

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, August 3, 2026
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. 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 – July 20, 2026
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for July 19, 2026, to August 1, 2026
 - c. Approval of accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of Veterans Service Officer Quarterly Report for April to June 2026
 - e. Approval of Chair to sign Annual Certification Form regarding the allocation and expenditure of the Highway Street (STP) and Bridge Buyback (HBP) Programs 2025-2026
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Cadrien Livingston, Hubbard Betterment Committee, requesting Board approval to use the Road Department barricades for Hubbard Hoot Owl Days – August 28th – 30th.
 - b. Board to approve the Engagement letter with RCM for the 2025/2026 Audit.
 - c. Board to approve Resolution 26C-012 to place load limits on North Bluff Road from Hwy 35 to Hwy 20 until road is repaired or replaced.
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. Mike Carnes, from Dakota County Start, talked about the way the roads are looking better than they have been in the years he has been living here and driving from Dakota City NE to Wayne, NE. Dennis McManigal from Dakota City discussed his concerns with the board and road department about Bob Hacker's blading and how he leaves rolled grass/dirt balls in the middle and the road is not being taken care of properly.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. All were in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda items: a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – July 20, 2026. b) approval of payroll claims for July 19, 2026, to August 1, 2026. c) approval of accounts payable claims. d) approval of Veterans Service Officer Quarterly Report for April to June 2026. e) approval of Chair to sign Annual Certification Form regarding the allocation and expenditure of the Highway Street (STP) and Bridge Buyback (HBP) Programs 2025-2026. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed- Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez- Yes, Van Berkum- Yes, and Bousquet- Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$195,398.35; Net Pay-\$142,691.04; Total Retirement-\$13,982.81; Total FICA-\$14,645.03; Health Plan-\$44,240.00; Dental Plan-\$1,600.00; Life Insurance-\$210.52; 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; Robin Hansen-\$1,596.00; Paola Ledesma-\$1,757.77; 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-\$1,623.46; 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-\$2,271.00; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,448.80; Rodney Soole-\$2,424.00; Brent Waldman-\$1,920.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$2,527.02; Jacob Acero-\$2,543.52; Timothy Decker-\$3,265.43; Brian Ellinger-\$3,186.20; Penny Epting-\$3,497.12; Brian Fernau-\$2,896.80; Martin Guerrero-\$2,794.56; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,472.38; Jason James-\$2,858.21; Kimberly Johnson-\$768.80; Jared Junge-\$2,745.14; Jose Magana-\$2,956.19; Keaton Mueller-\$2,463.28; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,852.34; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,178.74; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$2,125.60; Mardi Schnee-\$1,458.95; Shantel Drum-\$1,267.66; Sarah Hammond-\$2,717.42; Debra Schmiedt-\$4,106.35; Greta Skinner-\$1,400.00; Kimberly Watson-\$4,081.09; Summer Adair-\$2,356.12; Itzel Aleman-\$463.98; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$1,835.28;

Malinda Bagby-\$1,083.01; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,027.94; Samantha Carroll-\$1,487.41; Timathey Chamberlain-\$2,189.72; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,820.28; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$2,547.77; Javier Delgadillo Alvarez-\$885.78; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,080.86; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,580.65; Kara Groetken-\$1,968.00; McKenna Hammer-\$2,077.07; Todd Hammer-\$690.60; Brenda Irwin-\$1,711.93; Daron Jackson-\$2,260.70; Dustin Johnson-\$2,129.03; Terry Johnson-\$3,216.68; Hannah Keatts-\$2,215.92; Jared Magana-\$2,281.75; Yahye Mahamed-\$2,466.61; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,046.49; Skyler Miner-\$2,248.93; Lucas Moulton-\$1,536.48; Kimberly Peterson-\$2,305.36; Travis Rivera-\$1,792.56; Michele Rohde-\$1,814.40; Jesus Ruelas-Hernandez-\$1,483.30; Jeremy Russell-\$2,272.12; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,046.87; Cody Thomas-\$2,009.53; Todd Uhl Jr-\$1,792.56; Armando Valerio-\$1,872.36; Daniel Vasquez-\$2,538.36; Randall Walsh-\$2,928.84; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$2,071.96; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,334.36; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,416.96; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,951.73; Theresa Grove-\$2,657.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,411.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,714.88; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,575.13; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$12,586.77; State Tax-\$5,966.23; Soc Sec-\$11,869.18; Medicare-\$2,775.85; Extra Fit-\$1,456.00; Extra Sit-\$480.00; Retirement-\$9,628.87; Health Plan-\$1,600.00; Dental Plan-\$357.00; Colonial Health-\$223.93; Sheriff Union Dues-\$813.34; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,301.60; Garnishments-\$1,538.80; Flex Plan Medical-\$896.66; Flex Dependent Care-\$312.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$394.06; Legal Shield-\$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.74; VSP Vision Base-\$94.00; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$22,222.20; Net Pay-\$16,007.79; Retirement-\$1,500.01; Total FICA-\$1,624.35; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$26.52; Tristin Eifert-\$2,121.60; Michael Fuchser-\$2,121.60; Robert Hacker-\$2,157.60; Scott Jorgneson-\$2,121.60; David Kneifl-\$2,145.60; Kimon Litras-\$2,181.60; Brandon Miller-\$2,121.60; Tanya Orr-\$2,121.60; Dean Pallas-\$2,371.32; Robert Schmidt-\$636.48; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,121.60; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,528.64; State Tax-\$674.04; FICA-\$1,316.46; Medicare-\$307.89; Extra Fit-\$65.00; Retirement-\$999.98; Health Plan-\$700.00; Dental Plan-\$63.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$90.79; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$275.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$67.33; Legal Shield-\$58.34; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$21.44; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,481.05; Net Pay-\$1,131.15; Retirement-\$99.97; Total FICA-\$109.48; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,481.05; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$79.88; State Tax-\$43.89; FICA-\$88.73; Medicare-\$20.75; Retirement-\$66.65; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,841.18; Net Pay-\$1,433.21; Retirement-\$124.28; Total FICA-\$138.01; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,841.18; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$102.86; State Tax-\$47.16; FICA-\$111.85; Medicare-\$26.16; Retirement-\$82.85; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$16.09; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,702.20; Net Pay-\$1,239.64; Retirement-\$114.90; Total FICA-\$112.08; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,702.20; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** State Tax-\$36.79; FICA-\$90.84; Medicare-\$21.24; Retirement-\$76.60; Health Plan-\$200.00; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$16.09; **Obesity DCHD Grant Employer 2508:** Gross Salaries-\$140.00; Net Pay-\$128.60; Total FICA-\$10.71; Emma Ankerstjerne-\$140.00; **Obesity DCHD Grant Employee 2508:** State Tax-\$0.69; FICA-\$8.68; Medicare-\$2.03.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$632.57; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$426.10; Dental Account, premium-\$1,957.00; FSA Dep Care - \$312.50; FSA Medical-\$896.66; Health Plan, premium-\$45,840.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$813.34; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$14,042.77; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$81.74; Hawkeye Adjustment Service, garnishment - \$274.85; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$210.52; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,301.60; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$631.38; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,446.23; Point C COE, Flex admin fee-\$77.00; Principal Life Insurance, premium-\$2,905.35; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$23,611.68; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$29,290.06; VSP, premium-\$488.06. **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-\$1,593.64; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.34; Life Insurance, premium-\$26.52; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$674.04; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$275.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,499.99; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,248.70; VSP, premium-\$88.77; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C –FSA Withdrawals ACH/Checks-Flex, \$1,106.97, Point C-medical auto withdrawals, \$141,856.67; Point C – admin fees, \$28,026.06; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA–medical claims-\$50.00; Health Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$79.88; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$43.89; Principal Life Insurance, premiums-\$25.12; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$166.62; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$218.96; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$102.86; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$47.16; Principal Life Insurance, premiums-\$27.56; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$207.13; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$276.02; VSP, premium-\$16.09; **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-\$36.79; Principal Life Insurance, premiums-\$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$191.50; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$224.16; VSP, premium-\$16.09; **Obesity DCHD Grant 2508:** Nebraska Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$69; Social Security, FICA & Medi-\$21.42.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to allow Cadrien Livingston with Hubbard Betterment Committee, approval to use the Road Department barricades for Hubbard Hoot Owl Days – August 28th – 30th. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez- Yes, Van Berkum- Yes, Bousquet- Yes, and Reed- Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the Engagement letter with RCM for the 2025/2026 Audit. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, and Hohenstein- Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to table Resolution 26C-012 to place load limits on North Bluff Road from Hwy 35 to Hwy 20 until road is repaired or replaced until Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent and the board do some more looking into this resolution. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein- Yes, and Rodriguez- Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report from July 19 to August 1, 2026. Total Road Maintenance – 217 hours; Overtime hours – 3; Tree/debris removal – 1 hours; Bridge maintenance – 6.5; Culverts/Rd projects – 209 hours; Garbage pickup – 3 hours; Magnet – 5 hours; Gavel hauling – 61 hours; Sign repairs/barricading – 36 hours.

Mail and/or Emergency Business. None.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to adjourn. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of August 3, 2026, at 3:32 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Paola Ledesma, Deputy County Clerk/Secretary