

Wayne, Nebraska  
September 16, 2025

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 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 September 4, 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 September 2, 2025, minutes as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Approve payroll; commissioners abstain from approving personal claim
- c. Approve fee reports of Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk, of \$17,854.50 and Diane Pieper, Wayne County Clerk of District Court, of \$1,769.25

Motion made by Sievers to approve the regular agenda with the amendment of changing the time of re-adjournment on September 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Burbach seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe-ayes; motion carried.

Chairman Rabe asked Burbach if was going to resign due to information made public. Burbach replied that he had no plans to resign.

Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Burbach to approve the Auditor Engagement letter from Lengemann & Associates. Lisa Lindsay, Wayne County Treasurer, pointed out to Board that even though it was not stated in original contract the audit must be completed by March 30, 2026, to satisfy requirements of the Bond Company, Bok Financial. Clerk Tietz will include that statement in the returned, signed letter. Sievers, Burbach, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Rabe recessed the meeting at 9:10 a.m. and reconvened at 9:30 a.m. to open bids.

Wayne County Highway Superintendent, Kyle Huff, came before the Board to open bids for Bridges C90-654 and C90-655. Bids were opened from Vogt Enterprises, Lincoln, NE; Kea, Milford, NE; Nemaha Infrastructure, Lincoln, NE; A & R Construction, Plainview, NE. The bids will be reviewed and awarded at the reconvened meeting on September 17, 2025.

Chairman Rabe recessed the meeting at 9:39 a.m. to be reconvened September 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Wayne Board of Commissioners' Chairman, James Rabe, reconvened the meeting on September 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. with some discussion of the Special Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Increase held on September 16, 2025.

Sievers made a motion to carry forward \$458,929.49 as unused budget authority with Burbach seconding. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Sievers also made a motion to approve Resolution 25-16 to approve the 2025-26 Budget, seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-16**

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 19th day of August 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Wayne County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Wayne County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. The offices, departments, activities, and institutions herein are authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 3. The income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

Burbach made a motion to approve Resolution 25-17 to approve the 2025 tax rate with Sievers seconding. Roll call vote: Burbach, Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-17**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of Wayne County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Wayne County resolves that:

- 1. The 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:

General Fund	\$6,475,000.00
County Improvement Fund	<u>\$ 275,000.00</u>
Total	\$6,750,000.00

- 2. The total assessed value of the property differs from last year's total assessed value by 13 percent.
- 3. The tax rate, which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be 0.193623 per \$100 of assessed value.
- 4. Wayne County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.219841 per \$100 of assessed value.
- 5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Wayne County will decrease last year's budget by 11 percent.
- 6. A copy of this resolution will be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 30, 2025.

Kyle Huff, Wayne County Highway Superintendent informed the Board that the lowest bid for Projects C90-654 and C90-655 was submitted by A & R Construction of Plainview, Nebraska, for \$703,782.88, beginning in April, 2026, and ending July 17, 2026, for both projects. Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Burbach to award the bid to A & R Construction, Plainview, NE for the amount of \$703,782.88. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye. Motion carried.

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

**General Fund:** Payroll & Reimbursements: \$73,155.68; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$25.35; Albin, Mark, OE \$4,133.05; Allo Communications, OE \$3,821.09; Antelope County Sheriff, OE \$9,540.00; Apex Software, OE \$1,040.00; Appera, OE \$492.76; Applied Connective Technologies, OE \$3,997.72; AT&T Mobility, SU \$40.04; Card Services, SU,OE \$2,027.32; Cardmember Service, SU,OE \$106.20; Dakota County Court, OE \$1.00; Davis Ford, RP \$2,334.40; Douglas County Court, OE \$1.00; Eakes Office Solutions, SU \$213.64; Elkhorn Valley Bank, PS \$84.00; Fairfield Inn & Suites, OE \$404.85; Farmers Co-Op, MA \$226.77; Fast Pik, MA,OE \$1,209.39; Fastwyre Broadband, OE \$144.98; Floor Maintenance, SU \$100.30; Kone, RP \$1,670.22; Bradley Marr, OE \$73.90; Maul & Bodlak LLP, OE \$606.78; Midwest Alarm, RP \$1,520.88; Miller Law, SU \$9.49; NACO, OE \$985.00; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., OE \$81.78; One Office Solution, SU \$442.55; Region IV Behavioral Health System, OE \$6,951.00; Security Shredding Services, OE \$120.00; Stratton, Delay, Doele, et al., OE \$960.10; U.S. Cellular, OE \$473.70; U-Save Pharmacy, OE \$355.63; UHS Premium Billing, PS \$101.624.54; Verizon Wireless, OE \$40.01; Visa, ER \$45.02; Card Services, SU \$221.10; Visa, SU \$86.94; Waste Connections of Nebraska, OE \$188.50; Wayne County Clerk of Dist. Ct., OE \$117.00; Wayne County Court, OE \$165.50; Wayne Herald, OE \$1,611.02; Wayne Radio Works LLC, OE \$231.00; Wayne Veterinary Clinic PC, OE \$210.00; Wayne, City of, OE \$9,855.22; White Dog Lawn Service, OE \$1,455.00; Woehler Trailer Court LLC, ER \$700.00; Butler County Landfill Inc., OE \$60,856.31; Gworks, CO \$3,543.67; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$16,467.33; Aflac, PS \$688.40; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$510.84; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$1,920.82; Legal Shield, PS \$61.85; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$4,991.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$8,494.76; Vision Service Plan, PS \$255.61; Washington National Ins. Co., PS \$55.10; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,626.95; Stryker Sales LLC, SU \$1,422.00;

**County Road Fund:** Payroll & Reimbursements: \$ 42,465.60; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$39.75; Appera, OE \$48.75; B'S Enterprises Inc., MA \$19,203.31; Backus Sand & Gravel, MA \$130,730.63; Carroll, Village of, OE \$106.50; Farmers Co-Op, MA \$31,581.90; Filtercare of Nebraska, RP \$87.00; Floor Maintenance, SU \$100.30; Fredrickson Oil Company, MA \$15,135.12; Grossenburg Implement, RP \$76.22; Krusemark Construction & Excavation, MA \$3,663.44; M&H Sand & Gravel, MA \$4,832.64; Martin Marietta Materials, MA \$4,316.13; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co Inc., MA \$9,525.18; Nebraska Harvestore Systems, CO \$8,200.00; NMC Exchange LLC, RP \$1,565.09; Stalp Gravel Company, MA \$13,914.84; Wayne Auto Parts, SU,RP \$106.38; Wayne County Treasurer, CO \$16.00; Wayne, City of, OE \$657.96; Winside Village of, OE \$99.80; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$9,048.15; Aflac, PS \$170.06; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$422.76; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$1,158.32; Nebraska

Department of Revenue, PS \$2,641.33; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$4,777.38;  
Vision Service Plan, PS \$57.93; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,348.15;  
**COVID 19 Fund:** Wayne County Treasurer, OE \$2,715.30;

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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 September 16, 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 17th day of September, 2025.

Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk