

**BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

The Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and the Buffalo County Board of Equalization met on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. and 9:30 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, Daniel Lynch, Bill Maendele and Sherry Morrow. Absent: Ronald Loeffelholz. 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 18, 2025. 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. County Attorney Shawn Eatherton was present.

Moved by Lynch and seconded by Higgins to approve the September 9, 2025 Board meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Lynch to ratify the following September 19, 2025 payroll claims processed by the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 PAYROLL**

<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>			
NET PAYROLL			383,365.28
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	1,426.90
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	67,365.86
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	174,462.50
BUFFALO COUNTY COURT	E	GARNISHMENT	166.76
EMPOWER ANNUITY INS	R	DEFERRED COMP	1,075.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	6,674.06
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	129,150.81
KEARNEY UNITED WAY	E	DONATIONS	67.42
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	1,143.10
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	305.54
METLIFE	E	DENTAL	4,310.44
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	3,257.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	876.50
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	20,193.73
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	1,252.25
<b><u>ROAD FUND</u></b>			
NET PAYROLL			63,339.73
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	897.39
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	9,836.47
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	4,288.00
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	E	GARNISHMENT	75.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	842.49
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	18,581.35
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	179.37
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	107.65
METLIFE	E	DENTAL	1,028.34
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	272.50
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	2,711.92
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	319.16
<b><u>WEED FUND</u></b>			
NET PAYROLL			5,728.19
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	900.84
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	346.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	33.33
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	1,789.53
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	3.95
METLIFE	E	DENTAL	60.36

STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	264.73
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Commissioner Maendele read into the record Employee Recognitions for the following County Employees: Kollin Forney for 1 Year of service, Logan Rutan for 1 year of service, Kristopher Delehant, for 5 years of service, Richard Serr for 5 years of service, Cheri Hilton for 10 years of service, Jennifer Church for 15 years of service and Jeff Wirth for 35 years of service.

Moved by Lynch and seconded by Klein to approve the following transfer of County funds all per budget. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

FROM	0100	GENERAL FUND	TO	2750	SINKING FUND	\$210,000.00
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Moved by Klein and seconded by Kouba to approve the following September 2025 vendor and election claims submitted by the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Kouba, Higgins, Lynch, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
ADAMS CO SHERIFF	E	FEES	18.50
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	MC	MEDICAL	20,717.42
AKRS EQUIPMENT RAVENNA JOHN DEERE	S	REPAIR	158.00
ALL CITY GARAGE DOOR	S	REPAIRS	1,830.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	E	EXPENSES	2,347.87
MANDI J AMY	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
AREA SERVICES	S	SVC	487.50
NATHAN AREHART	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
AT&T MOBILITY	S	PHONE SVC	3,290.12
ATS	S	REPAIRS	1,373.82
BECKMAN LANDSCAPING	S	SVC	175.00
DREW BOHL	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	SU	SUPPLIES	26.85
BONCZYNSKI HALL, CAROL	RT	RENT	317.22
BOYS TOWN	S	JUV SVC	690.63
NATHAN BRECHT	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
D. BRANDON BRINEGAR	RE	REIMBURSE	96.99
STANLEY BRODINE	RE	REIMBURSE	15.26
BRUNER FRANK SCHUMACHER	S	LEGAL	27,321.59
BUFFALO CO COMMUNITY PARTNERS	SS	JUV SVCS	1,068.30
BUFFALO CO ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	E	EXPENSES	1,488.42
BUFFALO CO CLERK	E	PER DIEM	1,220.00
BUFFALO CO COURT	E	FEES	4,014.13
BUFFALO CO SHERIFF	E	FEES	79.35
BUFFALO CO SHERIFF	E	EXPENSES	900.20
BUFFALO CO SHERIFF	E	EXPENSES	3,287.12
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	E	CONSULT	1,103.17
BUILDERS WAREHOUSE INC	SU	SUPPLIES	119.94
CANON U.S.A., INC.	S	PRINTER MAINT	230.97
CAPITAL CITY TRANSFER SERVICE	E	TRANSPORT	3,677.20
CARPENTER & SKALKA COURT	S	SVC	342.55
MICHAEL D CARPER	S	LEGAL	1,520.00
CELLEBRITE INC	E	SUBSCRIPTION	6,088.15
CENTENNIAL PARK PRESERVATION	RT	RENT	330.00
CENTRAL MEDIATION CENTER	S	JUV SVC	828.00
CENTRAL NE REPORTING	S	SVC	405.00
CENTURY LUMBER CENTER	SU	SUPPLIES	48.41
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	U	TELE SVC	1,315.20
CHEMSEARCHFE	U	SVC	957.29
JENNIFER CHURCH	RE	REIMBURSE	102.40
CIOX HEALTH	S	SVC	33.00
CITY OF KEARNEY	U	UTILITIES	4,886.95
CITY OF KEARNEY	E	EXPENSES	230,942.09
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	E	EXPENSES	2,032.00
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	E	FEES	407.03
CNA SURETY	S	SVC	40.00
COCHRAN LAW PC	S	LEGAL	4,116.84

COLLABORATEIQ	EQ	EQUIP	530.35
KATHARINE COLLINS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	A	PUBLICATION	994.99
COMFY BOWL	RT	RENTAL	310.00
COMPSYCH CORPORATION	S	SVC	1,882.32
CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	RT	RENTAL	196.21
COPYCAT PRINTING CENTER	SU	SUPPLIES	13.30
CULLIGAN OF KEARNEY	S	SVC	629.50
CUSTER CO SHERIFF	E	FEES	18.50
DAN'S SANITATION	S	SVC	22.25
DENNISE DANIELS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
DAS ST ACCOUNTING	S	SVC	150.00
DAS STATE ACCTNG-CENTRAL FINANCE	U	PHONC SVC	1,536.00
DATASHIELD CORPORATION	S	SVC	54.53
JOSIAH DAVIS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
LYDIA DAVIS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
DAWSON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	E	FEES	38.09
DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	U	UTILITIES	5,295.04
DENT POPPER	S	REPAIRS	300.00
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	MC	MEDICAL	1,822.64
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	E	REGISTRATION	1,200.00
DIAMOND DRUGS	MC	MEDICAL	7,055.79
DIER, OSBORN & COX, P.C., L.L.O.	S	LEGAL	1,491.00
DODGE CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	E	FEES	16.38
DONKEY TOWING & TRANSFER LLC	S	SVC	183.00
DOUBLE J PLUMBING & CONTRACTING	S	SVC	600.00
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	E	FEE	20.73
DOWHY TOWING & RECOVERY	S	SVC	490.00
BRANDON DUGAN LAW	S	LEGAL	3,726.00
DYNAMIC IMAGING SYSTEMS	S	SVC	4,571.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SU	SUPPLIES	10,984.17
SHAWN EATHERTON	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
EDGE AND STONE COUNTERTOPS	SU	SUPPLIES	75.00
FAMILY PRACTICE ASSOCIATES	MC	MEDICAL	310.00
FARMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION	S	REPAIRS	1,349.87
PAUL FARRELL	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
FATHER FLANAGAN'S BOYS'HOME	S	JUV SVCS	10,130.05
TAMARA FRIZANE	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
FRONTIER	S	PHONE SVC	4,157.25
FYE LAW OFFICE	S	LEGAL	15,809.64
GALLS	EQ	EQUIP	661.14
GARCIA CLINICAL LABORATORY	MC	MEDICAL	51.00
GARRETT TIRES & TREADS	S	REPAIRS	52.00
GARY MICHAELS CLOTHIERS	S	REPAIRS	774.50
CYNTHIA GEMBALA HUGG	S	SVC	1,426.00
GIBBON VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT	S	SVC	100.00
MARCI GILBERTSON	RE	REIMBURSE	15.19
GOVERNMENT FORMS AND SUPPLIES	SU	SUPPLIES	1,477.20
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	U	TELE SVC	2,437.06
MICHAEL GROSSI	RE	REIMBURSE	53.60
GUARDIAN ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGIES	E	FEES	1,000.00
HALL CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	E	FEES	96.09
HAMILTON SALES & SERVICE	EQ	TOOLS	187.30
HAYES & ASSOCIATES	S	SVC	32,500.00
JAMES M HAYS	RT	RENT	370.00
ELANI HOFFMAN	E	FEES	43.80
ANDREW W HOFFMEISTER	RE	REIMURSE	45.00
HOLMES PLUMBING & HEATING	SU	SUPPLIES	43.08
HOMETOWN LEASING	RT	LEASE	5,916.02
HORNER, LIESKE, MCBRIDE & KUHL	E	CREMATION	1,900.00
LISA R HUERTA	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
ERIC INGEBRETSEN	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
INTEGRATED CONTROLS	AP	AGREEMENT	5,590.00
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	EQ	EQUIP	518.00

INTEGRITY CONSTRUCTION	S	SVC	4,699.00
JACOBSEN ORR LAW FIRM	S	LEGAL	19,617.95
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	S	REPAIRS	167.74
JOHNSTONE SUPPLY	E	PARTS	1,044.65
JUSTICE WORKS	S	DEFENDER DATA	96.00
K & B PARTS	S	REPAIRS	67.70
KEARNEY AG & AUTO REPAIR	S	REPAIRS	1,798.79
KEARNEY CRETE & BLOCK CO	SU	SUPPLIES	124.63
KEARNEY TOWING & REPAIR CENTER	S	SVC	855.32
KEARNEY WINNELSON CO	SU	SUPPLIES	1,145.88
NICK KILLOUGH	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
KLEIN BREWSTER BRANDT & MESSERSMITH	S	LEGAL	39,890.00
JEFFREY C KNAPP	S	LEGAL	780.50
DOUG KRAMER	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
KRONOS	S	SVC	1,368.40
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	S	SVC	30.00
LARSEN ELECTRIC INC	S	REPAIRS	110.00
DR MICHAEL LAWSON	E	MH BOARD	200.00
LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR	A	PUBLICATION	315.90
LIESKE, LIESKE & ENSZ	S	LEGAL	5,177.01
LINCOLN CO SHERIFF	E	FEES	99.67
LMN GRAPHICS	S	SVC	3,150.00
RIVER FRONT GLASS	S	REPAIRS	45.00
STEPHEN G LOWE	E	MH HEARING	1,625.00
JOHN MARSH	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
LYNN MARTIN	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
MASTERS TRUE VALUE	SU	SUPPLIES	108.94
SHARON MAULER	E	MH BOARD	200.00
TIFFANY MCBRIDE	E	FEES	20.00
JENNIFER R MCCARTER REPORTING	S	SVC	129.00
MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL	SU	SUPPLIES	165.99
MENARDS	SU	SUPPLIES	9,887.29
MERRICK CO SHERIFF	E	FEES	19.75
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	S	SVC	730.00
MID NE AGGREGATE	SU	SUPPLIES	1,282.35
MIDWAY CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP	S	REPAIRS	294.00
MIDWEST CONNECT	S	POSTAL SVC	34,455.08
MIDWEST PROCESS SERVICES	E	FEES	14.76
MIDWEST SEPTIC	S	SVC	1,947.50
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	E	TRANSPORT	1,292.35
MIPS INC.	S	SUPPORT	6,128.82
MIRROR IMAGE CAR WASH	S	SVC	456.93
MOLLY BOMBERGER COUNSELING SERVICES	S	SVC	2,277.00
MOONLIGHT CUSTOM SCREENPRINT	SU	SUPPLIES	45.00
MORRIS PRESS	SU	SUPPLIES	42.00
KOLTON MORSE	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	EQ	EQUIP	320.00
NACO	E	REGISTRATION	260.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	S	PARTS	758.96
NE CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO	U	TELE SVC	246.59
NE DEPT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS	AP	BUDGET	50,000.00
NE GLASS COMPANY	S	REPAIRS	79.90
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	S	PT SVCS	1,494.91
NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	U	UTILITIES	370.00
NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	U	UTILITIES	27,038.34
NE INTERACTIVE	E	EXPENSES	18.00
OPTK NETWORKS	E	INTERNET	1,253.24
NEKE VALLEY MHP	RT	RENT	370.00
ROBERT NELSON	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
BRITTANY NORDEN	E	FEES	20.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	U	UTILTIES	1,488.38
NSA/POAN CONFERENCE	E	REGISTRATION	1,490.00
OVERHEAD DOOR CO OF KEARNEY	E	MATERIAL	5,557.00

PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	S	SVC	55.00
PARKER GROSSART BAHENSKY BEUCKE	S	LEGAL	3,119.29
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY P.C.	MC	MEDICAL	3,350.00
PLATTE VALLEY AUTO	S	REPAIRS	592.29
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	SU	SUPPLIES	1,955.66
PLATTE VALLEY DENTAL CLINIC	MC	MEDICAL	1,880.00
ANA POST	RE	REIMBURSE	59.56
PRO-TINT	SVS	SVS	150.00
GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE MEDIA GROUP	E	REGISTRATION	1,995.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	RT	LEASE	214.53
QUILL CORPORATION	SU	SUPPLIES	395.94
KANE M RAMSEY	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
RATHMAN MANNING CONSTRUCTION	SU	SUPPLIES	495.00
RAVENNA SANITATION	S	SVC	1,094.00
RAY ALLEN MANUFACTURING	SU	SUPPLIES	2,371.56
RAYNOR GARAGE DOORS	S	REPAIRS	232.50
CHRISTOPHER RECTOR	E	FEES	20.00
REBECCA RILEY	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
JOSE RODRIGUEZ	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
BRENDA ROHRICH	RE	REIMBURSE	117.50
S.O.F. PROTECTIONS	S	SVC	2,708.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	E	REGISTRATION	60.00
RICHARD SERR	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
SHERWIN WILLIAMS	SU	SUPPLIES	355.17
KATHLEEN SKIDMORE	E	FEES	20.00
CRAIG SLEICHER	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
MARTI SLEISTER	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
SHELLY SNIDER	E	WITNESS FEE	20.00
TRENTON SNOW, LLC	RT	RENTAL	1,000.00
SOLID WASTE AGENCY LANDFILL	S	DEMO	101.50
CHERYL STABENOW	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
STAMM ROMERO & ASSOC	S	LEGAL	17,505.51
THOMAS S STEWART	S	LEGAL	2,847.40
STITCH 3 LLC	S	REPAIRS	165.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	E	FOOD SVC	36,015.15
MICHAEL J SYNEK	S	LEGAL	2,211.10
TAYLOR VILLAS	RT	RENT	290.00
THE DIRT WORKS	S	SVC	10,020.00
THE LAWN BUILDERS	SU	SUPPLIES	1,805.28
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	E	SUBSCRIPTION	4,636.05
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	E	SUBSCRIPTION	654.16
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	E	SUBSCRIPTION	1,075.10
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	E	SUBSCRIPTION	869.95
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	S	MAINT	128.22
TURNER BODY SHOP OF KEARNEY	S	REPAIR	65.00
REBECCA TVRDIK ANDERSON	S	LEGAL	2,650.00
TYE & ROWLING	S	LEGAL	200.00
U.S. BANK	E	EXPENSES	10,460.53
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE(HASLER)	E	POSTAGE	1,000.00
TIM VANCE	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
VERIZON	S	SVC	935.91
VERIZON WIRELESS	RE	REIMBURSE	678.97
VILLAGE OF MILLER	U	UTILITIES	25.00
VILLAGE UNIFORM	S	SVC	120.00
WELLS FARGO BANKS ACCT ANALYSIS	E	FEES	69.74
WELLS FARGO	E	EXPENSES	50.86
WELLS FARGO	E	EXPENSES	239.40
WELLS FARGO	E	EXPENSES	249.00
WELLS FARGO	SU	SUPPLIES	495.49
AARON WENTZ	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
WILKE'S TRUE VALUE	SU	SUPPLIES	204.36
WILKINS ARCHITECTURE DESIGN	E	CONSULT	2,865.66
MELISSA L WILLIS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
WPCI	S	SVC	203.00

MELANIE R YOUNG	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
ERIC ZIKMUND	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
1000 PLUS	E	MEMBERSHIP	100.00
<b><u>ROAD/ HWY DEPT</u></b>			
ATLAS COPCO COMPRESSORS	S	REPAIRS	192.29
AUSSIE HYDRAULICS	S	REPAIRS	532.51
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY/AUTO VALUE PART	S	REPAIRS	3,235.98
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	EQ	EQUIP	347.63
BUFFALO CO CLERK	E	PER DIEM	476.00
CENTRAL AG AND SHOP SUPPLY	SU	SUPPLIES	143.80
CFP-C-T	F	FUEL	51.34
COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL COR	SU	SUPPLIES	227.59
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	A	PUBLICATION	41.28
COMFY BOWL	F	FUEL	105.00
CORNHUSKER CLEANING SUPPLY	SU	SUPPLIES	201.63
CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	S	REPAIRS	229.50
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SU	SUPPLIES	42.49
FAMILY PRACTICE ASSOCIATES	MC	MEDICAL	115.00
FARM PLAN	S	REPAIRS	2,297.67
FARMERS CO-OP ASSOCIATION	F	FUEL	62.00
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	E	LABOR	955.55
FRIESEN CHEVROLET	S	REPAIRS	88.96
GARRETT TIRES & TREADS	S	REPAIRS	691.60
GLASS DOCTOR OF CENTRAL NE	S	REPAIRS	413.81
HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK	S	REPAIRS	3,398.72
HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO	S	REPAIRS	2,017.63
JACK LEDERMAN CO	SU	SUPPLIES	80.00
JIM HAWK TRUCK TRAILERS	S	REPAIRS	623.96
KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY	S	REPAIRS	101.72
KIMBALL MIDWEST	S	REPAIRS	134.30
MATHESON TRI-GAS	S	REPAIRS	253.02
MENARDS	S	REPAIRS	69.48
MID NE AGGREGATE INC	G	GRAVEL	36,183.49
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO	SU	SUPPLIES	5,270.00
MILLER & ASSOCIATES	S	ENGINEERING	632.05
NMC, INC.	S	REPAIRS	14,231.68
OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	S	SVC	652.50
PAULSEN	G	GRAVEL	36,084.44
POWERPLAN-MURPHY TRACTOR	S	REPAIRS	9,437.54
SAHLING KENWORTH	S	REPAIRS	25.18
DEB SHUBERT	S	SVC	15.00
SOUTHWEST GRAVEL PRODUCTS	G	GRAVEL	27,395.89
TJS AUTO GLASS	S	REPAIRS	305.20
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	S	REPAIRS	1,086.57
U.S. BANK	E	EXPENSES	701.83
VONTZ PAVING	SU	SUPPLIES	14,779.11
WINZER	SU	SUPPLIES	1,601.11
<b><u>VISITOR'S PROMOTION</u></b>			
KEARNEY VISITOR'S BUREAU	E	EXPENSES	91,097.00
<b><u>VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT</u></b>			
KEARNEY VISITOR'S BUREAU	E	EXPENSES	91,097.00
<b><u>DEEDS PRESERVATION &amp; MODERNIZATION</u></b>			
MIPS INC.	S	PRESERVATION	294.19
<b><u>HEALTH INSURANCE FUND</u></b>			
BCBS HEALTH CLAIM EXPENSE	MC	HEALTH	108,951.72
HM LIFE MELLON GLOBAL CASH MGNT	MC	HEALTH	69,706.44
<b><u>VETERAN'S RELIEF</u></b>			
CO VETERANS AID FUND	E	EXPENSES	1,058.50
<b><u>DRUG FORFEITURES</u></b>			
BUFFALO CO CLERK	E	PER DIEMS	3,126.00
BUFFALO CO SHERIFF	RE	REIMBURSE	1,267.33
CITY OF KEARNEY	RE	REIMBURSE	1,284.07
KYLE KUEBLER	RE	REIMBURSE	695.47

U.S. BANK	E	EXPENSES	2,781.00
<b><u>911 EMERGENCY SERVICE</u></b>			
CENTURYLINK	E	INTERNET	1,781.25
FIBER PLATFORM	EQ	EQUIP	255.90
FRONTIER	U	TELE SVC	931.57
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	U	TELE SVC	3,303.02
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	S	SVC	138.50
NE CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO	U	TELE SVC	109.99
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	S	MAINT	1,417.67
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>			
JIMMI ANN ANDERSON	E	ELECTION	465.00
JODENE L BALDWIN	E	ELECTION	285.00
SUSAN A JANSSEN	E	ELECTION	153.75
BRENDA K MARSHALL	E	ELECTION	266.25
PAMELA J WITTE	E	ELECTION	851.25

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Lynch to acknowledge receipt of the August 2025 Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska RYDE Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Lynch, Higgins, Klein and Morrow. Abstain: Kouba. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

No action was taken on the agenda item regarding an additional 1% Board-approved increase in the prior year’s budgeted restricted funds, subject to legal limitations. The item was placed on the agenda in error. This item is no longer applicable to the current budget process and will not be pursued further.

Moved by Lynch and seconded by Maendele to approve the Buffalo County Budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026 (Public Hearing held September 9, 2025) with the following Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations 2025-58. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Maendele, Higgins, Klein, Kouba and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS  
2025-58**

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

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, 2025 to June 30, 2026 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, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

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.

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Kouba to authorize petty cash funds for Sheriff, Attorney, Probation, 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 approval of Resolution 2025-59. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Kouba, Higgins, Klein, Lynch and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

**RESOLUTION 2025-59**

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 Probation Office in the amount of \$50.00, 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 \$5,000.00, 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 \$50.00, and the Clerk of District Court for \$174.11.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Kouba to approve the Property Tax Request for the fiscal year 2025-2026 with the following Resolution 2025-60. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Kouba, Higgins, Lynch, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

**RESOLUTION 2025-60**

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 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:

General Fund	\$26,400,576.67
Veterans Fund	\$27,512.38
Bond Levy	<u>\$1,822,367.19</u>
Fund	
Total	\$28,250,456.24
- 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 11.54%
- 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 \$.300782 per \$100 assessed value
- 4. The County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause a tax rate to be \$.322408 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 less than last year’s by 7.78%
- 6. A copy of this resolution will be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025

After discussion it was moved by Maendele and seconded by Lynch to authorize Chairperson Morrow to sign the Certification Statement dealing with the WJE Consulting LLC cost allocation plan and agreement to prepare the indirect cost allocation plan. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Lynch, Higgins, Klein, Kouba and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

Following discussion of the handling of pledged security funds on Clerk accounts, Chairperson Morrow postponed the agenda item per request of Deputy County Andrew Hoffmeister and County Clerk Christensen.

Moved by Lynch and seconded by Klein to approve flu shots for all Buffalo County Employees to be administered by Walgreens on October 15, 2025. The Board Administrator will notify the employees of the flu shot availability. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

After discussion it was moved by Maendele and seconded by Kouba to set November 10, 2025 as the alternate date for the regularly scheduled November 11, 2025 board meeting, which falls on Veterans Day. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Kouba, Higgins, Klein, Lynch and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

Chairperson Morrow reviewed the following correspondence. Nebraska Medicine sent a letter regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from September 2022 for the participation of the federal drug discount program established under 340B of the Public Health Service Act and their ongoing commitment for care provided. In the year 2025 they served 2,786 patients from Buffalo County through over 25,231 Patient visits. Approximately 5% of these patients did not have insurance and 53.2% were on Medicaid or Medicare. Both programs for which the cost exceeds the reimbursement provided. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) sent an email requesting information on the office space currently occupied by DHHS. With the passing of new legislation LB376, DHHS is asking the County how they wish to proceed. Center for Rural Affairs sent a letter and an attached packet regarding renewable energy development in Buffalo County. Election Commissioner Lisa Poff sent the true and complete Abstract of Votes cast at the Special Election held on September 9th, 2025. McKenna’s Ray of Hope Foundation sent a save the date post card for the Moxie Gala on November 8, 2025 at the Crowne Plaza North and an RSVP form. The American Medical Association (AMA) sent a pamphlet regarding the 2026 AMA Awards for Outstanding Government Service and a nomination form. Chairperson Morrow called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations.

Deputy County Attorney Andrew Hoffmeister and Deputy County Attorney Josiah Davis Arrived at 9:12 A.M.



## **ZONING**

Zoning Administrator Dennise Daniels and Deputy County Attorney Hoffmeister were present for the following Zoning agenda item.

Chairperson Morrow opened the public hearing at 9:20 A.M. for the Administrative Subdivision Application filed by Licensed Land Surveyor Mitchell Humphrey on behalf of Cynthia K. Margritz to be known as “Margritz Administrative Subdivision”, located in Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-two (22), and Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Nine (9) North, Range Seventeen (17) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Buffalo County, Nebraska. Licensed Land Surveyor Humphrey was present to answer any questions. No one else addressed the Board. Chairperson Morrow closed the public hearing at 9:21 A.M. Moved by Klein and seconded by Lynch to approve the Administrative Subdivision Application filed by Licensed Land Surveyor Mitchell Humphrey on behalf of Cynthia K. Margritz to be known as “Margritz Administrative Subdivision” with the following Resolution 2025-61. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

### **RESOLUTION 2025-61**

WHEREAS, Mitch Humphrey, licensed land surveyor, on behalf of Cynthia K. Margritz, hereinafter referred to as “applicant”, has filed for an Administrative Subdivision for “Margritz Administrative Subdivision”, with the Buffalo County Clerk and/or Zoning Administrator, and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Administrator forwarded this application to this Board, and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2025, this Board conducted a public hearing and finds:

1. The proposed “Margritz Administrative Subdivision” is in the Agricultural – Residential 1 (AGR-1) Zoning District for Buffalo County, Nebraska.
2. The tract, presently owned by Cynthia K. Margritz, referred to as parcels 520163000 & 520178000, situated in Part of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter and Part of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter in Section Twenty-Seven (27), Township Nine (9) North, Range Seventeen (17) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Buffalo County, Nebraska, and Part of the South Half in Section Twenty-Two (22), Township Nine (9) North, Range Seventeen (17) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Buffalo County, Nebraska, has approximately 446 remnant acres.
3. The proposed plat for this subdivision fulfills Buffalo County’s Subdivision Resolution requirements for administrative subdivisions specifically allowed under Section 3.02, together with other provisions applicable, thereto.
4. Odessa Road is a county-maintained, open public road and it abuts the subdivision on its west side. The width of Odessa Road meets this county’s minimum width standards without the need of additional dedications.
5. Title search paperwork has been provided to the Buffalo County Attorney’s Office and that office has cleared title as concerns Buffalo County’s interests based upon the title search documents delivered to that office by applicant.
6. This proposed administrative subdivision should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS in regular session with a quorum present, that the plat “Margritz Administrative Subdivision”, an administrative subdivision located in Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-two (22), and Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Nine (9) North, Range Seventeen (17) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Buffalo County, Nebraska, duly made out, acknowledged and certified, is hereby approved, accepted, ratified, and authorized to be filed and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Buffalo County, Nebraska.

## **FACILITIES DEPARTMENT**

Facilities Director Stephen Gaasch was present to discuss the Kayak Rental agreement for Ravenna Lake. Moved by Maendele and seconded by Kouba to approve the Kayak rental agreement. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Kouba, Higgins, Klein, Lynch and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Lynch to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:30 A.M. and reconvene as a Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

## **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

Chairperson Morrow called the Board of Equalization to order in open session. County Treasurer Brenda Rohrich was present.

Moved by Lynch and seconded by Klein to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption renewal as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Rohrich for The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society for a 2013 Ford Supreme Chassis BSSN Bus, a 2019

Chevrolet Silverado Pickup, a 2021 Chrysler Voyager Van and a 2008 Buck Dandy Co Utility Trailer. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Higgins to adjourn the Board of Equalization and return to the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:33 A.M. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Lynch, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent John Maul was present for the following agenda items.

Chairperson Morrow opened the public hearing for the 2025-2026 One and Six Year Road and Bridge Plan at 9:51 A.M. Highway Superintendent Maul was present for discussion and review. No one else addressed the Board and Chairperson Morrow closed the hearing at 9:52 A.M. Moved by Maendele and seconded by Klein to adopt the One and Six Year Road and Bridge Program for 2025-2026 as presented. A copy will be on file with the County Clerk’s Office. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Lynch and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein seconded by Lynch to set a bid opening date of Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. for the 2026 Asphalt Overlay Project. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

Chairperson Morrow called for Citizen’s forum. No one addressed the Board.

At 9:53 A.M., Chairperson Morrow asked if there was anything else to come before the Board before he declared the meeting adjourned until the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

ATTEST:

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Sherry L. Morrow, Chairperson  
Buffalo County Board of Commissioners

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Heather A. Christensen  
Buffalo County Clerk