

Wayne, Nebraska  
February 3, 2026

The Wayne County Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Sievers at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, in the Wayne County Courthouse Courtroom. Present at the meeting were Chairman Sievers, Board member James Rabe, County Clerk Joni Tietz, Deputy County Attorney, Ted Lohrberg, Sheriff Jason Dwinell and County Assessor, Dawn Duffy. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on January 29, 2026. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

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

Dawn Duffy, Wayne County Assessor, requested action be taken on two Forms 451NF for a qualifying for-profit Nursing Facility. Rabe made a motion with Sievers seconding to approve both Forms 451NF. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers-aye; motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

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The Wayne County Board of Commissioner meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, in the Wayne County Courthouse Courtroom. Chairman Rabe, Members Terry Sievers, Clerk Joni Tietz, Sheriff Jason Dwinell and Deputy County Attorney, Ted Lohrberg, were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on January 22, 2026. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

Chairman Rabe presented the following consent agenda items:

- a. Act on January 20, 2026, minutes as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Act on payroll; commissioners abstain from approving personal claims
- c. Designate the Courthouse bulletin board, the Wayne County website, and the Wayne Herald as public notice sites for 2026.
- d. Set uniform allowance for Sheriff and Deputies at \$50.00 per month and on-call at \$100.00 per month for 2026
- e. Appoint Mae Greve to Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board-3 year term

Motion made by Sievers, seconded by Rabe to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Sievers, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

The regular agenda was amended by motion made by Sievers, seconded by Rabe to include action on claims. Roll call vote: Sievers, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

Heidi Borg, Ag liaison for Congressman Adrian Smith for the Northeast District, gave updates on the Congressman's recent concerns. Year-round E15 (rural domestic energy council) was not included in the final government funding package for Fiscal Year 2026. Smith supported the Save American Voter Eligibility Act or SAVE to ensure only U.S. Citizens can vote with ID. Borg encourages citizens needing help with a federal agency or government funding to reach out to Smith's Office.

Due to work done on an entry site for the Carroll shop the Fastwyre landline and internet lines were damaged. Road foreman Travis Hefti contacted NextLink for a quote on obtaining service. In comparing rates Fastwyre charges \$145.08/month while NextLink has a \$40 one-time setup fee and a total monthly recurring fee of \$104. Motion made by Rabe, seconded by Sievers to accept the contract with NextLink. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers-aye. Motion carried. Clerk Tietz will file the appropriate paperwork.

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

**General Fund:** Payroll & Reimbursements: \$69,923.78; Ace Hardward & Home, SU \$32.12; All Hours Towing LLC, OE \$407.00; Black Hills Energy, OE \$1,424.63; Bomgaars, SU,CO \$612.73; Eakes Office Solutions, OE \$192.40; Heartland, Fire Protection Company, RP \$339.50; Jan X, SU \$239.21; Main Street Garage LLC, MA \$127.00; Miller Law, OE,ER \$1,426.78; MIPS Inc., SU \$182.38; NACO, OE \$210.00; NE Assoc of Co Clks,Rod,Elect, OE \$150.00; Nebraska Assoc of Emer Mgmt, OE

\$150.00; Pieper & Story, OE \$2,025.00; Region IV Inc., OE \$2,677.25; Schenk, Stacy, OE \$475.00; Security Shredding Services, OE \$120.00; Stratton, Delay, et al., OE \$622.60; The Station, MA \$27.73; Verizon Wireless, OE \$40.01; Volkman Plumbing & Heating Inc., RP \$277.00; Wayne County Clerk of District Court, OE \$36.00; Wayne County HRA Account, PS \$57,377.57; Wayne County Sheriff, OE \$15.00; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$15,565.33; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$8,068.44;

**County Road Fund:** Payroll & Reimbursements: \$37,415.44; B's Enterprises, Inc., MA \$43,290.00; Bauer Built, RP \$398.00 ; Bethune Repair, RP \$10,943.10; Black Hills Energy, OE \$608.82; Bomgaars, RP,SU \$260.05; Evans Repair, RP \$5,246.00; Fredrickson Oil Company, MA \$128.10; Grossenburg Implement, RP \$190.05; Hoskins Mfg. Co., RP \$4,996.91; Jan X, SU \$88.10; Kaiagra Inc., CO \$1,000.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., SU \$184.04; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co., MA \$1,124.97; NMC Exchange LLC, RP,MA \$298.82; Northeast Power, OE \$224.20; O'Reilly Automotive Inc., RP \$20.84; Sapp Brothers Inc., SU \$192.58; Stanley Petroleum Maintenance Inc., SU \$290.70; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$7,866.31; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$4,209.23

Meeting adjourned.

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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 February 3, 2026, 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 3rd day of February, 2026.

Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk