

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, October 12, 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 3:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Board of Equalization. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: Van Berkum. 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 – September 28, 2026
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for September 27 to October 10, 2026
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of Clerk of District Court Cost Allocation Plan with Maximus for child support computation of indirect cost allocation rates.
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTION
 - a. Dr. Rony Ortega, South Sioux City Community Schools, will provide an informational presentation regarding the school facilities and the bond referendum.
 - b. Representatives from Knife River and Civil Engineers & Constructors to present typical roadway section for the E-Avenue extension and Old Mill Road Paving Project, with the intention of Knife River and the County to sign a memorandum of understanding at a future meeting.
 - c. Board review, discuss and award bid for North Bluff Road Patching project.
 - d. Road Department requesting the Board review, discuss and approve or not approve a bid for a Padfoot Roller
 - e. Building and Grounds requesting the Board review, discuss and approve or not approve bid for concrete in the jail's dumpster area.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Closed session to Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Negotiations.
 - c. Board to approve the Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Members contracts for July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to excuse Commissioner Van Berkum from the meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez – Yes, Bousquet – Yes, Reed – Yes, Hohenstein – Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. There was none.

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 Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the consent agenda items: a) previous meeting minutes – September 28, 2026; b) payroll claims for September 27 to October 10, 2026, c) Payroll accounts payable claims; d) Accounts Payable claims; e) Approval of Clerk of District Court Cost Allocation Plan with Maximus for child support computation of indirect cost allocation rates. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$212,659.04; Net Pay-\$155,082.34; Total Retirement-\$15,269.52; Total FICA-\$15,964.27; Health Plan-\$44,240.00; Dental Plan-\$1,620.00; Life Insurance-\$211.79; 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-\$1,680.00; Paola Ledesma-\$2,184.89; Kathy Abbe-\$1,981.36; Khen Chu-\$1,713.60; Maria Garcia-\$1,778.56; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,613.74; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,781.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,871.60; Emily McNaughton-\$1,788.48; Debera Benton-\$2,028.18; Christy Abts-\$2,613.74; Melissa Collins-\$1,951.20; Joseph O'Neil-\$894.47; Karen Becerra-\$1,867.20; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,613.74; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,706.21; Debra Jensen-\$2,368.11; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,870.00; Rodney Soole-\$2,955.45; Brent Waldman-\$2,080.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$2,142.86; Jacob Acero-\$2,403.20; Timathey Chamberlain-\$2,056.78; Timothy Decker-\$3,265.43; Brian Ellinger-\$3,043.80; Penny Epting-\$5,721.00; Brian Fernau-\$2,726.40; Martin Guerrero-

\$2,692.32; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,750.40; Jason James-\$2,738.40; Kimberly Johnson-\$1,126.31; Jared Junge-\$2,831.46; Jose Magana-\$3,172.28; Keaton Mueller-\$2,583.44; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,646.84; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,380.56; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$2,223.92; Mardi Schnee-\$3,249.05; Shantel Drum-\$1,724.38; Sarah Hammond-\$2,717.42; Debra Schmiedt-\$4,412.78; Greta Skinner-\$1,338.75; Kimberly Watson-\$4,081.09; Summer Adair-\$2,084.17; Itzel Aleman-\$1,578.66; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$1,655.92; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,249.98; Samantha Carroll-\$1,813.65; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,853.17; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$832.09; Javier Delgadillo Alvarez-\$850.85; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,096.73; Tyler Fulkerth-\$4,464.57; Kara Groetken-\$1,968.13; McKenna Hammer-\$1,851.36; Todd Hammer-\$2,814.20; Brenda Irwin-\$1,619.71; Daron Jackson-\$1,820.28; Dustin Johnson-\$2,095.65; Hannah Keatts-\$1,849.25; Jared Magana-\$1,820.28; Yahye Mahamed-\$1,771.56; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,065.04; Skyler Miner-\$2,144.39; Lucas Moulton-\$2,011.17; Brandon Nunez-Diaz-\$856.93; Elijah Parker-\$1,265.40; Kimberly Peterson-\$2,272.73; Jose Ramirez-\$1,771.56; Travis Rivera-\$1,841.28; Michele Rohde-\$3,687.45; Jeremy Russell-\$1,972.39; Jennifer Svendsen-\$4,184.06; Cody Thomas-\$2,104.73; Todd Uhl Jr-\$1,792.56; Armando Valerio-\$1,869.36; Daniel Vasquez-\$1,776.89; Randall Walsh-\$4,374.24; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$2,255.08; Deanna Hagberg-\$3,968.46; Jolene Gubbels-\$3,297.24; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$2,679.58; Theresa Grove-\$3,627.63; Johanna Marquez-\$1,926.44; Courtney Swick-\$2,396.65; Nicholas Nieman-\$3,140.43; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$14,682.62; State Tax-\$6,674.26; Soc Sec-\$12,938.35; Medicare-\$3,025.92; Extra Fit-\$1,396.00; Extra Sit-\$420.00; Retirement-\$10,545.63; 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-\$1,494.71; Flex Plan Medical-\$896.66; Flex Dependent Care-\$312.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$410.43; Legal Shield-\$128.64; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.76; VSP Vision Base-\$94.10; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$23,339.96; Net Pay-\$16,672.38; Retirement-\$1,575.46; Total FICA-\$1,709.85; 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-\$2,521.74; Scott Jorgneson-\$2,121.60; David Kneift-\$2,145.60; Kimon Litras-\$2,222.51; Brandon Miller-\$2,121.60; Tanya Orr-\$2,121.60; Dean Pallas-\$3,229.89; Robert Schmidt-\$397.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,214.42; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,766.07; State Tax-\$728.88; FICA-\$1,385.75; Medicare-\$324.10; Extra Fit-\$65.00; Retirement-\$1,050.29; Health Plan-\$700.00; Dental Plan-\$63.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$90.79; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$300.00; 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-\$2,073.69; Net Pay-\$1,558.75; Retirement-\$139.97; Total FICA-\$154.81; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$2,073.69; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$147.80; State Tax-\$69.01; FICA-\$125.47; Medicare-\$29.34; Retirement-\$93.32; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$2,549.88; Net Pay-\$1,944.39; Retirement-\$172.12; Total FICA-\$192.23; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$2,549.88; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$184.07; State Tax-\$77.35; FICA-\$155.79; Medicare-\$36.44; Retirement-\$114.74; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$16.10; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$2,073.65; Net Pay-\$1,550.52; Retirement-\$139.97; Total FICA-\$140.50; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$2,073.65; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** State Tax-\$52.22; FICA-\$113.87; Medicare-\$26.63; Retirement-\$93.31; Health Plan-\$200.00; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$16.10.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$863.33; 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-\$790.42; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$16,078.62; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$81.76; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$211.79; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,301.60; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$631.38; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$7,094.26; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$25,815.15; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$31,928.54; VSP, premium-\$504.53. **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-\$1,831.07; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.36; Life Insurance, premium-\$26.52; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$728.88; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$300.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,625.75; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,419.70; VSP, premium-\$88.84; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C - medical auto withdrawals, \$57,825.81; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA-medical claims-\$50.00; Health Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$147.80; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$69.01; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$233.29; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$309.62; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$184.07; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$77.35; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$286.86; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$384.46; 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-\$52.22; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$233.28; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$281.00; VSP, premium-\$16.10.

Dr. Rony Ortega, South Sioux City Community Schools, provided an informational presentation regarding the school facilities and the bond referendum on November 3, 2026, General Election ballot. If the bond passes the two new schools would be open in the fall of 2029. Commissioner Bousquet commented that the TIFs the City of South Sioux City has and is planning is detrimental to the County. Property taxes for the County will go up because of the City TIFs. Commissioners understand the need for better schools and support the bond.

Representatives from Knife River and Civil Engineers & Constructors presented information on Knife River building a road for the E-Avenue extension and Old Mill Road Paving Project, with the intention of Knife River and the County to sign a memorandum of understanding that the road will become a County Road. This road will serve as another route to the Millis Beach area and for emergency services. The Board asked that the project move forward and proper steps followed.

North Bluff Road Patching project – Chad Kehrt with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. presented the only bid received for this project. Gill Construction, Inc. for \$175,675.00 and project expected to be done by December 1, 2026. Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve the bid for the concrete patching project on North Bluff Road from Gill Construction, Inc. for \$175,675.00 with expected completion date of December 1, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Building and Grounds presented three bids to replace the concrete in the jail's garbage dumpster area: TR Harris Construction Inc - \$10,368.00, Tri-State Concrete Estimate – 9,000.00 and AG Construction, Inc - \$5,020.00. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve the bid from AG Construction, Inc in the amount of \$5,020.00 for the replacement of concrete in the jail's garbage dumpster area. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Road Department, Dean Pallas, presented three (3) bids for a Padfoot Roller: Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co - \$97,880.00; Mid Country Machinery, LLC - \$59,000 and B.C. Murphy Enterprises - \$25,900. Discussion on the benefits of having a padfoot roller was reviewed. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve the purchase and the bid from B.C. Murphy Enterprises for a 2000 Ingersoll Rand SD-70F Pro-Pac Vibrator padfoot roller for \$25,900.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Highway Superintendent, Jolene Gubbels, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for September 27 to October 10, 2026. Total Road Maintenance – 348 hours; Overtime – 52.25 hours; Tree removal – 7 hours; Culvert/Road Projects – 35 hours; Asphalt patching – 22 hours; Gravel hauling – 132 hours, 1651.88 tons gravel hauled; Several road concerns due to the rain. Jolene reported that Congressman Adrian Smith met with the Road Dept and others regarding the Adrian Smith Funding Bill grant application submitted for the paving of M Avenue stating this project is in the top and Papio-Missouri may help with the 20% cost share.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to go into closed session to discuss the Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Negotiations terms at 3:46 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to come out of closed session from discussing the Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Negotiations terms at 3:57 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the Fraternal order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Members contracts for July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Reed reported that he took part in the P&Z online seminar and will be attending the legislative conference.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Reminder County Government Day is October 14, 2026.

Commissioner Bousquet moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Reed. Vice Chair Bousquet adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of October 12, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary