; Sumi Koh, OE \$54.45; The Little Red Hen Theatre, OE \$1,000.00
Meeting adjourned

State of Nebraska)
County of Wayne) ss.

I, the undersigned, County Clerk of Wayne County Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subject included in the attached proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting of August 19, 2025, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in such agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that the said minutes of the meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Wayne were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of August, 2025.
Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk