Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, November 9, 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, Van Berkum, Reed. Absent: Bousquet. 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 – October 26, 2026
    b. Approval of payroll claims for October 25 to November 7, 2026
    c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
    d. Approval of accounts payable claims (if any)
    e. Veterans Office Quarterly Financial Report for July to September 2026
    f. Sheriff/Jail Quarterly Financial Reports for July to September 2026.
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTION
    a. Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, will report the number of distress warrants and total amount of money involved upon turning the distress warrants over to the Sheriff. §77-1718
    b. Approve Resolution 26C-022 to certify Highway Superintendent for calendar year 2026.
    c. Road Department – Board to review and discuss bids received for a new motor grader and approve or not approve a bid for a new Motor Grader.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
    a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
    Reminder next meeting November 23rd is at 9:00 a.m.
7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to excuse Commissioner Bousquet from the meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez – Yes, Van Berkum – 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 Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda items: a) previous meeting minutes – October 26, 2026; b) payroll claims for October 25 to November 7, 2026, c) Payroll accounts payable claims; d) Accounts Payable claims-none; e). Veterans Office Quarterly Financial Report for July to September 2026; f). Sheriff/Jail Quarterly Financial Reports for July to September 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-$195,128.42; Net Pay-$142,523.66; Total Retirement-$14,033.30; Total FICA-$14,631.47; Health Plan-$43,680.00; Dental Plan-$1,580.00; Life Insurance-$207.58; 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-$1,979.25; Paola Ledesma-$2,090.82; Jessica Sanchez-Rojas-$1,750.13; Kathy Abbe-$1,633.60; Khen Chu-$1,425.60; Maria Garcia-$1,476.00; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-$2,613.74; Jalissa Hattig-$1,781.60; Brenda Landaverde-$1,544.00; Emily McNaughton-$1,476.00; Debera Benton-$1,703.20; Christy Abts-$2,613.74; Melissa Collins-$3,268.26; Joseph O'Neil-$687.83; Karen Becerra-$1,867.20; Katherine Wiltgen-$2,613.74; Louvontree Hunter-$3,706.21; Debra Jensen-$1,977.60; Samantha Mitchell-$1,506.40; Rodney Soole-$2,496.80; Brent Waldman-$1,404.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-$1,728.00; Jacob Acero-$3,067.84; Timathey Chamberlain-$2,497.54; Timothy Decker-$3,265.43; Brian Ellinger-$3,115.00; Penny Epting-$3,684.62; Brian Fernau-$2,692.32; Martin Guerrero-$3,237.60; Melvin Harrison III-$3,266.10; Jason James-$2,943.79; Kimberly Johnson-$910.88; Jared Junge-$2,753.77; Jose Magana-$2,881.28; Keaton Mueller-$2,703.60; Gregory Nyhof-$3,370.20; Kelsey O'Neill-$2,415.99; Cesar Ponce Robles-$2,170.78; Mardi Schnee-$1,699.20; Shantel Drum-$1,381.38; Debra Schmiedt-$4,412.78; Greta Skinner-$840.00; Kimberly Watson-$4,081.09; Summer Adair-$2,059.62; Itzel Aleman-$1,792.56; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-$884.77; Shaelee Barreras-$3,277.52; Samantha Carroll-$1,866.63; Charlotte Coleman-$2,067.25; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-$891.53; Javier Delgadillo Alvarez-

$1,023.82; Jennifer Fuentes-$2,053.31; Tyler Fulkerth-$2,838.72; Kara Groetken-$1,968.00; McKenna Hammer-$1,901.51; Todd Hammer-$2,762.40; Brenda Irwin-$1,744.75; Daron Jackson-$1,820.28; Dustin Johnson-$2,104.73; Hannah Keatts-$1,882.00; Jared Magana-$2,179.96; Yahye Mahamed-$1,518.48; Jennifer Marquez-$2,046.43; Skyler Miner-$2,139.95; Lucas Moulton-$2,011.17; Brandon Nunez-Diaz-$846.60; Elijah Parker-$843.60; Kimberly Peterson-$2,201.51; Jose Ramirez-$2,024.64; Travis Rivera-$1,838.28; Michele Rohde-$2,079.32; Jeremy Russell-$2,876.47; Jennifer Svendsen-$3,284.40; Cody Thomas-$2,110.88; Todd Uhl Jr-$1,813.74; Armando Valerio-$1,930.72; Daniel Vasquez-$2,075.27; Randall Walsh-$3,126.84; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-$2,255.08; Jolene Gubbels-$2,489.41; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-$2,062.40; Theresa Grove-$2,790.48; Johanna Marquez-$1,481.60; Courtney Swick-$1,858.17; Nicholas Nieman-$2,652.57; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-$12,720.43; State Tax-$5,975.31; Soc Sec-$11,858.18; Medicare-$2,773.29; Extra Fit-$1,371.00; Extra Sit-$420.00; Retirement-$9,707.53; Health Plan-$1,600.00; Dental Plan-$357.00; Colonial Health-$223.93; Sheriff Union Dues-$790.82; Colonial Life/Disability-$202.17; Deferred Comp-$1,301.60; Garnishments-$1,494.71; Flex Plan Medical-$813.32; Flex Dependent Care-$312.50; VSP Vision Prem-$390.45; Legal Shield-$122.14; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-$81.74; VSP Vision Base-$88.64; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-$22,128.61; Net Pay-$15,873.57; Retirement-$1,493.70; Total FICA-$1,617.18; 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-$2,489.89; Robert Schmidt-$424.32; Gunner Stanwick-$2,121.60; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-$1,553.55; State Tax-$676.14; FICA-$1,310.65; Medicare-$306.53; Extra Fit-$65.00; Retirement-$995.77; 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-$67.33; Legal Shield-$58.34; Liberty National PreTax-$6.50; VSP Vision Base-$21.44; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-$1,616.96; Net Pay-$1,229.34; Retirement-$109.14; Total FICA-$119.87; Health Plan-$560.00; Life Insurance-$2.55; Chloe Coover-$1,616.96; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-$95.46; State Tax-$49.53; FICA-$97.15; Medicare-$22.72; Retirement-$72.76; Flex Plan Medical-$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-$2,847.80; Net Pay-$2,159.23; Retirement-$192.23; Total FICA-$215.02; Health Plan-$560.00; Dental Plan-$20.00; Life Insurance-$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-$2,847.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-$218.22; State Tax-$90.09; FICA-$174.26; Medicare-$40.76; Retirement-$128.15; Dental Plan-$21.00; VSP Vision Base-$16.09; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-$1,753.20; Net Pay-$1,282.35; Retirement-$118.34; Total FICA-$115.98; Health Plan-$560.00; Dental Plan-$20.00; Life Insurance-$2.55; Kristin Robinette-$1,753.20; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** State Tax-$38.89; FICA-$94.00; Medicare-$21.98; Retirement-$78.89; Health Plan-$200.00; Dental Plan-$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-$16.09.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-$863.33; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-$426.10; Dental Account, premium-$1,937.00; FSA Dep Care - $312.50; FSA Medical-$813.32; Health Plan, premium-$45,280.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-$790.82; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-$14,091.43; Globe Life Liberty, premium-$81.74; Legalshield, premium-$122.14; Life Insurance, premium-$207.58; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-$1,301.60; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-$631.38; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-$6,395.31; Point C COE, flex admin fees-$77.00; Principal Life Insurance, premiums - $2840.81; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-$23,740.83; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-$29,262.94; VSP, premium-$479.09. **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-$1,618.55; Globe Life Liberty, premium-$6.50; Legalshield, premium-$58.34; Life Insurance, premium-$26.52; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-$676.14; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-$300.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-$2,489.47; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-$3,234.36; VSP, premium-$88.77; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C FSA w/d –$173.65; FSA Point C - medical auto withdrawals, $24,214.26; Point C – admin fees, $27,001.02; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA–medical claims-$50.00; Health Account, premium-$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-$95.46; Life Insurance, premium-$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-$49.53; Principal Life Insurance-premiums, $25.12; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-$181.90; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-$239.74; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-$41.00; Health Plan, premium-$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-$218.22; Life Insurance, premium-$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-$90.09; Principal Life Insurance, premium - $27.56; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-$320.38; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-$430.04; 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-$38.89; Principal Life Insurance, premiums-$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-$197.23; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-$231.96; VSP, premium-$16.09.

Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, presented a report of the number of distress warrants and total amount of money involved upon turning the distress warrants over to the Sheriff pursuant to §77-1718. There were 47 Distress Warrants issued, totaling $12,265.25 (tax due $10,847.26, interest due $477.99 and fees due $940.00).

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve Resolution 26C-022 certifying the Highway Superintendent for calendar year 2026 pursuant to §39-2302 and §39-2501 through §39-2505. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Road Department presented motor grader bids. Zeigler CAT - 2027 CAT 140AWD 255HP - $396,104.00 and full-service for 4000 hours - $29,725.43, and Murphy Tractor – 2027 John Deere 772P-275HP - $321,842.00 and full-service for 4000 hours - $33,361.00. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the bid from Murphy Tractor for a 2027 John Deere 772P-275HP motor grader for $321,842.00 and full-service for 4000 hours - $33,361.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Highway Superintendent, Jolene Gubbels, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for October 25 to November 7, 2026. Total Road Maintenance – 142 hours; Tree removal – 1 hours; Bridge Maintenance – 61 hours (Jackson East); Gravel hauling – 106 hours, 1165.21 tons gravel hauled; Sign repair – 1 hour. Several road and gravel concerns due to the rain. Gill Construction should start on North Bluff Road this week. Working on engineering agreement for L Avenue. Discussion on residents putting dust control on the roads and the county not able to maintain those portions. Possible resolution to restrict or enforce dust control in the Spring.

Commissioner Committee Reports: None.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Reminder next meeting on 11-23-2026 will start at 9:00 a.m. due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of November 9, 2026, at 3:15 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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Martin Hohenstein, Chair

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Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary