

BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

The Buffalo County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. Chairperson Morrow called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board members responded to roll call: Timothy Higgins, Ivan Klein, Myron Kouba, Ronald Loeffelholz, Daniel Lynch, Bill Maendele and Sherry Morrow. A copy of the acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda by the Board of Commissioners is attached to these minutes. Public notice of this meeting was published/posted in the Kearney Hub, on the Buffalo County website, and the bulletin boards located outside the County Clerk’s office and County Board Room on September 17, 2026. Chairperson Morrow announced that in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and posted at the back of the Board Room. County Clerk Heather Christensen took all proceedings hereinafter shown; while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chief Deputy County Attorney Andrew Hoffmeister and Deputy County Attorney Josiah Davis were present.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Lynch to approve the September 8, 2026 Board meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Lynch, Klein, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Commissioner Maendele read into the record Employee Recognitions for the following County Employees: Natalie Munter (Register of Deeds) for 1 year of service, Isaac Herman (County Attorney) for 1 year of service, Miranda Jenkins (Veteran’s Services) for 1 year of service, Guy Bitz (Road) for 1 year of service, Danny Bednarz (Road) for 1 year of service, and Jeff Wirth (Public Defender) for 36 years of service.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Kouba to ratify the following September 18, 2026 payroll claims processed by the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Kouba, Klein, Loeffelholz, Lynch, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026 PAYROLL

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
NET PAYROLL		576,573.28
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	158,926.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	41,376.40
MADISON NATIONAL	I	492.27
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	41,242.79
<u>ROAD FUND</u>		
NET PAYROLL		97,913.41
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	6,856.23
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	6,411.68
<u>HEALTH INSURANCE FUND</u>		
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	E	71.76
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	E	483.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	200.00
MADISON NATIONAL	E	31.21
<u>EMPLOYEE DEDUCTIONS</u>		
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	2,023.06
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	26,729.00
EMPOWER ANNUITY INS	R	1,075.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	8,583.81
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	102,568.84
KEARNEY UNITED WAY	E	40.00
MADISON NATIONAL	I	1,327.89
METLIFE	E	5,534.73
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	1,867.50
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	876.50
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	32,593.89
STATE OF NE	T	21,117.78
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	1,538.97

Key: E- Expense: I- Insurance & or Bonds: R- Retirement: T- Taxes

After discussion, it was determined that the Funds Transfer agenda item was not necessary this month.

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Higgins to approve the following September 2026 vendor claims submitted by the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
AARON WENTZ	RE	45.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	MC	20,717.42
AKRS EQUIPMENT RAVENNA JOHN DEERE	SU	622.05
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SU	10,074.84
AMERICAN ELECTRIC COMPANY	SU	655.34
ANA POST	RE	21.20
ANDREW W HOFFMEISTER	RE	45.00
ARTISANS PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY	S	40.00
ASHTIN OLSON	S	160.00
AT&T MOBILITY	U	3,076.32
ATS	S	74.57
BERLA CORPORATION	S	24,575.00
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	SU	75.92
BRANDON DUGAN LAW	S	2,650.91
BRENDA ROHRICH	RE	45.00
BRUNER FRANK SCHUMACHER	S	22,937.43
BSBB	RT	290.00
BUFFALO CO CLERK	RE	2,558.00
BUFFALO CO COURT	E	2,735.63
BUFFALO CO FACILITIES	RE	307.65
BUFFALO CO PLANNING AND ZONING	E	100.00
BUFFALO CO PUBLIC DEFENDER	RE	623.20
BUFFALO CO SHERIFF	RE	157.00
BUFFALO CO SHERIFF	E	3,536.06
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	T	3,822.78
BUILDERS WAREHOUSE	SU	1,794.27
CANON U.S.A.	EQ	258.69
CAPITAL CITY TRANSFER SERVICE	S	1,102.00
CENTENNIAL PARK PRESERVATION	RT	410.00
CENTRAL NEBRASKA REPORTING	S	630.00
CHARLIE BALES	RE	45.00
CHARM-TEX	SU	6,400.50
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	S	1,148.38
CHEMSEARCHFE	S	1,004.49
CHERYL STABENOW	RE	45.00
CHI HEALTH CLINIC SPECIALTY	MC	261.14
CITY OF KEARNEY	U	6,166.89
CITY OF KEARNEY	E	304,555.70
CITY OF KEARNEY	E	196.74
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	E	1,510.00
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	S	510.51
CLIPPER PUBLISHING	A	75.25
COCHRAN LAW PC	S	4,475.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	A	1,002.98
COMFY BOWL	EQ	385.00
COMPSYCH CORPORATION	MC	1,882.32
CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	EQ	312.00
CONTEMPORARY OBSTETRICS	MC	127.56
COPYCAT PRINTING CENTER	SU	78.51
CULLIGAN OF KEARNEY	S	644.00
CYNTHIA GEMBALA HUGG	S	260.00
D. BRANDON BRINEGAR	RE	289.58
DAN'S SANITATION	S	23.25
DAS ST ACCOUNTING	S	150.00
DAS STATE ACCTNG-CENTRAL FINANCE	S	1,536.00
DATASHIELD CORPORATION	S	54.53
DAVID LILIENTHAL	RT	290.00
DAWSON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	E	29.09

DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	U	5,514.89
DEBORAH COOLEY	S	141.10
DENNISE DANIELS	RE	45.00
DERIC SINSEL	RE	45.00
DIAMOND DRUGS	MC	10,845.74
DIER, OSBORN & COX	S	1,749.00
DOUG KRAMER	RE	45.00
DR MICHAEL LAWSON	S	200.00
DREW BOHL	RE	45.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SU	3,827.29
EGAN SUPPLY COMPANY	SU	2,739.76
ELITE COURT REPORTING SER	S	286.25
ERIC INGEBRETSEN	RE	45.00
EUSTIS BODY SHOP	S	1,418.50
FAMILY PRACTICE ASSOCIATES	MC	302.00
FARMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION	F	176.89
FATHER FLANAGAN'S BOYS'HOME	S	7,743.54
FRITSON PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	S	3,900.00
FRONTIER	U	4,213.04
FYE LAW OFFICE	S	7,132.64
GALLS	EQ	448.58
GARY MICHAELS CLOTHIERS	SU	104.00
GIBBON FIRE DEPARTMENT	S	100.00
GO PHYSICAL THERAPY	MC	422.32
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	S	1,207.25
GREAT PLAINS RADIOLOGY & NUCLEAR	MC	112.00
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SU	56.57
GUARDIAN ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGIES	S	1,000.00
HALL CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	E	68.39
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF'S DEPT.	E	27.00
HAYES & ASSOCIATES	S	32,500.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	S	6,512.22
INTECH SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS	S	6,909.00
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	EQ	380.00
ISAAC CONSTRUCTION	S	1,471.88
JACK'S UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT	EQ	60.89
JACOB SINDT	RE	45.00
JACOBSEN ORR LAW FIRM	S	15,777.68
JEFFREY C KNAPP	S	1,557.94
JENNIFER CHURCH	RE	136.20
JENNIFER R MCCARTER REPORTING	S	1,694.60
JEREMY SEDLACEK	RE	3.98
JESSICA DREIER	S	854.90
JOHN AUPPERLE	RE	45.00
JOHN MARSH	RE	45.00
JOHNSTONE SUPPLY	SU	1,733.40
JOSE RODRIGUEZ	RE	45.00
JOSH PINKHAM	RE	45.00
JOSHUA CHANEY	RE	15.90
JOSIAH DAVIS	RE	45.00
JUSTICE WORKS	E	180.00
KANE M RAMSEY	RE	45.00
KATHARINE COLLINS	RE	45.00
KAYDEN POFF	E	67.50
KEARNEY AG & AUTO REPAIR	S	1,625.67
KEARNEY CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	E	97.32
KEARNEY HOUSING AGENCY	RT	580.00
KEARNEY HUB	A	142.07
KEARNEY TOWING & REPAIR CENTER	S	65.00
KEARNEY WINNELSON CO	SU	1,047.18
KLEIN BREWSTER BRANDT & MESSERSMITH	S	25,505.00
KRONOS	S	1,449.75
L & M PROPERTIES	RT	370.00

LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	U	24.00
LANNY CARLSON MOTORS	EQ	43,170.00
LIESKE, LIESKE & ENSZ	S	470.75
LINCOLN CO SHERIFF	E	18.00
LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR	A	174.72
LISA R HUERTA	RE	45.00
LOYE WOLFE	RE	2.31
LYDIA DAVIS	RE	45.00
LYNN MARTIN	RE	45.00
LYNNE M. ALBIN	S	1,045.80
MAGNET FORENSICS	S	28,900.00
MANDI J AMY	RE	45.00
MANDY M MEYER	S	100.00
MARC VACEK	RE	46.91
MARTI SLEISTER	RE	45.00
MASTERS TRUE VALUE	SU	187.96
MATTHEW STARKEY	RE	44.08
MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL	MC	308.57
MELANIE R YOUNG	RE	142.83
MELISSA L WILLIS	RE	108.84
MENARDS	SU	5,563.49
MICHAEL D CARPER	S	1,050.00
MICHAEL J SYNEK	S	4,818.08
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	S	730.00
MIDWAY CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP	EQ	324.00
MIDWEST CONNECT	S	6,081.29
MIDWEST SEPTIC	EQ	475.00
MIPS INC.	S	6,384.95
MIRROR IMAGE CAR WASH	S	660.59
NACO	E	50.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	EQ	913.54
NATHAN AREHART	RE	45.00
NATHAN BRECHT	RE	45.00
NE CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO	U	226.60
NE DEPT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS	AP	50,000.00
NE GENERATOR SERVICE	S	2,874.00
NE INTERACTIVE	E	100.00
NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	E	938.22
NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	U	27,830.90
NICK KILLOUGH	RE	45.00
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SER	S	10,571.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	U	1,095.40
NSA/POAN CONFERENCE	E	1,320.00
OPTK NETWORKS	E	1,253.24
PARKER GROSSART BAHENSKY BEUCKE	S	3,207.08
PAUL FARRELL	RE	45.00
PHELPS CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	E	18.50
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY P.C.	S	9,260.00
PLATTE VALLEY AUTO	EQ	603.30
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	S	555.60
PLATTE VALLEY DENTAL CLINIC	MC	655.00
PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESALE	SU	111.43
POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION	SU	14.00
PRO-TINT	S	2,142.01
PSYCHOLOGICAL RESOURCES	S	250.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA	RT	214.53
QUILL CORPORATION	EQ	589.17
RAVENNA SANITATION	S	1,128.00
REBECCA RILEY	RE	45.00
REBECCA TVRDIK ANDERSON	S	1,550.00
REGAN VAN MATRE	RE	45.00
RICHARD SERR	RE	45.00
RIVER FRONT GLASS	E	45.00

RMV CONSTRUCTION	C	52,451.11
ROBERT RICH	RE	45.00
ROBERT SOHL	RE	45.00
S.O.F. PROTECTIONS	S	3,134.40
SARAH SMITH	RE	75.06
SARPY CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	S	70.44
SAYLER SCREENPRINTING	S	803.35
SCOTT BRADY	RE	14.31
SCOTT STUBBLEFIELD	RE	28.88
SHARON MAULER	S	300.00
SHAWN EATHERTON	RE	45.00
SHERWIN WILLIAMS	SU	2,682.35
SOLID WASTE AGENCY LANDFILL	C	198.58
SPEARTAC SOLUTIONS	EQ	440.00
STAMM ROMERO & ASSOC	S	16,496.67
STANLEY BRODINE	RE	16.72
STEPHEN G LOWE	S	1,850.00
STEVEN BREWSTER	RE	218.70
STRATTON HATS	SU	138.04
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	S	33,426.36
TAMARA FRIZANE	RE	45.00
THE BPAD GROUP	S	1,000.00
THE CHANGE COMPANIES	S	1,079.58
THE LAWN BUILDERS	S	1,471.10
THE LOCKMOBILE	SU	7.50
THE WALDINGER CORPORATION	S	11,858.84
THOMAS S STEWART	S	1,754.39
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	E	1,354.63
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	E	4,887.15
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	S	654.15
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	E	930.86
TIM KREUTZER	RE	12.65
TIM VANCE	RE	327.72
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	S	135.91
TRENTON SNOW, LLC	RT	1,000.00
TURNER BODY SHOP OF KEARNEY	S	259.00
TYE & ROWLING	S	600.00
U.S. BANK	E	28,337.21
VERIZON	S	1,339.67
VERIZON WIRELESS	S	679.21
VILLAGE OF MILLER	U	25.00
VILLAGE UNIFORM	SU	202.43
WELLS FARGO	E	1,045.00
WELLS FARGO	E	76.88
WELLS FARGO	E	161.02
WELLS FARGO	E	511.36
WELLS FARGO BANKS ACCT ANALYSIS	E	70.03
WILKE'S TRUE VALUE	SU	74.10
WILKINS ARCHITECTURE DESIGN	S	968.15
WILLIE KEEP	RE	27.03
WINZER	SU	423.64
WPCI	S	62.00
YELLOW ROBE CONSULTING	S	1,800.00
YOUNG ELECTRIC	S	3,500.00
<u>ROAD FUND</u>		
ACE HARDWARE & GARDEN CENTER	SU	202.34
ACE IRRIGATION & MFG	EQ	1,216.86
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SU	277.98
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY/AUTO VALUE PART	SU	2,062.88
BADGER BODY & TRUCK EQUIPMENT	EQ	27,926.00
BOSSELMAN ENERGY	F	663.00
BUFFALO CO CLERK	RE	238.00
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	E	18.00

BUTLER AG EQUIPMENT	S	545.07
COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL COR	SU	472.78
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	A	139.32
COMFY BOWL	EQ	105.00
CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	S	321.75
CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	S	1,121.54
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SU	124.69
ED BROADFOOT & SONS SAND & GRAVEL	G	18,332.44
FARM PLAN	S	1,784.45
FARMERS CO-OP ASSOCIATION	F	42.53
FASTENAL COMPANY	S	220.65
FRIESEN CHEVROLET	F	453.31
GAMMA SCIENTIFIC	S	958.00
GARRETT TIRES & TREADS	S	1,000.00
GLASS DOCTOR OF CENTRAL NE	S	188.89
GRAHAM TIRE CO	S	1,256.90
HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK	S	989.76
KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY	S	39.41
MARLATT PRECISION	S	1,093.79
MASTERS TRUE VALUE	EQ	71.23
MENARDS	SU	101.93
MID NEBRASKA AGGREGATE	G	39,281.50
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SU	495.50
NMC, INC.	S	10,168.57
PAULSEN	G	28,843.93
POWERPLAN-MURPHY TRACTOR	S	4,928.44
RICHARD STUBBS	RE	31.00
SOUTHWEST GRAVEL PRODUCTS	G	15,893.56
STERN OIL COMPANY	F	10,699.14
U.S. BANK	E	655.41
WILKE'S TRUE VALUE	SU	21.98
WINZER	SU	1,091.71
<u>VISITOR'S PROMOTION</u>		
KEARNEY VISITOR'S BUREAU	E	99,616.00
<u>VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT</u>		
KEARNEY VISITOR'S BUREAU	E	99,617.00
<u>DEEDS PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION</u>		
MIPS INC.	S	302.06
<u>HEALTH INSURANCE FUND</u>		
BCBS HEALTH CLAIM EXPENSE	MC	364,710.99
HM LIFE MELLON GLOBAL CASH MGNT	MC	99,990.56
<u>DRUG FORFEITURES</u>		
BLUE STREAK K9	E	14,500.00
SHAWN EATHERTON	RE	79.98
U.S. BANK	E	5,291.75
<u>FEDERAL GRANTS</u>		
ENCARTELE	EQ	6,000.00
<u>EMPLOYEE DEDUCTIONS</u>		
CENTURYLINK	S	2,377.84
FIBER PLATFORM	S	256.36
FRONTIER	S	406.96
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	S	440.00
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	S	120.36
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	S	9,041.28
NE CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO	U	109.99
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	S	1,417.67

Key: A- Advertisement: AP- Appropriation (Budget): C- Construction: D- Dues: E- Expense: EQ- Equipment: F- Fuel: G- Gravel: I- Insurance & or Bonds: MC- Medical Charges: RE- Reimbursement: RT- Rent: S- Service: SU- Supplies: T- Taxes: U- Utilities

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Lynch to approve the Buffalo County Budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027 (Public Hearing held September 8, 2026) with the following Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations 2026-41. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Lynch, Klein, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-41

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners on the 8th day of September 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Buffalo County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the budget for Buffalo County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities, and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

Following discussion, it was moved by Maendele and seconded by Loeffelholz to approve the petty cash funds for Sheriff, Attorney, Public Defender, Veteran’s Service, County Court, Board of Commissioners, Register of Deeds, Treasurer, County Clerk, Facilities Department, Planning and Zoning, and District Court Clerk with the following Resolution 2026-42. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-42

We, the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners, authorize petty cash funds to be operated by the Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$2,500.00, the County Attorney’s Office in the amount of \$26,500.00, the Public Defender’s Office in the amount of \$2,300.00, the Veteran’s Service Office in the amount of \$12,000.00; the County Court Office in the amount of \$450.00, the Board of Commissioners in the amount of \$10,000.00, the Register of Deeds Office in the amount of \$200.00, the Treasurer’s Office in the amount of \$2,250.00, the County Clerk’s Office in the amount of \$12,000.00, the Facilities Department in the amount of \$5,000.00, the Planning and Zoning Office in the amount of \$150.00, and the Clerk of District Court for \$574.11.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Higgins to approve the property tax requests for the fiscal year 2026-2027 with the following Resolution 2026-43. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-43

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of Buffalo County passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Buffalo County resolves that:

1.

The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at:

General Fund	\$28,311,097.08
Bond Levy Fund	<u>\$1,785,983.69</u>
Total	\$30,097,080.77
2.

The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 6.22%
3.

The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the total assessed value of property, would be \$.303531 per \$100 assessed value
4.

The County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause a tax rate to be \$.323372 per \$100 of assessed value
5.

Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Buffalo County will be more than last year’s by 6.05%
6.

A copy of this resolution will be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Klein to approve the agreement with WJE Consulting, LLC to prepare the indirect cost allocation plan. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Lynch, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Lynch to acknowledge receipt of road maintenance petition for Petersen Estates and refer this petition to Highway Superintendent John Maul for review and report. Highway Superintendent Maul will conduct a study and report back to this Board within 30 days. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Following the presentation from Heather Santiago, it was moved by Maendele and seconded by Kouba to acknowledge receipt of the presented proposal from Kearney’s Village Transitional and Sober Living. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Kouba, Higgins, Klein, Loeffelholz, Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Chairperson Morrow reviewed the following correspondence. City of Kearney sent a letter regarding the Planning Commission Agenda for September 18, 2026. County Clerk added the last Planning Commission meeting minutes to the Board packets as requested by the Board. Chairperson Morrow called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations.

At 10:00 A.M., County Attorney Shawn Eatherton arrived while Chief Deputy County Attorney Hoffmeister left.

Jon Cannon of NACO presented an update to the Board.

Facilities Director Stephen Gaasch presented an update on various county projects.

Chairperson Morrow called for Citizen’s forum. Two employees of Kearney’s Transitional and Sober Living approached the Board in support of the Kearney’s Village proposal. No one else addressed the Board.

At 10:29 A.M., Chairperson Morrow asked if there was anything else to come before the Board before she declared the meeting adjourned until the regular meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

ATTEST:

Sherry L. Morrow, Chairperson
Buffalo County Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

Heather A. Christensen
Buffalo County Clerk