

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 20th day of July 2026 at the Butler County Courthouse in David City, Nebraska at 9:00 a.m.

Present were the following: Scott Steager, Tony Krafka, Scot Bauer, Scott Griess, Jan Sypal, Brad Vandenberg.
Absent: Bob Coufal

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication, a designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Proof of Publication attached to the minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to all members of the board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Chairman Steager called the meeting to order and announced that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for viewing in the meeting room. Chairman Steager declared the minutes from the previous meeting shall stand approved as presented.

County Treasurer's Statement for January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026

The County Treasurer's Statement for January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026, was accepted and placed on file.

HR Update

County Clerk Lori Aschoff provided an HR update. Open enrollment through the new system is complete. Employees are now able to log in and view their benefits and make changes as needed. The public defender committee has been meeting, and they are collecting data from surrounding and similarly-sized counties. There are currently five attorneys interested in the public defender position. They will be making a recommendation to the Board in the upcoming weeks so the Board can move forward with interviews.

Discussion/Possible action – Interim Highway Superintendent Offer Letter

Highway Superintendent Randy Isham is out on leave; there needs to be someone in charge of that department. Supervisors Vandenberg, Bauer, and Krafka recommended that Greg Brecka be named Interim Highway Superintendent. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Krafka, to approve the Interim Highway Superintendent offer letter. Upon roll call vote the following voted Aye: Sypal, Vandenberg, Krafka, Bauer, Griess, Steager. Nay: None. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action – cell phone reimbursement for Interim Highway Superintendent

Moved by Krafka, seconded by Griess, to provide a \$30 monthly cell phone reimbursement for Brecka for the duration of his service as Interim Highway Superintendent. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Krafka, Bauer, Griess, Sypal, Vandenberg, Steager. Nay: None. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

Approval of Official Bond and Oath – Donald Carley, Summit Township

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Vandenberg, to approve the Official Bond and Oath for Donald Carley, Summit Township. Upon roll call vote the following voted Aye: Bauer, Krafka, Vandenberg, Sypal, Griess, Steager. Nay: None. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

Review/Approve Visitors Promotion Fund requests

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Sypal, to approve the Visitors Promotion Fund request for Bellwood Daze in the amount of \$500 for event activities, noting that they can apply for an additional \$500 for advertising the

event. Upon roll call vote the following voted Aye: Bauer, Griess, Sypal, Vandenberg, Krafka, Steager. Nay: None. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried. The remaining requests were tabled until later in the meeting.

Set date/time to open bids on paint striping county highways

Assistant Highway Superintendent Jim Novacek explained that roughly 57,042 feet of highway need to be striped. Moved by Vandenberg, seconded by Griess, to open bids on August 17, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted: Vandenberg, Sypal, Griess, Bauer, Krafka, Steager. Nay: None. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action – Guardrail replacement bid – Loma

Midwest Fence:

- Guardrail replacement \$35,737.50; Road regrading \$3,000; Total bid \$38,737.50

Garcia Enterprises:

- Guardrail replacement \$41,478.38; Road regrading \$17,000; Total bid \$58,478.38

Novacek explained that he contacted two additional companies to submit bids, as requested by the Board. One of the companies declined to submit bids. Garcia Enterprises out of Milford submitted bids for both Loma and David City. The bids were reviewed by the Board. Moved by Bauer, seconded by Sypal, to accept the bid from Midwest Fence for \$35,737.50 with the County doing the road grading. Supervisor Vandenberg suggested they avoid working on the Loma guardrail until after the Nebraska State Shoot, which is July 29 – August 2. Upon roll call vote the following voted Aye: Bauer, Griess, Sypal, Vandenberg, Krafka, Steager. Nay: None. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action – Guardrail replacement bid – David City

Midwest Fence:

- Guardrail replacement \$20,500; Road regrading \$2,500; Total bid \$23,000

Garcia Enterprises:

- Guardrail replacement \$21,500; Road regrading \$8,500; Total bid \$30,000

Moved by Vandenberg, seconded by Griess to accept the bid from Midwest Fence for \$20,500 with the County regrading the road. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Vandenberg, Sypal, Griess, Bauer, Krafka, Steager. Nay: None. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action – Tarp building for the salt bin at County yards

Novacek reviewed the three bids received for the tarp building for the salt bin at the County yards.

Tri-State: \$24,700

Accu Steel: \$53,100

Graystone: \$50,285

Novacek noted that Graystone is less expensive than Accu Steel; however, the building is bigger in size, requiring additional cement blocks to be laid before the building can be installed. Concerns were expressed about Tri-State's bid being less than half of the competitors. Novacek noted the State of Nebraska uses Accu Steel for their tarp buildings. Brecka noted that he needs to order salt by August 1st to have it in time for winter, and the tarp building needs to be installed prior to delivery of the salt, so the salt doesn't get wet. Both Accu Steel and Graystone can install before winter. Tabled until the next meeting to allow time for additional research.

Roads Update

Brecka explained that they have been putting in a lot of culverts, primarily south of Rising City, and they would be moving south of Ulysses in a couple days. The dirt road project southeast of Brainard is ongoing but will be wrapping up soon. With no rain lately they have been getting a lot of work done. They will be trimming some trees in the ROW unless it rains. There is some wash boarding, but without rain those will be hard to fix. There is

a problem on the landfill road due to a pumping issue with the north culvert. They are going to get some fly ash to try to firm up a soft spot.

Aging Partners Annual Visit/Program Update

Randy Jones of Aging Partners appeared before the Board to provide a program update. He noted that Greg Janak and Jeanne Zegers serve on the area-wide council. Jones also congratulated the Board on the hiring of Jillian Boss as Senior Center Director, noting that she has a great deal of relevant experience and has been great to work with so far. Last year, 43,407 services were provided to 507 local seniors. Demand for services will likely continue to rise. The Butler County Senior Center is one of the top in the area and provided 17,134 meals last year, including 8,193 home-delivered meals to home bound seniors. Staff assistance with Medicare Part D enrollment saved Butler County seniors a combined total of more than \$15,500. Their request for FY2026-2027 is \$27,786, which is a 4.24% increase (\$678) over last year. The County's return on investment (ROI) is 140%.

Discussion/Possible action – approve Aging Partners subaward

Tabled until the August 3rd meeting to allow for review by County Attorney Julie Reiter.

Review/Approve Visitors Promotion Fund requests, continued

Chamber President Libby Sprunk was called to answer questions regarding the Chamber's Visitors Promotion Fund request for their new website. Moved by Krafka, seconded by Sypal, to approve the Visitors Promotion Fund request for the Butler County Chamber in the amount of \$1000. Upon roll call vote the following voted Aye: Krafka, Vandenberg, Sypal, Griess, Bauer, Steager. Nay: None. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Vandenberg, to approve the Visitors Promotion Fund request for Oak Creek Sporting Club in the amount of \$1,000 for advertising for the Nebraska State Shoot. Upon roll call vote the following voted Aye: Bauer, Krafka, Vandenberg, Sypal, Griess, Steager. Nay: None. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

Preliminary 2026-2027 County Budget Report

County Clerk Aschoff presented the Board with a report of preliminary budget requests and noted that she and County Treasurer Karey are still working on a few remaining departmental budgets. The budget committee will meet on July 30th at 1:00 p.m. to begin reviewing department requests.

Claims

Moved by Krafka, seconded by Bauer, to approve the claims as presented, except for the claim from Steager Lawn Care LLC. Upon roll call vote the following voted Aye: Krafka, Bauer, Griess, Sypal, Vandenberg, Steager. Nay: None. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Sypal, to approve the claim for Steager Lawn Care LLC. Upon roll call vote the following voted Aye: Bauer, Griess, Sypal, Vandenberg, Krafka. Nay: None. Abstain: Steager. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Supervisor Vandenberg noted that while he did not have a formal report, things are working out well at the Senior Center/Rural Transit with Jillian Boss and Mike Muck.

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance regarding funding available through Section 319 grants.

Quarterly Jail Inspection

The County Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection from 10:20 a.m. until 10:28 a.m.

Meeting recessed at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Griess to move into the Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted Aye: Sypal, Griess, Bauer, Krafka, Vandenberg, Steager. Nay: None. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

Moved by Griess, seconded by Sypal, to exit the Board of Equalization at 11:20 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted Aye: Griess, Sypal, Vandenberg, Krafka, Bauer, Steager. Nay: None. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be August 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Lori L. Aschoff, County Clerk
Scott Steager, Chairman

CLAIMS LIST FOR JULY 2026

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Cenex-Fleet Fueling	\$ 2,340.71
Clearfly	\$ 1,282.89
David City Utilities	\$ 6,205.84
Spectrum/Charter Communications	\$ 390.00
US Cellular	\$ 194.71
US Cellular	\$ 64.30
Black Hills Energy	\$ 207.04
T-Mobile	\$ 72.93
Uniti / Windstream	\$ 522.15
US Cellular	\$ 101.43
Verizon	\$ 30.02
Windstream	\$ 117.12
Payroll	\$ 493.81
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation	\$ 33.33
E.F.T.P.S.	\$ 37.78
Bank of the Valley	\$ 1,750.00
Verizon	\$ 40.01
Black Hills Energy	\$ 195.99
US Cellular	\$ 646.31
Salaries	\$ 246,694.79
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc.	\$ 2,605.40

AKRS	\$	280.00
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation	\$	16,606.99
Applied Connective Technologies	\$	7,957.17
Bar S Vet	\$	32.90
Benes Heating & AC	\$	6,870.00
BraveBe Child Advocacy Center	\$	1,980.00
Brohm, Lindahl, Freeman-Caddy	\$	112.50
Brohm, Lindahl, Freeman-Caddy	\$	5,725.00
Burnett Service	\$	815.24
Butler County Clinic, P.C.	\$	341.07
Butler County Court	\$	591.78
Butler County Dist. Court	\$	170.00
Butler County Health	\$	3,783.33
Butler County Register of Deeds	\$	26.00
Butler County Sheriff	\$	424.42
Butler County Welding	\$	9.69
Capital Business System	\$	260.93
Carpenter Paper	\$	729.74
Colfax County Sheriff	\$	18.50
Column Software PBC	\$	65.12
Comfort Inn-Kearney	\$	279.90
Culligan of Columbus	\$	637.81
CVSOAN Treasurer/Tom Reimer	\$	60.00
DAS State ACCTG-Central Finance	\$	700.50
David City Ace Hardware	\$	219.92
David City Discount Pharmacy	\$	54.90
Demon Decals	\$	250.00
Jane Dobesh	\$	16.00
E.F.T.P.S.	\$	18,110.86
Eakes Office Solutions	\$	1,209.77
Egan Supply Co.	\$	75.00
Egr, Birkel, Wollmer	\$	4,827.10
First Nat 'I Bank of Omaha: Visa	\$	666.61
First Nat 'I Bank of Omaha: Visa	\$	381.35
First Nat 'I Bank of Omaha: Visa	\$	465.41
FLS	\$	275.00
Frontier Coop	\$	1,399.32
Lucille F. Fuxa-Cuba	\$	10.00
Garratt Callahan	\$	280.00
Graham Tire Lincoln North	\$	1,065.19
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	\$	1,379.11
Hartman Auto Repair	\$	326.81
Hanna: Keelan Associates	\$	14,250.00
Holiday Inn Kearney	\$	239.90

Hometown Leasing	\$	1,246.33
Marcella Howe	\$	16.00
Indoff LLC	\$	1,032.80
Jackson Services	\$	528.81
Eldeen Kabourek	\$	11.00
KC Life	\$	2,261.30
KC Life	\$	378.84
KC Life	\$	573.50
Keith County Sheriff	\$	22.00
Kobza Motors Inc.	\$	1,067.24
Kracl Funeral Chapel	\$	390.00
Lancaster County Sheriff	\$	6.76
Language Line Services, Inc.	\$	17.22
Lincoln Journal Star	\$	662.73
Medica	\$	75,571.94
Menards	\$	57.96
MIPS	\$	3,959.15
Motorola Solutions	\$	7.12
NACO	\$	125.00
NE Health & Human Service	\$	183.00
Nebraska Air Filter	\$	472.12
Northside, Inc.	\$	1,495.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	\$	84.00
Secretary of State/Elections Division	\$	40.00
Sentrixx	\$	1,110.73
Sipple, Hansen, Emerson, Schumacher	\$	435.00
Morgan Smith	\$	3,250.00
Timothy Sopinski	\$	6,250.00
SEND D	\$	7,415.00
Spectrum/Charter Communications	\$	390.00
Steager Lawn Service	\$	150.00
Summit Food Service LLC	\$	16,624.82
The Waldinger	\$	627.50
Thibault, Suhr & Thibault, Inc.	\$	137.50
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters	\$	657.15
Thomson Reuters-West	\$	2,669.77
Joyce Thorson	\$	10.00
Total Fire & Security	\$	722.50
UNL Print & Copy Services	\$	10.02
Neal Valorz	\$	1,260.00
Waste Connections	\$	364.15
Western Oil, II LLC	\$	21.00
Marianne Ziethen	\$	80.78
Kenny Pelan	\$	30.00

Julie Reiter	\$	208.36
Robert Coufal	\$	30.00
Angie Siebken	\$	30.00
Mark Doehling	\$	408.73
Erin Robinson	\$	64.81
Breann Whitmore	\$	26.99
Lori Aschoff	\$	31.20
Brian Foral	\$	76.85
Sandy Hoeft	\$	1.70
Aida Hickman	\$	135.94
Total	\$	491,447.72

ROAD FUND CLAIMS

AMOUNT

Black Hills Energy	\$	54.22
Butler Public Power Dist.	\$	912.40
Motor Fuels Division	\$	2,203.00
Uniti/Windstream	\$	173.54
Salaries	\$	103,342.79
Advanced Auto Glass	\$	1,290.00
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation	\$	6,529.79
Bockmann, LLC	\$	28,387.00
Bomgaars	\$	1,174.92
Butler County Clinic, PC	\$	125.00
Butler County Welding	\$	43.96
David City Ace Hardware	\$	942.71
E.F.T.P.S.	\$	7,348.66
Farmers Cooperative	\$	1,647.80
First Nat 'l Bank Omaha: Visa	\$	69.90
First Nat 'l Bank Omaha: Visa	\$	15.32
Frontier Cooperative	\$	169.07
Ideal Pure Water of Lincoln	\$	91.50
Indoff LLC	\$	73.96
Jackson Services, Inc.	\$	1,243.96
Johnson Sand & Gravel	\$	116,381.85
Kroeger Sand & Gravel	\$	66,245.00
Marx Dust Control	\$	67,380.00
Menards	\$	1,062.22
Midwest Fence-Guardrail Systems Inc.	\$	3,150.00
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	\$	13,616.05
National Sign Company	\$	594.59
Nippon Sanso Matheson	\$	48.33
NMC, LLC	\$	19,320.04
Northside, Inc.	\$	22,501.33
Occupational Health Services	\$	55.00

Paul's Plumbing LLC	\$	617.00
Plunkett's/Varment Guard	\$	206.66
Power Plan	\$	8,607.17
RC Pit Stop	\$	883.81
Rehmer Auto Parts Inc.	\$	943.94
Rerucha Ag & Auto Supply	\$	476.22
Rezac Seed	\$	1,500.00
Sack Lumber	\$	7.49
Schmid & Sons	\$	3,100.38
Security Equipment, Inc.	\$	1,265.88
Sunbelt Rentals, Inc.	\$	658.39
Truck Center Companies	\$	517.50
Village of Brainard	\$	53.80
Village of Ulysses	\$	52.73
Western Oil II, LLC	\$	2,025.98
Randy Isham	\$	30.00
Jim Novacek	\$	30.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$	487,170.86

<u>EQUIPMENT SINKING FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
Stryker Sales, LLC	\$	1,863.68
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$	1,863.68

<u>VISITOR'S PROMOTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
All Star Polka Show (Relay for Life)	\$	25.00
D-Sign Shop (Relay for Life)	\$	661.00
Friends of David City (Summerfest)	\$	1,000.00
Becca Meusch (Relay for Life)	\$	37.73
Nebraska Rural Radio (Relay for Life)	\$	195.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$	1,918.73

<u>R.O.D. PRESERVATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
Eakes Office Solutions	\$	150.75
MIPS	\$	341.24
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$	491.99

<u>RURAL TRANSIT SERVICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
David City Utilities	\$	293.78
Payroll	\$	6,967.00
Ameritas life Insurance Corporation	\$	470.27
E.F.T.P.S.	\$	532.97
T-Mobile	\$	229.77
Salaries	\$	4,137.23
A.R.E. Pest Control	\$	30.00

Ameritas life Insurance Corporation	\$	184.54
Greg Aschoff	\$	600.00
Butler County Senior Services	\$	50.00
David City Ace Hardware	\$	30.57
DC Door Company	\$	90.00
E.F.T.P.S.	\$	316.50
Frontier Coop	\$	594.36
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$	14,526.99

<u>SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
David City Utilities	\$	685.20
Payroll	\$	109.20
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation	\$	7.37
E.F.T.P.S.	\$	8.35
Salaries	\$	13,831.90
A.R.E. Pest Control	\$	30.00
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation	\$	899.89
Greg Aschoff	\$	600.00
Buresh Meats	\$	513.81
Cash-Wa Distributing	\$	3,345.84
Didier's Grocery	\$	169.86
Eakes Office Solutions	\$	211.82
E.F.T.P.S.	\$	1,005.27
Jackson Services	\$	139.20
JC Lock & Key LLC	\$	621.25
Napier Construction Services	\$	608.00
Nebraska Air Filter	\$	75.90
SuperSaver	\$	343.85
Butler County Senior Center	\$	146.28
Joanna Brandenburg	\$	95.70
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$	23,448.69

<u>E-911</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
Butler Public Power Dist.	\$	152.97
Salaries	\$	27,377.52
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation	\$	1,732.45
E.F.T.P.S.	\$	2,003.13
Eakes Office Solutions	\$	47.54
First National Bank Omaha: Visa	\$	460.00
IAR LLC	\$	4,611.00
NENA: The 911 Association	\$	536.00
Sharon Codr	\$	30.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$	36,950.61

911 WIRELESS FUND

	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Das State ACCTG-Central Finance	\$ 30.00

<u>TOTAL</u>	\$ 30.00
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911 WIRELESS HOLDING

	<u>AMOUNT</u>
APCO International	\$ 604.00

Cody Howell	\$ 230.55
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Windstream	\$ 684.86
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Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 28.50
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Sencommunications, Inc.	\$ 253.94
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<u>TOTAL</u>	\$ 1,801.85
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GRAND TOTAL CLAIMS

\$ 1,059,651.12
