

Dakota County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, January 5, 2026  
3:00 p.m. Re-Organizational 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 Board of Equalization meeting. 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. RE-ORGANIZATION

- a. Nominations for Chairperson §23-156
- b. Nominations for Vice-Chair

2. 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.

3. 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 minutes – December 22, 2025
- b. Board to approve the payroll claims from December 21, 2025 to January 3, 2026
- c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
- d. Approval of accounts payable claims(if any)
- e. If changes are made to Chairperson, approve the removal of prior Chair from the accounts at F & M Bank, Siouxland Bank, BankFirst and add new Chairperson, and keep Cherie Conley, County Clerk as primary signer and Paola Ledesma, Deputy County Clerk as secondary signer.
- f. Approval to designate the following banks as depositories for Dakota County with the maximum deposit being governed by securities pledged by each institution: BankFirst Bank, South Sioux City; First Community Bank, Homer; First Nebraska Bank, Valley; F&M Bank, South Sioux City; Siouxland Bank, South Sioux City; Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT), Union Bank & Trust, Lincoln.
- g. Approval of the date and time of regular Commissioner meetings as bi-weekly starting from today; start time as 3:00 PM. with meetings to be held on Monday, or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday. Chair reserves the right to make exception for an unforeseen circumstance (Nov 23 & Dec 21, 2026 move meeting to 9:00 a.m. as they are Holiday weeks.)
- h. Approval and establishment of the following dates for County Holidays in 2026 and calendar:

Jan 1, 2026 – New Year’s Day	Nov. 11, 2026 – Veterans Day
Jan. 19, 2026 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Nov. 26, 2026 – Thanksgiving Day
Feb. 16, 2026 – President’s Day	Nov. 27, 2026 – Day after Thanksgiving
May 25, 2026 – Memorial Day	Dec 24, 2026 – ½ Day Christmas Eve Day
July 3, 2026 – Independence Day	Dec 25, 2026 – Christmas Day
Sept. 7, 2026 – Labor Day	
- i. Annual approval of posting the Board’s agenda on County website [www.dakotacountyne.org](http://www.dakotacountyne.org)
- j. Approval and designation of County Government Day as Wednesday, October 7, 2026.
- k. Annual approval of the Dakota County Burial Policy last revised January 30, 2017.
- l. Annual renewal of Pop Machine Agreement between Dakota County Employee Association and the Dakota County Board of Commissioners.
- m. Approval of the following Appointments:
  - Nicholas Nieman, Veterans Service Officer
  - Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, License #S-1698, Class A, Calendar Year 2026
  - Deanna Hagberg, Emergency Management Director
  - Theresa Grove, Health Department Director
  - Joe O’Neill, Planning & Zoning Director
  - Dr. Wendt, Health Board Doctor Advisor

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. Board to acknowledge and accept Sheriff Kleinberg's letter advising the Board of his retirement as of December 30, 2025, and to decide on interview committee and approve advertising.
- b. Andy Forney, D.A. Davidson & Co., provided information and is requesting Board approval of Resolution 26C-001 approving, adopting, ratifying, and affirming the execution of a lease-purchase agreement with NACO Leasing Corporation for acquisition of property – Road Dept the Lease Purchase Agreement for a 772GP Motor Grader approved at the November 24, 2025 meeting award going to Murphy Tractor for \$373,142.85 at 3.90% interest.
- c. Approve Resolution 26C-002 to make the appointment of the County representative to the governing board of the Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency.
- d. Board Chair to make appointments for members/employees/public to serve on the following boards and working committees:

##### Advisors to Various Boards:

- ❖ Area Agency for Aged Advisory Board (3-yr term to 2027) – Shawna Messerlie
- ❖ Area Agency on Aging Governing Board
- ❖ County Health Board
- ❖ Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency Governing Board (Res.26C-002)
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- ❖ NE Nebraska Community Action Partnership
- ❖ Planning & Zoning
- ❖ RC&D (Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation & Development Council)
- ❖ Region IV Mental Health Board
- ❖ SIMPCO Board of Directors
- ❖ SIMPCO Transportation MPO Policy Board
- ❖ Dakota County Nebraska Housing Trust Fund Board

##### Member of Working Committee:

- ❖ Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- ❖ Civil Defense (LEPC, PEP)
- ❖ Dakota County Rural Economic Development
- ❖ Emergency Closings
- ❖ Finance/Budget
- ❖ Growing Community Connections
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- ❖ KNNB (Keep Northeast Nebraska Beautiful)
- ❖ LEC (Law Enforcement Center)
- ❖ LEC (County Representative on the Joint Law Enforcement Center Board)
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- ❖ Press Committee
- ❖ Property/Space Utilization
- ❖ Road Committee
- ❖ Safety Committee
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- ❖ Veterans Oversight Committee

- e. Kristin Robinette, Juvenile Diversion Coordinator, requesting approval for the FY2027 Juvenile Diversion Grant for the period of 7/1/2026 to 6/30/2027. Application deadline is January 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent - Road Report

#### 6. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 7. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. None.

Chair Hohenstein called for nominations for Board Chairperson. Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to nominate Martin Hohenstein as Board Chairperson (no other nominations were made). ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to nominate Rick Bousquet for Vice-Chair (no other nominations were made). ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that he had gone through payroll claims with a few from the jail to review and payroll accounts payable claims. All were in order. The remaining consent agenda items were reviewed. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve the consent agenda items: a. Approval of the

previous minutes – December 22, 2025; b. Board to approve the payroll claims from December 21, 2025 to January 3, 2026; c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d. Approval of accounts payable claims(if any); e. There were no changes made to Chairperson, so the signers on the bank accounts will remain the same at F & M Bank, Siouxland Bank, BankFirst (Chair Hohenstein, County Clerk Conley, Deputy County Clerk Ledesma); f. Approval to designate the following banks as depositories for Dakota County with the maximum deposit being governed by securities pledged by each institution: BankFirst Bank, South Sioux City; First Community Bank, Homer; First Nebraska Bank, Valley; F&M Bank, South Sioux City; Siouxland Bank, South Sioux City; Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT), Union Bank & Trust, Lincoln; g. Approval of the date and time of regular Commissioner meetings as bi-weekly starting from today; start time as 3:00 PM. with meetings to be held on Monday, or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday. Chair reserves the right to make exception for an unforeseen circumstance (Nov 23 & Dec 21, 2026 move meeting to 9:00 a.m. as they are Holiday weeks.); h. Approval and establishment of the following dates for County Holidays in 2026 and calendar:

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**Payroll: General Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$205,263.13; Net Pay-\$147,839.57; Total Retirement-\$14,982.12; Total FICA-\$15,337.62; Health Plan-\$42,000.00; Dental Plan-\$1,520.00; Life Insurance-\$201.21; Richard Bousquet-\$1,251.38; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,297.63; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,251.38; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,251.38; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,251.38; Cherie Conley-\$2,613.79; Robin Hansen-\$1,615.95; Paola Ledesma-\$1,774.40; Kathy Abbe-\$1,578.40; Khen Chu-\$1,365.60; Maria Garcia-\$1,426.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,613.79; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,781.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,492.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,414.40; Debera Benton-\$1,618.40; Christy Abts-\$2,613.79; Melissa Collins-\$1,963.40; Joseph O'Neil-\$655.08; Karen Becerra-\$1,703.82; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,613.79; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,706.31; Debra Jensen-\$1,872.00; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,448.80; Rodney Soole-\$2,424.00; Todd Uhl-\$2,016.80; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,677.60; Jacob Acero-\$470.99; Shaun Bird-\$4,299.52; Timothy Decker-\$3,675.00; Brian Ellinger-\$4,116.21; Penny Epting-\$4,631.54; Brian Fernau-\$3,086.00; Tyler Fulkerth-\$3,798.86; Jeremy Gilpin-\$355.44; Martin Guerrero-\$4,211.24; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,945.19; Jason James-\$3,653.63; Kimberly Johnson-\$739.97; Jared Junge-\$2,548.26; Jaime Keatts-\$0.00; Jose Magana-\$4,119.20; Keaton Mueller-\$4,081.53; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,852.20; Kelsey O'Neill-\$3,008.41; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$3,339.53; Mardi Schnee-\$1,454.40; Shantel Drum-\$1,425.00; Sarah Hammond-\$2,717.42; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,397.25; Debra Schmiedt-\$4,106.35; Kimberly Watson-\$4,081.10; Jacob Acero-\$2,580.65; Summer Adair-\$2,892.95; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,535.75; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,682.54; Charlotte Coleman-\$2,431.86; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$1,320.93; Jennifer Fuentes-\$1,986.84; Kara Groetken-\$1,881.06; McKenna Hammer-\$2,682.56; Todd Hammer-\$2,579.72; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-\$844.12; Brenda Irwin-\$701.76; Daron Jackson-\$1,829.16; Dustin Johnson-\$2,628.35; Terry Johnson-\$3,263.60; Hannah Keatts-\$1,525.15; Jared Magana-\$1,868.46; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,742.73; Skyler Miner-\$1,944.19; Lucas Moulton-\$1,829.16; JR Marselino Ochoa Flores-\$1,868.46; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,887.20; Michele Rohde-\$1,924.68; Jesus Ruelas-Hernandez-\$2,005.00; Kaden Ruring-\$1,808.16; Jeremy Russell-\$2,581.86; Jerry Santos-\$2,550.90; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,015.74; Cody Thomas-\$1,909.62; Tykell Truitt-\$804.10; Armando Valerio-\$2,376.12; Randall Walsh-\$2,928.84; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$2,528.96; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,334.36; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,370.20; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,933.94; Theresa Grove-\$2,657.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,411.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,632.01; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,575.13; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$14,823.69; State Tax-\$6,379.23; Soc Sec-\$12,430.49; Medicare-\$2,907.13; Extra Fit-\$1,571.00; Extra Sit-\$500.00; Retirement-\$10,423.29; Health Plan-\$2,300.00; Dental Plan-\$420.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$675.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,237.00; Garnishments-\$1,424.23; Flex Plan Medical-\$922.49; Flex Dependent Care-\$312.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$395.14; Legal Shield-\$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.74; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$0.00; VSP Vision Base-\$120.11; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$22,132.59; Net Pay-\$16,344.93; Retirement-\$1,493.91; Total FICA-\$1,643.70; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Tristin Eifert-\$1,622.07; Michael Fuchser-\$1,936.80; Robert Hacker-\$2,056.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$2,020.80; David Kneifl-\$2,044.80; Kimon Litras-\$2,080.80; Brandon Miller-\$1,936.80; Tanya Orr-\$2,020.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,371.32; Robert Schmidt-\$2,020.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,020.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,438.16; State Tax-\$665.60; FICA-\$1,332.16; Medicare-\$311.54; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$996.00; 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-\$275.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$50.16; Legal Shield-\$77.79; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.52; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,704.80; Net Pay-\$1,292.74; Retirement-\$115.07; Total FICA-\$126.59; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,704.80; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$105.52; State Tax-\$53.23; FICA-\$102.60;

Medicare-\$23.99; Retirement-\$76.72; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,870.40; Net Pay-\$1,454.64; Retirement-\$126.25; Total FICA-\$140.28; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,870.40; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$106.26; State Tax-\$48.39; FICA-\$113.69; Medicare-\$26.59; Retirement-\$84.17; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,758.94; Net Pay-\$1,287.53; Retirement-\$118.73; Total FICA-\$116.45; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,758.94; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$39.15; FICA-\$94.38; Medicare-\$22.07; Retirement-\$79.15; Health Plan-\$200.00; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66.

**Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund:** Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$621.21; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$421.91; Dental Account, premium-\$1,940.00; FSA Dep Care - \$312.50; FSA Medical-\$922.49; Health Plan, premium-\$44,300.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$625.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$16,394.69; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$81.74; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$36.41; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$201.21; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,237.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,879.23; Point C COE, flex admin fees - \$89.50; Principal, premiums - \$2,728.73; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$25,405.41; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$30,675.24; VSP, premium-\$515.25. **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-\$1,483.16; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$77.79; Life Insurance, premium-\$27.16; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$665.60; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$275.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,489.91; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,287.40; VSP, premium-\$69.68; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C FSA – withdrawals, \$738.13; Point C – medical auto withdrawals, \$28,211.19; VSP, cobra-\$19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA–medical claims-\$50.00; Health Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$105.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$53.23; Principal, premiums - \$24.62; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$191.79; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$253.18; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$106.26; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.39; Principal, premiums - \$27.02; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$210.42; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$280.56; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Account, premium-\$760.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$39.15; Principal, premiums-\$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.88; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$232.90; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to accept Sheriff Kleinberg's letter advising the Board of his retirement as of December 30, 2025; and to advertise for the position for 2 weeks in the STAR, on the County and NACO websites and on Indeed with January 22, 2026 as deadline for applications. Commissioner VanBerkum and Commissioner Bousquet will interview and make recommendation to the Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein noted that Chief Deputy Decker will be acting as interim Sheriff until one is appointed.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Resolution 26C-001 approving, adopting, ratifying, and affirming the execution of a lease-purchase agreement with NACO Leasing Corporation for acquisition of property – Road Dept the Lease Purchase Agreement for a 772GP Motor Grader approved at the November 24, 2025 meeting award going to Murphy Tractor for \$373,142.85 at 3.90% interest. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

THE COUNTY OF DAKOTA, NEBRASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 26C-001

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING, ADOPTING, RATIFYING AND AFFIRMING  
THE EXECUTION AND PERFORMANCE OF A LEASE-PURCHASE  
AGREEMENT WITH NACO LEASING CORPORATION FOR ACQUISITION  
OF PROPERTY.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of The County of Dakota, Nebraska (the "County"), that this Board hereby approves and authorizes the acquisition of a motor grader by the County through a Lease-Purchase Agreement with NACO Leasing Corporation. The Lease-Purchase Agreement shall include the following terms, with such changes as are deemed reasonable or necessary by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

1. Principal Amount: \$373,142.85
2. Interest Rate: 3.950%
3. Payment Amount: not more than \$41,904.75
4. Term: February 5, 2026 through January 15, 2031
5. Payment Frequency: semiannually on July 15 and January 15, beginning July 15, 2026

Settlement and closing of the Lease-Purchase Agreement shall be on or about February 5, 2026. NACO Leasing Corporation shall send payment to the equipment vendor or owner for acquisition of the property on the date on which NACO Leasing Corporation receives the signed Lease-Purchase Agreement and accompanying documents from the County.

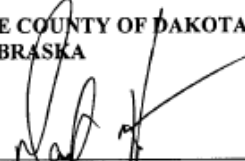
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Lease-Purchase Agreement and related certificates and documents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax-Exempt Financing Compliance Procedure presented to the Board is hereby adopted and approved.

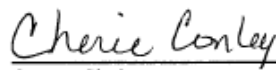
This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and all resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, are to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed. This Resolution may be executed by electronic transmission and shall be regarded as an original.

**PASSED:** January 5, 2026, at Dakota City, Dakota County, Nebraska.

THE COUNTY OF DAKOTA,  
NEBRASKA

By:   
Chairperson Martin Hohenstein

ATTEST:

  
County Clerk



Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Resolution 26C-002 to make the appointment Martin Hohenstein as the County representative to the governing board of the Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 26C-002

RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT

DAKOTA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES AGENCY

WHEREAS, Dakota County (County) has an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with the Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency (Agency), and;

WHEREAS, a resolution of appointment is required to appoint a County representative to the governing board of the Agency.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners for Dakota County, Nebraska, to appoint Martin Hohenstein, an elected and currently serving official of the County, to serve as the County representative on the governing board of the Agency.

Passed and approved this 5th day of January, 2026.

Chair Hohenstein made the following appointments for members/employees/public to serve on the following boards and working committees. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the appointments for various boards and working committees as presented by Chair Hohenstein. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

DAKOTA COUNTY	
* Appointments of Advisors to Various Boards	
	2026
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Area Agency on Aging Governing Board	Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos
County Health Board	Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos
Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency Governing Board (Resolution)	Martin Hohenstein
Goldenrod Regional Housing Agency (formerly NE Nebr Joint Housing Agency)	Joe O'Neill
Northstar (formerly Region IV Developmental Disabilities)	Jeff Reed
Planning & Zoning	Rick Bousquet
R C & D (Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation & Development Council)	Brian Van Berkum
Region 4 Behavioral Health Services Board	Martin Hohenstein
SIMPCO Board of Directors	Brian Van Berkum
SIMPCO Transportation MPO Policy Board	Brian Van Berkum
Dakota County Nebraska Housing Trust Fund Board 7-7-25	Brian Van Berkum
Appoint Members to serve on Working Committees	
Name of working committee	
Americans w/ Disabilities Act (ADA)	Kim Watson, County Attorney
Civil Defense(LEPC,PEP)	Brian Van Berkum
Dakota County Rural Economic Development	Rick Bousquet
Emergency Closings	Sheriff/Hohenstein/Reed
Finance & Budget	Martin Hohenstein & Jeff Reed
Growing Community Connections	Brian Van Berkum
Highway 35 Committee	Jeff Reed
KNNE (Keep Northeast Nebraska Beautiful)	Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos
LEC (Law Enforcement Center) Joint Board	Rick Bousquet /Jeff Reed / At Large Randy Groetken
Legislative	Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos
Merit Commission	Jeff Reed
Personnel/Policies	Martin Hohenstein & Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos
Press Committee	Martin Hohenstein & Cherie Conley
Property/Space Utilization	Brian Van Berkum & Rick Bousquet
Road Committee	Brian Van Berkum & Jeff Reed
Safety	Brian Van Berkum & Jeff Reed
Storm Water Advisory Board	Rick Bousquet
Veterans Oversight Committee	Martin Hohenstein
Mileage reimbursement rate for 2026: \$.725 per mile	

Kristin Robinette, Juvenile Diversion Coordinator, appeared requesting Board approval for FY 2027 Juvenile Grant (7/1/2026 to 6/30/2027) in the amount of \$87,378.35 and will submit request by deadline of January 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve the FY2027 Juvenile Diversion Grant for the period of 7/1/2026 to 6/30/2027 in the amount of \$87,378.34 for salary, contracts and travel. 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 December 21, 2025 to January 3, 2026. Total Road Maintenance – 58 hours; Tree/Debris removal – 116 hours; Culvert/Road Projects – 8 hours-R Ave MM; snow removal – 21 hours; Garbage pickup – 4 hours; Gravel hauling – 21 hours; 140.01 hauled into yard; Sign Repair – 24 hours; Weed – 10 hours paperwork. Road concerns: E Avenue.

Commissioner Committee Reports: None.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: None

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of January 5, 2026, at 3:20 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary