

DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA APRIL 13, 2026
Regular Business Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
Dakota City- City Hall Council Chamber Meeting Room
Dakota City- City Hall 1511 Broadway Street, Dakota City, NE 68731

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. 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 Paola Ledesma, Deputy 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 – March 30, 2026
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for March 29, 2026 to April 11, 2026
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing to give citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition or make neutral comments regarding a request from Knife River to rezone property west of Hwy 110 from Agricultural (AG) to Heavy Manufacturing (HM) for a Sand/Gravel/Rock rail yard on approximately 120 acres, Section 2, Township 28, Range 8, and Section 35, Township 29, Range 8, Dakota County, NE.
 - b. Board to approve or not approve the request from Knife River to rezone property west of Hwy 110 from Agricultural (AG) to Heavy Manufacturing (HM) for a Sand/Gravel/Rock rail yard on approximately 120 acres, Section 2, Township 28, Range 8, and Section 35, Township 29, Range 8, Dakota County, NE.
 - c. Board to review, discuss, approve or not approve the Road Department request for a John Deer 6R 195 Tractor and 660R Loader & Grapple. Two bids provided – Government Discount and Source well.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. None

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that he had gone through payroll claims and payroll accounts payable claims. All were in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – March 30, 2026; (b) approval of payroll claims for March 29, 2026, to April 11, 2026; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims-none. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$192,433.41; Net Pay-\$139,956.34; Total Retirement-\$13,926.21; Total FICA-\$14,362.62; Health Plan-\$44,240.00; Dental Plan-\$1,600.00; Life Insurance-\$211.41; Richard Bousquet-\$1,251.25; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,297.40; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,251.25; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,251.25; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,251.25; Cherie Conley-\$2,613.74; Jennifer Enriquez Melgoza-\$1,700.00; Robin Hansen-\$1,596.01; Paola Ledesma-\$1,131.18; Kathy Abbe-\$1,578.40; Khen Chu-\$1,365.60; Maria Garcia-\$1,426.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,613.74; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,781.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,492.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,414.40; Debera Benton-\$1,618.40; Christy Abts-\$2,613.74; Melissa Collins-\$1,951.20; Joseph O'Neil-\$655.08; Karen Becerra-\$1,867.20; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,613.74; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,706.21; Debra Jensen-\$1,872.00; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,448.80; Samantha Mitchell-\$217.36; Rodney Soole-\$1,212.00; Todd Uhl-\$2,130.26; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,677.60; Jacob Acero-\$1,957.76; Russell Briggs-\$0.00; Timothy Decker-\$3,265.43; Timothy Decker-\$979.68; Brian Ellinger-\$2,852.09; Penny Epting-\$4,790.87; Brian Fernau-\$2,558.33; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,480.80; Jeremy Gilpin-\$444.30; Martin Guerrero-\$2,647.92; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,178.01; Jason James-\$3,187.51; Kimberly Johnson-\$667.90; Jared Junge-\$3,130.27; Jose Magana-\$3,894.68; Keaton Mueller-\$3,113.44; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,754.96; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,801.50; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$2,683.18; Mardi Schnee-\$1,454.40; Shantel Drum-\$1,243.56; Sarah Hammond-\$2,717.42;

Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,399.41; Debra Schmiedt-\$4,106.35; Kimberly Watson-\$4,081.09; Jacob Acero-\$2,580.65; Summer Adair-\$2,025.38; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$1,550.52; Malinda Bagby-\$1,747.49; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,527.88; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,600.10; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,702.81; Omar Crawford Jr-\$241.08; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$1,464.48; Jennifer Fuentes-\$1,960.85; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.45; McKenna Hammer-\$1,783.09; Todd Hammer-\$2,438.15; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-\$809.23; Brenda Irwin-\$1,744.71; Daron Jackson-\$1,708.56; Dustin Johnson-\$1,838.38; Terry Johnson-\$2,256.49; Hannah Keatts-\$1,748.33; Jared Magana-\$1,255.76; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,814.19; Skyler Miner-\$1,958.64; Lucas Moulton-\$1,525.25; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,950.10; Travis Rivera-\$1,464.48; Michele Rohde-\$1,924.68; Jesus Ruelas-Hernandez-\$812.10; Kaden Ruring-\$1,707.90; Keeley Ruring-\$1,809.52; Jeremy Russell-\$1,805.39; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,035.18; Cody Thomas-\$2,180.40; Tykell Truitt-\$804.10; Armando Valerio-\$1,802.11; Daniel Vasquez-\$1,347.03; Randall Walsh-\$2,928.84; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$1,771.88; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,334.36; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,416.96; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,933.94; Theresa Grove-\$2,657.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,417.82; Courtney Swick-\$1,606.50; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,575.13; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$12,246.00; State Tax-\$5,778.45; Soc Sec-\$11,640.32; Medicare-\$2,722.30; Extra Fit-\$1,681.00; Extra Sit-\$500.00; Retirement-\$9,655.29; Health Plan-\$2,300.00; Dental Plan-\$399.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$600.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,237.00; Garnishments-\$1,399.18; Flex Plan Medical-\$871.66; Flex Dependent Care-\$312.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$389.64; Legal Shield-\$128.64; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.76; VSP Vision Base-\$112.42; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$21,044.79; Net Pay-\$15,132.93; Retirement-\$1,420.49; Total FICA-\$1,535.29; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$26.52; Tristin Eifert-\$1,982.91; Michael Fuchser-\$2,020.80; Robert Hacker-\$2,056.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$2,020.80; David Kneifl-\$2,044.80; Kimon Litras-\$2,080.80; Brandon Miller-\$2,020.80; Tanya Orr-\$2,020.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,371.32; Robert Schmidt-\$404.16; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,020.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,423.80; State Tax-\$631.58; FICA-\$1,244.29; Medicare-\$291.00; Extra Fit-\$65.00; Retirement-\$947.05; Health Plan-\$700.00; Dental Plan-\$63.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$90.79; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Garnishments-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$275.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$55.93; Legal Shield-\$58.36; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.56; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,688.82; Net Pay-\$1,281.22; Retirement-\$114.00; Total FICA-\$125.37; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,688.82; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$103.69; State Tax-\$52.54; FICA-\$101.61; Medicare-\$23.76; Retirement-\$76.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,972.96; Net Pay-\$1,549.35; Retirement-\$126.25; Total FICA-\$148.13; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$102.56; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,870.40; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$106.26; State Tax-\$48.39; FICA-\$120.05; Medicare-\$28.08; Retirement-\$84.17; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,702.20; Net Pay-\$1,240.02; Retirement-\$114.90; Total FICA-\$112.11; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,702.20; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$36.81; FICA-\$90.86; Medicare-\$21.25; Retirement-\$76.60; Health Plan-\$200.00; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$632.57; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$421.91; Dental Account, premium-\$1,999.00; FSA Dep Care - \$312.50; FSA Medical-\$871.66; Health Plan, premium-\$46,540.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$600.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,927.00; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$81.74; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$211.41; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,237.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,278.45; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$23,581.50; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$28,725.24; VSP, premium-\$502.06. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$90.79; Dental Account, premium-\$283.00; FSA Medical-\$40.00; Health Plan, premium-\$6,860.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,488.80; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.36; Life Insurance, premium-\$26.52; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$631.59; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$275.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,367.54; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,070.58; VSP, premium-\$75.49; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C – medical auto withdrawals, \$30,439.88; VSP, cobra-\$19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA–medical claims-\$50.00; Health Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$103.69; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$52.54; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$190.00; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$250.74; **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; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$210.42; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3296.26; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$760.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$36.81; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$191.50; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$224.22; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Chair Hohenstein opened the public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, neutral, or opposition suggestions of Knife River request to rezoning property west of Hwy 110 from Agricultural (AG) to Heavy Manufacturing (HM) for a Sand/Gravel/Rock rail yard on approximately 120 acres, Section 2, Township 28, Range 8, and Section 35, Township 29, Range 8, Dakota County, NE at 3:12 p.m. There were several Knife River employees and Dakota County Residents that were in support of the project. There was no neutral support and there were a lot of residents from Dakota County that were in opposition to the project. Chair Hohenstein closed the public hearing at 5:07 pm to discuss what they have just heard. Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to close the hearing at 5:07 pm for the purpose of hearing support, neutral, or opposition suggestions for the purpose of Knife River request to rezoning property west of Hwy 110 from

Agricultural (AG) to Heavy Manufacturing (HM) for a Sand/Gravel/Rock rail yard on approximately 120 acres, Section 2, Township 28, Range 8, and Section 35, Township 29, Range 8, Dakota County, NE. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes Bousquet-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

Chair Hohenstein talked about how planning and zoning gives the Commissioners recommendations on things and the Commissioners are not bound to do what they suggest. Chair Hohenstein talked about how there was a lot of talk about the compensation plan from 2014 and it's the county's plan and Commissioner Bousquet was around that time as a signer. Chair Hohenstein goes on to say that Dakota County does have the same demographic as the City of South Sioux City in comparison to funding and how Dakota County operates on the taxpayers.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to deny Knife River request to rezoning property west of Hwy 110 from Agricultural (AG) to Heavy Manufacturing (HM) for a Sand/Gravel/Rock rail yard on approximately 120 acres, Section 2, Township 28, Range 8, and Section 35, Township 29, Range 8, Dakota County, NE. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-No, Van Berkum-Yes Bousquet-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Commissioner Reed-recused. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

Bids for Dakota County Road Department requesting a John Deer 6R 195 Tractor and 660R Loader & Grapple. There were two bids provided – Government Discount and Source well. Commissioner Bousquet suggested that Jolene Gubbels and Dean Pallas do some more digging into these bids and get back to Commissioner Reed and Commissioner Van Berkum decide after more information is done on how fast we can get the tractor if we do purchase it and payment plans since they are so close in comparison. Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to let Commissioner Reed and Commissioner Van Berkum decide on the purchase of a John Deer 6R 195 Tractor and 660R Loader & Grapple after Jolene Gubbels and Dean Pallas have more information. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report from March 29, 2026, to April 11, 2026. Total Road Maintenance – 254 hours, Tree/debris removal – 43 hours; Culverts/Rd projects- 5 hours, Gravel hauled – 105 tons, sign repair – 21 hours, weed – 2 hours notices and paperwork. Some grading and gravel concerns.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Rodriguez informed us that they had their first LB663 land use committee meeting and will be in Lincoln on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, to get more in-depth information.

Commissioner Reed stated that he and Commissioner Rodriguez attended the Legislative day and Budget Workshop Day at NACO and learned a lot of new information.

Mail and/or Emergency Business. None.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to adjourn. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of April 13, 2026, at 5:32 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Paola Ledesma, Deputy County Clerk/Secretary