

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, October 27, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

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.

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 – October 13, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for October 12 to October 25, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk & Clerk of District Court
 - f. Approval of Sheriff/Jail Quarterly Financial Reports for July to September 2025.
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTION
 - a. Board to appoint voting delegate and alternate for election of officers at the NACO Annual meeting on December 17-19, 2025.
 - b. Theresa Grove, Health Department Director, Quarterly Health Department Report
 - c. Board to approve or not approve Quality Telecommunications quote to install 2 outdoor cameras around the jail for security and safety requested by Todd Uhl, Jail Maintenance.
 - d. Board to review quote from Sooland Bobcat for an 8 ft Virnig Snow Pusher and rubber edge pull back and approve or not approve purchasing requested by Building and Grounds.
 - e. Board to approve the Road Union Contract-Nebraska Public Employees Local 251 as proposed for 3 years (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028).
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Sheriff Kleinberg / Elisabet DeRoin – Jail Quarterly Report (July, August, September 2025)
 - c. Closed session to discuss Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Negotiations.
 - d. Board to approve County Attorney, Kim Watson, to send final offer to Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Members.
 - e. Discuss NACO Wage study and possible appointment of committee to work on resolution setting Elected Official salaries for 2027-2030 before January 15, 2026 pursuant to §23-1114.
 - f. Board to examine the complete list of all real property in the county on which any taxes are delinquent and were not sold for want of bidders at the last annual tax sale; direct the Treasurer to issue tax sale certificates to the county covering the delinquent taxes upon such real property; and direct the county attorney to foreclose upon the properties in the manner and time provided in Nebraska Revised Statute sections 77-1901 to 77-1918.
 - g. Board to review documentation from Christy-Smith Funeral Homes & Crematory and decide whether to approve or deny paying up to \$1,800 under the County Burial Policy for Mr. Richard E. Allen, Jr., who passed away on October 18, 2025.
 - h. County Board shall make quarterly visit to county jail. §47-109
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
 - Informational letter from DWEE regarding permit transfer from Beerman to MSJM.
 - Construction and Operating Permit of hog barns.
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. Dean Hughes – Hubbard. Requested the speed limit on county roads be reduced. There are a lot of vehicles speeding on M Avenue and Fiddler Creek. Chair Hohenstein commented he would reach out to the Sheriff about more patrolling of those roads. The speed limits are set by the State.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. He stated that he had gone through the payroll claims, the accounts payable claims, the Official reports and jail quarterly reports. Chair Hohenstein advised that everything was in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – October 13, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for October 12 to October 25, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims; e) Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court; and f) Approval of Sheriff/Jail Quarterly Financial Reports for July to September 2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$179,367.26; Net Pay-\$133,312.85; Total Retirement-\$12,963.51; Total FICA-\$13,721.67; Richard Bousquet-\$1,025.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,071.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,025.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,025.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,025.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,586.81; Paola Ledesma-\$1,721.28; Kathy Abbe-\$1,547.20; Khen Chu-\$1,339.20; Maria Garcia-\$1,398.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,462.40; Emily McNaughton-\$1,386.40; Debera Benton-\$1,586.40; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$655.08; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,904.02; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,420.00; Rodney Soole-\$2,376.80; Todd Uhl-\$2,163.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,737.32; Jacob Acero-\$2,424.70; Shaun Bird-\$245.36; Russell Briggs-\$0.00; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$2,787.26; Penny Epting-\$3,313.46; Brian Fernau-\$2,499.66; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,682.37; Martin Guerrero-\$2,513.28; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,162.37; Jason James-\$2,495.81; Kimberly Johnson-\$816.85; Jared Junge-\$2,563.99; Jaime Keatts-\$0.00; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$2,664.83; Keaton Mueller-\$2,266.88; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,644.18; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,893.25; Mardi Schnee-\$1,454.40; Shantel Drum-\$1,171.88; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,470.58; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Summer Adair-\$1,954.07; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,256.31; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,640.79; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$1,234.49; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,580.66; Jennifer Fuentes-\$1,972.62; Jonathan Gray-\$2,092.19; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$1,754.65; Todd Hammer-\$2,516.80; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-\$813.60; Daron Jackson-\$1,731.20; Dustin Johnson-\$1,810.40; Terry Johnson-\$2,632.07; Hannah Keatts-\$1,464.48; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,051.47; Angel Mendez-\$1,863.37; Skyler Miner-\$1,915.44; Lucas Moulton-\$772.92; JR Marselino Ochoa Flores-\$241.08; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$939.46; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,857.14; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,733.76; Michele Rohde-\$1,846.35; Jesus Ruelas-Hernandez-\$2,104.89; Kaden Ruring-\$1,869.30; Jeremy Russell-\$1,754.76; Jerry Santos-\$1,784.40; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,109.18; Cody Thomas-\$1,893.51; Armando Valerio-\$1,824.88; Randall Walsh-\$2,928.84; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$2,671.93; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,334.36; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,715.83; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,622.30; Theresa Grove-\$2,605.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,411.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,656.25; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,575.13; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$11,823.62; State Tax-\$6,118.48; Soc Sec-\$11,120.87; Medicare-\$2,600.80; Extra Fit-\$1,461.00; Extra Sit-\$490.00; Retirement-\$8,946.10; Deferred Comp-\$1,840.00; Garnishments-\$1,653.54; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$21,422.33; Net Pay-\$16,507.85; Retirement-\$1,445.97; Total FICA-\$1,638.83; Tristin Eifert-\$1,844.80; Michael Fuchser-\$1,844.80; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneifl-\$1,948.80; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Brandon Miller-\$1,844.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,864.65; Dean Pallas-\$2,371.32; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,987.96; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,523.67; State Tax-\$742.94; FICA-\$1,328.20; Medicare-\$310.63; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$964.04; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,671.20; Net Pay-\$1,294.78; Retirement-\$112.81; Total FICA-\$127.84; Chloe Coover-\$1,671.20; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$113.12; State Tax-\$60.26; FICA-\$103.61; Medicare-\$24.23; Retirement-\$75.20; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,809.61; Net Pay-\$1,427.63; Retirement-\$122.15; Total FICA-\$138.44; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,809.61; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$109.13; State Tax-\$52.98; FICA-\$112.20; Medicare-\$26.24; Retirement-\$81.43; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,668.60; Net Pay-\$1,415.11; Retirement-\$112.63; Total FICA-\$127.64; Kristin Robinette-\$1,668.60; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** State Tax-\$50.76; FICA-\$103.45; Medicare-\$24.19; Retirement-\$75.09.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$632.57; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,284.62; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$254.36; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,840.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,608.48; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$21,909.61; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,443.34. **Road Fund:** Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,568.67; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$742.94; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,410.01; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,277.66. **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C Auto Withdrawals, medical claims-\$91,490.12; **Health Fund 2502:** Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$113.12; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$60.26; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$188.01; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$255.68; **Health Fund 2504:** Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$109.13; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$52.98; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$203.58; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$276.88; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$50.76; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$187.72; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$255.28.

Accounts Payables: General Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$308.58; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$142.59; NACO, workshop-\$160.00; One Office, supplies-\$252.99; DAS State Acct, state printers software-\$368.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$257.68; MIPS, state printers software-\$1,101.13; One Office, office supplies-\$608.13; Record Printing, title envelopes-\$325.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$120.00; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$284.18; MIPS, state software-\$2,039.95; One Office,

supplies-\$484.76; Comfort Inn, lodging-\$110.00; Paola Ledesma, mileage-\$386.40; Scott Bousquet, mileage, meetings-\$51.30; Ron Collins, mileage, meetings-\$52.35; Dakota County Star, publications-\$7.06; Tim Decker, mileage, meetings-\$85.32; Ron Gill, mileage, meetings-\$62.64; Jolene Gubbels, setup meetings-\$200.00; Gordon Hegge, mileage, meetings-\$72.30; Steven Lieber, mileage, meetings-\$82.80; Dick McCabe, mileage, meetings-\$100.86; Harold Moes, mileage, meetings-\$74.40; Martin Rohde, mileage, meetings-\$78.60; RTI, IT support-\$8,474.76; US Bank, battery backups-\$219.90; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$225.92; MIPS, state software-\$70.00; One Office, office supplies-\$33.64; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, supplies, workshop-\$249.76; DAS State Acct, office deopts-\$614.79; Marco, copier contract-\$367.87; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, office supplies-\$267.24; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fee-\$375.00; Louvontree Hunter, mileage-\$160.30; US Bank, dues-\$450.00; Bryce Anderson, witness, mileage-\$33.40; Maggie Cook, mileage, mental health hearing-\$124.00; Crary Huff Law, atty fees-\$12.50; Armando Cruz, witness, mileage-\$25.60; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$2,091.73; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$861.55; District Court, court cost-\$738.00; Galyen Boettcher Baier, atty fees-\$1,421.80; Johnson & Mock PC, atty fees-\$2,897.50; Linda Kastning, mileage, mental health hearing-\$110.00; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$3,220.70; Robyn Newbrey, mileage, mental health hearing-\$110.00; Pieper & Story, atty fees-\$2,959.20; Runge Law Office, atty fees-\$225.00; Steven J Twohig, atty fees-\$2,694.50; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$16,571.91; Maximus, recovery fees-\$950.00; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$200.10; Eakes, janitorial supplies-\$1,103.54; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$240.75; J&M Auto Repair, labor, repairs-\$725.84; Menards, building supplies-\$14.61; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$490.85; NPPD, utilities-\$1,954.19; One Office, supplies-\$13.14; R Rohan Electric, replacement of lights-\$1,278.46; Rodney Soole, mileage-\$28.00; Trembly, pest control-\$55.00; US Bank, supplies, fuel-\$73.38; Wilmes, building supplies-\$14.18; Angela Abts, mileage-\$294.00; Julie Boyle, mileage-\$134.26; Captial One/Wal-Mart, supplies-\$39.72; Dakota County Star, publications-\$11.09; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging-\$269.90; Hy-Vee, supplies-\$90.92; Leaf, copier contract-\$206.00; Nutrition Action, membership-\$49.99; One Office, copier copies-\$99.81; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; UNL research lab, office supplies, registration-\$151.97; AT&T, phones-\$600.60; AutoZone, supplies, materials-\$229.50; Benchmark Gov Solutions, training meals-\$536.55; Billion, vehicle repair-\$3,800.64; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$5,916.27; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$17.43; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$1,951.38; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$90.12; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$4,269.35; Kustom Signals, 3 radars-\$2,839.96; Mohr & Beckner-Hunt Funeral Home, coroner-\$121.25; N.L.E.T.C, training-\$175.00; Total Motors, vehicle repair-\$255.26; TransUnion Risk, search services-\$123.00; US Bank, uniforms, law enforcement supplies, fuel-\$2,717.67; Wilmes, supplies-\$39.80; Lancaster County, subpoena-\$18.00; Marco, copier contract-\$237.70; Nebraska.gov, certified driver records-\$61.00; Debra J. Schmiedt, meals-\$17.51; Secretary of State, certified tittle copies-\$20.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, phones, office supplies, misc-\$149.11; Kim Watson, reimbursement-\$277.09; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$54,113.09; Albireo Energy, building repair-\$700.00; AT&T, phones-\$47.03; Bob Baker, trousers-\$672.00; Charm-Tex, inmate supplies-\$436.90; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,760.40; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$627.13; CW Suter Services, building repair-\$850.00; Dept. of Correctional Serv, inmate boarding-\$7,022.44; Diamond Drug, inmate supplies-\$1,345.83; Eakes, inmate & janitorial supplies-\$3,829.90; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$50.29; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$380.25; GRP, disposals-\$146.00; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$572.11; Hobart Sales & Service, janitorial supplies-\$92.00; Hot Water Products, plumbing parts-\$108.80; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$4,987.95; Terry Johnson, reimbursement-\$15.00; McKesson Medical, medical supplies-\$788.58; Menards, supplies-\$199.21; MidAmerican Energy, utilites-\$488.18; MLB Health, medical fees-\$6,250.00; NPPD, utilities-\$3,437.85; Overhead Door Company, building repair-\$250.00; Pender Community Hospital, medical fees-\$303.00; Phoenix Plumbing, plumbing repairs-\$6,860.76; Security Shredding, shredding-\$560.00; Siouxland Diagnostic Pathology, medical fees-\$200.66; St. Lukes Dept. of Lab Services, innate labs-\$109.18; St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, medical fees-\$820.12; Studio B Graphics, office supplies-\$75.00; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$43,390.46; Thurston County Sheriff, inmate housing-\$2,520.00; Trembly, pest control-\$200.00; Todd Uhl, mileage-\$89.18; UnityPoint Health, prisoner medical-\$44.52; US Bank, meical, inmate, and janitorial supplies, meals, fuel-\$1,223.12; Wells Fargo, copier contract-\$523.92; Wilmes, supplies-\$62.24; Dodge County Clerk, probation quarterly billing-\$15,643.63; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$53.03; Marco, copier contract-\$123.08; US Bank, workshop-\$160.00; Verizon, phones-\$39.94; Dakota County Star, publications-\$284.00; US Bank, workshop-\$160.00; Verizon, phone-\$40.02; Ford Motor Cerdit, pickup lease payment-\$912.16; Marco, copier contract-\$281.86; Sanofi Pasteur Inc, flu shots-\$1,322.87; US Bank, office supplies, misc, zoom-\$1,126.62; Thomas Wente, consulting fee-\$250.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-\$595.00; US Bank, lodging, supplies, postage-\$1,024.72; US Bank, online legal research-\$386.00; City of Sioux City Iowa, hazmat agreement-\$1,204.00; ROD, resolution-\$10.00; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Electronic Engineering, panic button-\$29.95; Im On, phones-\$687.95; Lutz & Company, reviewing budget-\$5,925.00; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, payroll/acct payable-\$670.71; Wally Nelson, cementery maintenance-\$1,000.00; Region IV INC, services for mentally disabled-\$5,320.25; Stryker Sales, replacement batteries-\$3,520.69; US Postal, postage-\$4,000.00; Dakota County Road, transferring funds to cover claims-\$20,000.00; **Road Fund:** American Underground Supply, culverts-\$606.48; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$7,857.87; Biershbach, tools, road equipment-\$756.10; Blackstrap Inc, chemical salt-\$7,953.59; Bomgaars, shop supplies, tools-\$1,361.50; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$6,041.38; Boyer Sand & Rock Inc, gravel-\$9,616.17; Dakota County Road, misc-\$87.78; Dakota County Star, publications-\$10.09; DSG, culverts-\$3,799.79; Farmers Bank, lease payment-\$52,413.63; FIMCO, supplies-\$234.30; Frame Aligeners, parts, labor-\$167.00; H204U, water-\$8.50; HNH Auto Repair, labor-\$20.00; Hansen Electric, building repair-\$80.00; Heartland Tire, tires-\$3,395.61; Hefner Oil & Feed Co, fuel-\$1,468.63; Hundertmark, parts-\$224.57; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$43.00; J&M Repair, parts, labor-\$1,126.23; Jim Hawk Truck Trailer, tools-\$28.32; K&K Mini Mart, fuel-\$102.82; King's Disposal,

dumpster-\$70.00; Lyles Garage Door Service, building repair-\$197.00; M&H Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$25,573.14; Marx Trailer, parts, labor-\$348.29; Medical Enterprises, drug testing-\$127.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$10.84; MID Country Machinery, rental equipment-\$612.00; Midwest Constructors, road maintenance-\$6,220.00; Midwest Wheel, parts-\$31.36; NPPD, utilities-\$109.42; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$124.87; Northeast Power, utilities-\$350.85; Northside Glass, labor-\$450.00; O'Reilly Auto Parts, parts, supplies, misc-\$204.76; Power Plan, parts, supplies, oil-\$2,690.72; Sand Creek Millwrights, building repair-\$3,100.00; Sapp Bros, shop supplies, fuel-\$1,834.50; Sioux City Trap, parts-\$797.01; Sioux City Truck Sales, parts, labor-\$971.93; Siouxland Hydraulics, oil-\$340.00; Siouxland Lock & Key, parts-\$229.00; Stephan Welding Inc, parts, labor-\$165.00; Titan Machinery, supplies-\$186.55; UnityPoint Clinic OC Med, drug testing-\$32.00; US Bank, misc, tools-\$548.35; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$468.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$39.94; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$58.47; Warren Oil, diesel-\$7,165.20; Wilmes, shop supplies-\$126.35; **Federal Aid-Roads:** Cooney Fertilizer Inc, M ave final project-\$28,452.00; **990 Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$26,654.22; **1150 P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$210.00; MIPS, state software-\$630.75; **2502 Health Planning Grant:** US Bank, phones, memberships, misc-\$1,518.18; **2504 Health Dept Program Grants:** US Bank, website, supplies-\$894.10; Verizon, phones-\$79.95; **2507 Juvenile Diversion:** Community Monitoring, family support-\$183.00; **2508 Health Obesity Grant:** US Bank, supplies-\$101.97; **ARPA:** Cooney Fertilizer Inc, M ave final project-\$163,608.98; **Inheritance Tax Fund:** Dakota County Treasurer, transferring funds to general fund-\$800,000.00; Patrick Gill, probate 23-46, refund-\$2,436.77; Heartland Counseling Services, board approved to donate a one-time support-\$25,000.00; Leon C Jepsen, probate 25-9 refund-\$178.13; **E911 Fund:** City of So Sioux City, 911 monies-\$4,298.73; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$30,407.98

Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to appoint Cherie Conley, County Clerk, as voting delegate and Jeff Reed, Commissioner, as alternate for election of officers at the NACO Annual meeting December 17-19, 2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Theresa Grove, Health Department Director, presented a quarterly Health Department Report.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the quote from Quality Telecommunications to install 2 more outdoor cameras around the jail for security and safety reasons. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the purchase of an 8 ft Virnig Snow Pusher and rubber edge pull back from Sooland Bobcat to be used on the Road Departments skid loader to move snow at the courthouse. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the Road Union Contract-Nebraska Public Employees Local 251 as proposed for 3 years (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028). ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for October 12 to October 25, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 309.75 hours; overtime hours – 7.5 hours; tree/debris removal – 19 hours; culverts/Rd projects – 30 hours (M Ave ditches, Fiddler Creek ditches); gravel hauling – 77 hours; total tons hauled – 1341.21 on roads and 967.89 1" rock hauled into yard and 73.04 gravel hauled into yard); sign repair – 16.5 hours; several gravel concerns. 152nd Street overlay is done.

Sergeant Skyler Miner presented the Jail Quarterly Report for July, August and September 2025.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to go into closed session to discuss Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Negotiations at 3:20 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to come out of closed session from discussing Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Negotiations at 3:44 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to authorize the County Attorney, Kim Watson, to send a final offer to Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Members. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein explained that the Elected Officials salaries for 2027-2030 need to be set by resolution by January 15, 2026. NACO provided a wage study and a guide. Chair Hohenstein suggested a committee be formed to work on this and appointed Commissioner Reed, Assessor Abts, Treasurer Gatzemeyer and himself to start with and will reach out to other officials.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to direct the Treasurer to issue tax sale certificates to the county covering the delinquent taxes upon those such real properties and direct the county attorney to foreclose upon the properties in the manner and time provided in Nebraska Revised Statute sections 77-1901 to 77-1918. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve paying Christy-Smith Funeral Homes & Crematory up to \$1,800 pursuant to the County Burial Policy for the Dakota County indigent decedent Richard E. Allen, Jr. who passed away on October 18, 2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Committee Reports: None

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Chair Hohenstein informed the Board of Dakota City Administrator Robert Kratke farewell on 10-28-25 from 9 am to 12 pm.

County Board went to the jail for the quarterly visit to county jail pursuant to §47-109.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to adjourn the meeting. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of October 27, 2025, at 4:15 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary