

Wayne, Nebraska  
September 2, 2025

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 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 28, 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 Burbach, seconded by Sievers. Roll call vote: Burbach, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

- a. Approve August 19, 2025, minutes as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Approve payroll; commissioners abstain from approving personal claim
- c. Approve Special Designated Liquor License application for Greenhorn Entertainment LLC dba The Greenhorn of Stanton, NE for a Demolition Derby/Beer Garden on September 27, 2025, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds Grandstand, 301 Pheasant Run, Wayne, NE from 1:00 p.m. to 12 a.m., with an alternate date of October 4, 2025

Two members of the public, Lynn Junck and Brent Pick, each addressed the board regarding commissioner conduct.

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

Sievers made a motion to approve the County Officials' Personal Property Inventories for 2025-26. Burbach seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe-ayes; motion carried.

Kyle Huff, Highway Superintendent presented several items to the Board including opening and awarding bid on Project C-90 (301) for District 2. Burbach made a motion to accept low bid received by B's Enterprises for a delivered price of \$62,118 with a time of delivery estimated at 2-4 weeks. Sievers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Burbach, Sievers, Rabe-ayes; motion carried.

Huff also requested the Board Chairman sign an Interlocal Agreement with Saline County, the lead County, for BIP program funds for 2 bridges in Wayne County. Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Burbach to authorize Chairman Rabe to sign the agreement. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe-ayes; motion carried.

An update on the scrap tire collection was furnished by Huff. Pick up of tires was half done. They take about 4 loads/day.

Updates were also given on the 1 year plan projects. Huff gave the board a breakdown of the bridges that are planned for 2025 by district.

Huff stated that the new bridge inspection program-BRM7-was much slower and took more steps with more pages. He will receive more training on the new program next week in Lincoln.

Joel Hansen from the City of Wayne contacted Huff regarding adopting the National Functional Reclassification of Roads in the City of Wayne. Approval is needed from the County Board for the City to move ahead. Motion made by Burbach, seconded by Sievers, to approve the National Functional Reclassification of Roads for the City of Wayne. Roll call vote: Burbach, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Nic Kemnitz, Emergency Manager, along with Kyle Huff requested adoption of 2025 Lower Elkhorn NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan. Sievers made a motion to adopt the 2025 Lower Elkhorn NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan with Burbach seconding. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe-eyes. Motion carried.

Kemnitz received approval from the Board to be present for the Missouri River Outdoor Expo requested by Dixon County Emergency Management.

Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Burbach to approve Resolution 25-15 closing Federal Drug Law Enforcement Fund and depositing the funds into the Opioid Recovery Fund. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe-all aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-15**

WHEREAS, the Federal Drug Law Enforcement Fund was used to deposit opioid funds starting in November, 2022, until June 2024, totaling \$22,231.76; and

WHEREAS, the Opioid Recovery Fund was used to deposit opioid funds starting in July, 2024, until August, 2025, totaling \$15,020.96; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that all future deposited opioid funds shall be made to the Opioid Recovery Fund only and the funds remaining in the Federal Drug Law Enforcement Fund should be transferred to the Opioid Recovery Fund in the sum of \$22,231.75.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Commissioners that all future deposited opioid funds shall be made to the Opioid Recovery Fund and the funds remaining in the Federal Drug Law Enforcement Fund should be transferred to the Opioid Recovery Fund in the sum of \$22,231.75.

Quotes from Jason Sears Flooring and Scranton Flooring for new floor covering on the top floor were discussed. Sievers made a motion that Jason Sears Flooring with a quote of \$23,172 be chosen to recarpet the top floor with the staff choosing the colors and ordering the carpet. Burbach seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe-all aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Burbach to recess the Board of Commissioner meeting until 1:15 pm in the County Courtroom. Sievers, Burbach, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Wayne County Board of Commissioners reconvened at 1:15 p.m., in the County Courtroom with Chairman, James Rabe, Members Dean Burbach and Terry Sievers, Clerk Joni Tietz, and budget preparer, Mike Pommer, present.

The meeting was recessed for the Budget Hearing.

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A public hearing to receive taxpayer support, opposition, or observations on the proposed 2025-26 convened at 1:20 p.m.

Notice of this hearing was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on August 28, 2025.

The 2025-26 budget was discussed with the following points noted:

- 1) The total budget is \$20,005,538.03
- 2) The total tax dollar request is \$6,750,000.00, an increase of \$805,000.-00
- 3) The unused budget authority is \$458,929.49.

At this time Brent Pick and Diane Pieper offered public comment. The hearing was closed at 1:40.

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The Board of Commissioner meeting was reconvened at 1:40. Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Burbach, to table Agenda Item 13 (Take action on carrying forward \$458,929.49 as unused budget authority), Item 14 (Take action on Resolution 25-16 to approve the 2025-26 budget) and Item 15 (Take action on Resolution 25-17 to approve the 2025 tax rate) until after the Pink Postcard Hearing to be held September 16 at 6:05 pm. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

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

**General Fund:** Payroll & Reimbursements: \$72,509.71; Advanced Consulting Engineering Svs, CO \$818.39; Black Hills Energy, OE \$167.75; Bomgaars, RP,SU \$56.18; Carhart Lumber Company, SU \$79.99; Centec Cast Metal Products, SU \$364.76; DAS State Accounting, ER \$206.00; Davis Ford, RP \$79.99; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland et. al., OE \$5,359.04; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple et. al., OE \$988.20; Floor Maintenance, SU \$194.72; Hometown Leasing, ER \$118.41; Jorgensen Law, OE \$704.90; Main Street Garage LLC, RP \$343.49; Miller Law, OE,ER \$1,415.64; MIPS Inc., ER,CO \$2,992.42; NACO, OE \$30.00; One Office Solution, SU \$241.57; Physcicians Laboratory PC, OE \$300.00; Pommer Accounting LLC, OE \$3,000.00; Rolling Hills Supply, SU \$110.00; Schenk, Stacy, OE \$475.00; Sears Auto Sales & Towing, OE \$150.00; Smith, Joseph, OE \$256.50; Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson et. al., OE \$4,274.51; The Station, MA \$69.89; Trane, RP \$3,740.82; UNL Haskell Ag Lab, OE \$115.00; Van Diest Supply Company, SU \$729.90; Wayne County Clerk of Dist, Ct., OE \$114.00; Wayne County Sheriff, OE \$59.83; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$16,393.20; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$8,407.42;

**County Road Fund:** Payroll & Reimbursements: \$42,465.60; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$54.76; Black Hills Energy, OE \$59.74; Bomgaars, RP,SU,MA \$349.12; Dietz Well & Pump Co., RP \$320.00; Fredrickson Oil Company, RP \$1,456.00; Hireright, LLC, OE \$273.75; Martin Marietta Materials, MA \$1,271.87; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co. Inc., MA \$8,960.45; NMC Exchange, RP \$402.48; Northeast Power, OE \$170.30; SAPP Brothers Inc., SU \$205.19; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$9,034.53; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$4,777.38;

**Lodging Tax Fund:** Wayne Co. Agricultural Society, OE \$4,000.00;  
**Rod Preservation & Modernization Fund:** MIPS Inc., OE \$162.87;  
**County Improvement Fund:** Hugo Plumbing & Heating Inc., CO \$14,087.70;

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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