

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, September 2, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the BOE meeting held just prior. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: Kim Watson, County Attorney. Also present was Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL – Excused Absence

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – August 18, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for August 17, 2025 to August 30, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of any other accounts payable claims (if any)
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Approve Resolution 25C-021 to approve final allocation of levy authority for Dakota County Ag Society.
 - b. Approve Resolution 25C-022 to approve final allocation of levy authority for Dakota County Historical Society.
 - c. Approve Resolution 25C-023 to approve final allocation of levy authority for Dakota-Covington Rural Fire Protection District.
 - d. Approve Resolution 25C-024 to approve final allocation of levy authority for Emerson Rural Fire Protection District and Homer Rural Fire Protection.
 - e. Approve Resolution 25C-025 Vacate or Abandon Road: At intersection of S Avenue and 207th Street - starting at S Avenue and going west to dead end approximately .265 miles in Section 27, Township 28N, Range 6E, Dakota County, Nebraska.
 - f. Board approve Change Order for North Bluff Road from Gill Construction for additional panel.
 - g. Board to approve letter for support for replacement of Adams bridge on S Ave
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS (Who plans to attend December NACO conference Dec 17-19)
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment: None.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that he went through the payroll claims, and all looked in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – August 18, 2025; (b) approval of payroll claims for August 17 to August 30, 2025; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims-none. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$196,361.41; Net Pay-\$139,408.39; Total Retirement-\$14,463.19; Total FICA-\$14,533.92; Health Plan-\$43,680.00; Dental Plan-\$1,580.00; Life Insurance-\$208.86; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,657.92; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,300.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,626.63; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$2,352.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,596.80; Jacob Acero-\$3,467.30; Shaun Bird-\$2,555.20; Timothy Decker-\$4,867.92; Brian Ellinger-\$2,592.80; Penny Epting-\$4,659.38; Brian Fernau-\$3,008.85; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,542.82; Martin Guerrero-\$4,817.12; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,350.25; Jason James-\$3,367.94; Kimberly

Johnson-\$1,326.75; Jared Junge-\$2,642.64; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$3,998.44; Keaton Mueller-\$3,220.00; Gregory Nyhof-\$4,233.68; Kelsey O'Neill-\$3,264.03; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$4,212.80; Mardi Schnee-\$1,384.80; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,164.80; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,535.28; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Summer Adair-\$1,733.76; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,592.50; Ismael Castro-\$1,791.96; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,763.16; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,708.56; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$1,464.48; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$1,521.72; Rebekah Epting-\$1,707.48; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,019.61; Jonathan Gray-\$2,153.05; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$1,687.56; Todd Hammer-\$2,469.61; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-\$386.21; Dustin Johnson-\$1,811.52; Terry Johnson-\$2,007.21; Carol Juarez-\$1,261.08; Matthew Kronick-\$497.42; Brandon Long-\$1,984.70; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,943.76; Skyler Miner-\$1,927.98; Lucas Moulton-\$1,464.48; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$713.45; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,926.60; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,733.76; Michele Rohde-\$1,742.10; Jeremy Russell-\$1,775.04; Jerry Santos-\$1,768.47; Jennifer Svendsen-\$1,245.30; Armando Valerio-\$1,811.52; Regn Vater-\$1,464.48; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$1,692.64; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,351.47; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,609.83; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,098.24; Courtney Swick-\$1,535.08; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$13,430.17; State Tax-\$6,540.16; Soc Sec-\$11,779.12; Medicare-\$2,754.80; Extra Fit-\$1,526.00; Extra Sit-\$505.00; Retirement-\$10,076.32; Health Plan-\$3,750.00; Dental Plan-\$525.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$725.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,293.00; Garnishments-\$1,585.42; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$407.30; Legal Shield-\$148.06; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.74; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.26; VSP Vision Base-\$110.35; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$22,571.55; Net Pay-\$16,618.82; Retirement-\$1,523.54; Total FICA-\$1,675.81; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Tristin Eifert-\$1,383.60; Michael Fuchser-\$1,844.80; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneifi-\$2,161.95; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Brandon Miller-\$1,844.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,924.80; John Ouellette-\$1,308.66; Dean Pallas-\$2,246.40; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,141.34; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,482.39; State Tax-\$742.91; FICA-\$1,358.16; Medicare-\$317.65; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$1,015.75; Health Plan-\$450.00; Dental Plan-\$42.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Garnishments-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$247.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$69.33; Legal Shield-\$77.79; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.52; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,622.40; Health Planning Grant Employee 2502;; Federal Tax-\$101.52; State Tax-\$55.20; FICA-\$97.49; Medicare-\$22.80; Retirement-\$73.01; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,871.78; Net Pay-\$1,468.42; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$140.39; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$114.98; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$113.78; Medicare-\$26.61; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,620.00; Net Pay-\$1,342.76; Retirement-\$109.35; Total FICA-\$121.13; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,620.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$46.55; FICA-\$98.17; Medicare-\$22.96; Retirement-\$72.90; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$421.91; Dental Account, premium-\$2,105.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical-\$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$47,430.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$725.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$14,956.17; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$94.00; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$254.36; Legalshield, premium-\$148.06; Life Insurance, premium-\$208.86; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,293.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$7,045.16; Point C – admin fees, \$82.50; Principal Life Insurance-premiums, \$2,779.89; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$24,539.51; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$29,067.84; VSP, premium-\$517.65. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$262.00; FSA Medical-\$40.00; Health Plan, premium-\$6,610.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,527.39; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$77.79; Life Insurance, premium-\$27.16; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$742.91; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$247.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,539.29; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3351.62; VSP, premium-\$88.85; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C FSA-Withdrawals, \$3,526.43; Point C – Auto Withdrawals, \$46,622.47; Point C Medical-admin fees, \$28,454.44; VSP-Cobra premium, \$19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA–medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Principal Life – premiums, \$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Principal Life-premiums, \$25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$280.78; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$46.55; Principal Life-premiums, \$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$242.26; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve Resolution 25C-021 Levy Allocation for the Dakota County Ag Society (0.005759). ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

LEVY ALLOCATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS SUBDIVISION
RESOLUTION 25C-021

Whereas, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-3443(3) provides that miscellaneous subdivisions are subject to levy allocation by the County Board; and,

Whereas, the miscellaneous subdivisions have filed a preliminary tax request with the County Board; and,

Whereas, the County Board must determine the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions.

Therefore, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby allocates to the miscellaneous subdivision as follows:

Subdivision	Property Tax Request	Property Tax Allocation	Levy*
Dakota Co Ag Society			
General	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	0.003949
Capital Improvement	<u>55,000.00</u>	<u>55,000.00</u>	<u>0.001810</u>
TOTAL	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00	0.005759

*Levy Allocation is the rate per \$100 valuation.

Passed and adopted this 2nd day of September, 2025.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Resolution 25C-022 Levy Allocation for the Dakota County Historical Society (0.001779). ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

LEVY ALLOCATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS SUBDIVISION
RESOLUTION 25C-022

Whereas, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-3443(3) provides that miscellaneous subdivisions are subject to levy allocation by the County Board; and,

Whereas, the miscellaneous subdivisions have filed a preliminary tax request with the County Board; and,

Whereas, the County Board must determine the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions.

Therefore, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby allocates to the miscellaneous subdivision as follows:

Subdivision	Property Tax Request	Property Tax Allocation	Levy*
<u>Dakota County Historical Society</u>			
General Fund	\$ 54,060.00	\$ 54,060.00	0.001779
TOTAL	\$ 54,060.00	\$ 54,060.00	0.001779

*Levy Allocation is the rate per \$100 valuation.

Passed and adopted this 2nd day of September, 2025.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve Resolution 25C-023 Levy Allocation for the Dakota-Covington Rural Fire Protection District (0.020879). ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Abstain, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

LEVY ALLOCATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS SUBDIVISION
RESOLUTION 25C-023

Whereas, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-3443(3) provides that miscellaneous subdivisions are subject to levy allocation by the County Board; and,

Whereas, the miscellaneous subdivisions have filed a preliminary tax request with the County Board; and,

Whereas, the County Board must determine the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions.

Therefore, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby allocates to the miscellaneous subdivision as follows:

Subdivision	Property Tax Request	Property Tax Allocation	Levy*
<u>Dakota-Covington Rural Fire Protection District</u>			
General Fund	\$ 80,578.89	\$ 80,578.89	0.011173
Sinking Fund	<u>\$ 70,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 70,000.00</u>	<u>0.009706</u>
TOTAL	\$150,578.89	\$150,578.89	0.020879

*Levy Allocation is the rate per \$100 valuation.

Passed and adopted this 2nd day of September, 2025.

Commissioner Rodriguez moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve Resolution 25C-024 Levy Allocation for MFO Rural Fire Departments Emerson (0.020686) and Homer (0.031651). ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

LEVY ALLOCATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS SUBDIVISION
RESOLUTION 25C-024

Whereas, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-3443(3) provides that miscellaneous subdivisions are subject to levy allocation by the County Board; and,

Whereas, the miscellaneous subdivisions have filed a preliminary tax request with the County Board; and,

Whereas, the Fire Districts in a Mutual Finance Organization (MFO) for a least one out of every three fiscal years covered by the MFO Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, agrees to a common property tax levy of three cents (\$0.03) per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, and

Whereas, the County Board must determine the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions.

Therefore, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby allocates to the miscellaneous subdivision as follows:

Subdivision	Property Tax Request	Property Tax Allocation	Levy*
<u>Emerson Rural Fire Protection District</u>			
General Fund	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	0.011278
Bond Fund	\$ 54,225.00	\$ 54,225.00	0.009408
TOTAL	\$119,225.00	\$119,225.00	0.020686
<u>Homer Rural Fire Protection District</u>			
General Fund	\$114,453.08	\$114,453.08	0.030000
Sinking Fund	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,300.00	0.001651
TOTAL	\$120,753.08	\$120,753.08	0.031651

*Levy Allocation is the rate per \$100 valuation.

Passed and adopted this 2nd day of September, 2025.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve Resolution 25C-025 Vacate or Abandon Road: At intersection of S Avenue and 207th Street - starting at S Avenue and going west to dead end approximately .265 miles in Section 27, Township 28N, Range 6E, Dakota County, Nebraska. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 25C-025
ROAD ABANDONMENT OR VACATION
AND DISPOSITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that a public hearing was held in the Board of Commissioners Room on the 18th of August, 2025, at 3:01 p.m., pursuant to notice of public hearing published in the Dakota County Star for three consecutive weeks before such hearing and certified letters sent to surrounding landowners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at such public hearing no persons appeared regarding the vacating and abandonment of said road as hereinafter described, and the Board being fully advised and upon consideration of the matter hereby orders that the following road be vacated and abandoned and that the public right-of-way shall be disposed of in the following manner:

Shall vacate the described road and relinquish the right-of-way back to the adjacent landowner. Described as follows:

At intersection of S Avenue and 207th Street - starting at S Avenue and go west to dead end approximately .265 miles in Section 27, Township 28N, Range 6E, Dakota County, Nebraska.

A certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Register of Deeds and indexed against all affected property.

Dated at Dakota City, Nebraska this 2nd day of September, 2025.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the Change Order for North Bluff Road from Gill Construction for additional panels in the amount of \$7,604.50. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve the Board sending a letter of support of the Dakota County Road Department to be a part of the grant application process with the Bridge Investment Program for bundled bridge replacements in Rural Nebraska Counties to be submitted by Saline County. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for August 17 to August 30, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 375.5 hours; overtime hours – 30.5 hours; tree/debris removal – 2 hours; culverts/Rd projects – 20 hours (S Bluff culvert); mowing – 16 hours; gravel hauling – 140.5 hours; total tons hauled – 1381.59 on roads; sign repair – 58 hours. Road concerns- Grading: Park Ave, Lynch Ave, K Avv(MM) and gravel on I Ave.

Commissioner Committee Reports: None.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: None.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of September 2, 2025, at 3:16 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary