

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, September 14, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Board of Equalization. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also, present Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk Office, acting as Board Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 31, 2026
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for August 30 to September 12, 2026
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of monthly accounts payable claims (if any)
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Kim Hansen, Dakota County Victims Assistance, to provide updates on the program and status of grants.
 - b. County Treasurer Office requesting Board approval of Resolution 26C-017 releasing pledged securities.
 - c. Board to approve or not approve a Special Designated Liquor License request from “The Don’s Sports Bar & Grill” for an event to be held on October 10, 2026 at the rodeo arena area of the fairgrounds.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
 - Reminder Joint Public Hearing – Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:05 pm, SSC Memorial Hall
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. Board Member Bousquet mentioned that the City of South Sioux City has removed Public Comment from their agendas, and he feels this is not right. They are doing away with Freedom of Speech.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. He stated that he had gone through the payroll claims and payroll accounts payable claims. All were in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda items: a) previous meeting minutes – August 31, 2026; b) payroll claims for August 30 to September 12, 2026, c) Payroll accounts payable claims; d) Accounts Payable claims. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$206,453.14; Net Pay-\$149,958.94; Total Retirement-\$14,982.38; Makeup Retirement-\$0.00; Total FICA-\$15,490.82; Health Plan-\$44,800.00; Dental Plan-\$1,620.00; Life Insurance-\$210.77; 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-\$2,041.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,641.32; 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; Debra Benton-\$2,233.44; Christy Abts-\$2,613.74; Melissa Collins-\$1,999.98; Joseph O’Neil-\$655.08; Karen Becerra-\$1,867.20; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,613.74; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,706.21; Debra Jensen-\$1,920.00; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,448.80; Samantha Mitchell-\$0.00; Rodney Soole-\$2,424.00; Brent Waldman-\$1,950.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,677.60; Jacob Acero-\$3,281.87; Timathey Chamberlain-\$2,631.72; Timothy Decker-\$3,265.43; Timothy Decker-\$979.68; Brian Ellinger-\$3,844.80; Penny Epting-\$4,284.62; Brian Fernau-\$3,101.28; Tyler Fulkerth-\$0.00; Martin Guerrero-\$5,026.80; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,713.04; Jason James-\$3,097.85; Kimberly Johnson-\$1,220.47; Jared Junge-\$2,762.40; Jose Magana-\$3,435.00; Keaton Mueller-\$3,514.68; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,616.80; Kelsey O’Neill-\$2,812.75; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$2,577.34; Mardi Schnee-\$1,454.40; Shantel Drum-\$1,238.74; Sarah Hammond-\$2,717.42; Debra Schmiedt-\$4,106.35; Greta Skinner-\$1,295.00; Kimberly Watson-\$4,081.09; Summer Adair-\$2,539.92; Itzel Aleman-\$1,998.25; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$2,214.45; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,803.50; Samantha Carroll-\$1,653.48; Charlotte Coleman-\$2,156.92; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$2,173.07; Javier Delgadillo Alvarez-\$910.40; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,085.54; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,580.65; Kara Groetken-\$1,968.00; McKenna Hammer-\$2,221.37; Todd Hammer-\$2,762.40; Brenda Irwin-\$1,733.98; Daron Jackson-\$2,151.24;

Dustin Johnson-\$2,621.14; Hannah Keatts-\$1,533.48; Jared Magana-\$1,820.28; Yahye Mahamed-\$1,771.56; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,077.35; Skyler Miner-\$2,144.89; Lucas Moulton-\$2,254.33; Brandon Nunez-Diaz-\$424.30; Kimberly Peterson-\$2,182.08; Jose Ramirez-\$1,739.93; Travis Rivera-\$1,708.32; Michele Rohde-\$1,956.15; Jesus Ruelas-Hernandez-\$424.86; Jeremy Russell-\$1,763.58; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,552.78; Cody Thomas-\$2,411.51; Todd Uhl Jr-\$1,803.11; Armando Valerio-\$2,321.43; Daniel Vasquez-\$2,040.65; Randall Walsh-\$2,928.84; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$2,527.83; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,334.36; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,370.20; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$2,000.83; Theresa Grove-\$2,657.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,411.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,702.13; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,575.13; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$14,427.59; State Tax-\$6,428.12; Soc Sec-\$12,554.64; Medicare-\$2,936.18; Extra Fit-\$1,406.00; Extra Sit-\$430.00; Retirement-\$10,389.76; Health Plan-\$1,600.00; Dental Plan-\$357.00; Colonial Health-\$223.93; Sheriff Union Dues-\$790.42; 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-\$394.33; Legal Shield-\$128.64; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.76; VSP Vision Base-\$94.10; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$22,341.54; Net Pay-\$16,093.77; Retirement-\$1,508.06; Total FICA-\$1,633.48; 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 Kneiff-\$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-\$2,240.94; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,542.31; State Tax-\$679.14; FICA-\$1,323.86; Medicare-\$309.62; Extra Fit-\$65.00; Retirement-\$1,005.35; 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-\$67.36; Legal Shield-\$58.36; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$21.48; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,385.15; Net Pay-\$1,061.89; Retirement-\$93.50; Total FICA-\$102.14; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,385.15; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$68.89; State Tax-\$39.90; FICA-\$82.78; Medicare-\$19.36; Retirement-\$62.33; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,864.56; Net Pay-\$1,450.08; Retirement-\$125.86; Total FICA-\$139.80; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,864.56; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$105.54; State Tax-\$48.13; FICA-\$113.30; Medicare-\$26.50; Retirement-\$83.91; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$16.10; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,787.31; Net Pay-\$1,310.88; Retirement-\$120.64; Total FICA-\$118.59; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,787.31; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** State Tax-\$40.31; FICA-\$96.11; Medicare-\$22.48; Retirement-\$80.43; Health Plan-\$200.00; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$16.10; **Obesity DCHD Grant Employer 2508:** Gross Salaries-\$72.00; Net Pay-\$66.50; Total FICA-\$5.50; Emma Ankerstjerne-\$72.00; **Obesity DCHD Grant Employee 2508:** FICA-\$4.46; Medicare-\$1.04.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$632.57; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$426.10; Dental Account, premium-\$1,977.00; FSA Dep Care - \$312.50; FSA Medical-\$896.66; Health Plan, premium-\$46,400.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$790.42; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$15,833.59; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$81.76; Hawkeye Adjustment Service, garnishment - \$274.85; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$210.77; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,301.60; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$631.38; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,858.12; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$25,372.14; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$30,981.64; VSP, premium-\$488.43. **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-\$1,607.31; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.36; Life Insurance, premium-\$26.52; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$679.14; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$275.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,513.41; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,266.96; VSP, premium-\$88.84; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C - medical auto withdrawals, \$16,430.80; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA—medical claims-\$50.00; Health Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$68.89; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$39.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$155.83; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$204.28; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$105.54; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.13; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$209.77; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$279.60; VSP, premium-\$16.10; **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-\$40.31; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$201.07; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$237.18; VSP, premium-\$16.10; **Obesity Health Grant 2508:** Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$11.00.

Kim Hansen, Dakota County Victims Assistance, provided financial updates from grant year 2025-2026 and statistics on case load. She informed that the grant amount for 2026-2027 is \$62,428.00, a slight increase from last year.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve Resolution 26C-017 releasing pledged securities per Treasurer's request. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum – Yes, Bousquet – Yes, Reed – Yes, Hohenstein – Yes, Rodriguez – Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Special Designated Liquor License request from “The Don’s Sports Bar & Grill” for an event to be held on October 10, 2026 at the rodeo arena area of the fairgrounds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet – Yes, Reed – Yes, Hohenstein – Yes, Rodriguez – Yes, Van Berkum – Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED.

Highway Superintendent, Jolene Gubbels, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for August 30 to September 12, 2026. Total Road Maintenance – 235.5 hours; Overtime – 3 hours; Tree removal – 835 hours; Culvert/Road Projects – 48 hours; Asphalt patching – 39 hours; Gravel hauling – 83 hours, 524.54 tons gravel hauled; Sign Repair – 22 hours; weed spraying – 2 hours. Several Road concerns. North Bluff Road bids for repair will be ready next week. Resident Andy Lux has inquired about paving a portion of the county road going to his house. NIRMA was consulted and suggested that the County could approve this, but a contract would need to be signed regarding the required specifications being met.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Bousquet informed that the dispatch center at the LEC are currently getting new workstations installed. Commissioner Reed reported on the NACO Northeast meeting he attended. Commissioner Hohenstein informed that Planning and Zoning will be working on getting something in the regulations regarding Data Centers.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Reminder Joint Public Hearing – Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:05 pm, SSC Memorial Hall.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of August 17, 2026, at 3:23 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary