

BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

The Buffalo County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 27, 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 January 22, 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. Deputy County Clerk Rachelle Warner, Deputy County Attorney Andrew Hoffmeister and Deputy County Attorney Josiah Davis were present.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Kouba to approve the January 13, 2026 Board meeting minutes with the following amendment to the caption for Resolution 2026-01. Due to a scrivener's error the caption should be changed from "In the matter of the three largest population counties adopting common legislative priorities for the Nebraska legislature's 2026 regular session" to "In the matter of the five largest population counties adopting common legislative priorities for the Nebraska legislature's 2026 regular session". Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Kouba, Klein, Loeffelholz, Lynch, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Commissioner Maendele read into the record Employee Recognitions for the following County Employees: Ethan Allen for 1 year of service, Dominic Friesen for 1 year of service, Frank Bohac for 20 years of service, Terry Braden for 36 years of service and Neil Miller for 47 years of service.

Moved by Lynch and seconded by Klein to ratify the following January 23, 2026 payroll claims processed by the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

JANUARY 23, 2026 PAYROLL

GENERAL FUND			
NET PAYROLL			379,444.92
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	1,403.49
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	66,464.17
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	181,571.00
DAWSON CO COURT	E	GARNISHMENT	302.13
EMPOWER ANNUITY INS	R	DEFERRED COMP	1,075.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	7,176.86
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	123,512.51
KEARNEY UNITED WAY	E	DONATIONS	45.00
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	1,135.94
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	316.59
METLIFE	E	DENTAL	4,561.52
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	3,282.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	876.50
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	17,471.34
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	1,257.36
ROAD FUND			
NET PAYROLL			65,219.55
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	873.38
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	10,459.07
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	4,804.00
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	E	GARNISHMENT	75.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	1,117.46
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	18,714.06
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	199.05
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	96.48
METLIFE	E	DENTAL	1,047.17
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	272.50
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	2,553.89
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	315.04

<u>WEED FUND</u>				
NET PAYROLL				6,048.95
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET		952.19
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS		423.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS		33.33
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES		1,861.61
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY		4.18
METLIFE	E	DENTAL		66.92
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES		252.48

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

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
ADAMS CO SHERIFF	E	FEES		19.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	MC	MEDICAL		41,434.84
AG LAND ATV	S	PARTS		2,234.22
LYNNE M. ALBIN	S	LEGAL		240.70
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SU	SUPPLIES		5,757.81
AMERICAN ELECTRIC COMPANY	SU	SUPPLIES		1,161.91
MANDI J AMY	RE	REIMBURSE		229.94
ANDERSEN WRECKING COMPANY	S	PARTS		245.00
APPLE MARKET	SU	SUPPLIES		44.32
NATHAN AREHART	RE	REIMBURSE		45.00
AT&T MOBILITY	U	PHONE SVC		2,945.78
ATLANTIS GLOBAL	SU	SUPPLIES		624.00
ATS	S	REPAIRS		506.70
AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE	SU	SUPPLIES		162.13
BATTERIES PLUS	SU	SUPPLIES		779.74
BEEBOUT VETERINARY MEDICAL CENTER	E	EXPENSES		391.99
BLUE360 MEDIA	E	SUBSCRIPTION		504.53
DREW BOHL	RE	REIMBURSE		45.00
BOYS TOWN	S	YOUTH SVC		2,376.57
SCOTT BRADY	RE	REIMBURSE		12.60
NATHAN BRECHT	RE	REIMBURSE		45.00
D. BRANDON BRINEGAR	RE	REIMBURSE		21.25
STANLEY BRODINE	RE	REIMBURSE		15.81
RICK BROWN	E	FEES		20.00
RODNEY BROZEK	E	FEES		20.00
BRUNER FRANK SCHUMACHER	S	LEGAL		22,291.54
BUFFALO CO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	AP	BUDGET		5,250.00
BUFFALO CO	E	TRAINING		5,000.00
BUFFALO CO ATTORNEY	E	EXPENSES		10.00
BUFFALO CO CLERK	E	EXPENSES		476.00
BUFFALO CO COURT	E	EXPENSES		31.99
BUFFALO CO COURT	E	FEES		3,089.79
BUFFALO CO FACILITIES	E	EXPENSES		3,630.02
BUFFALO CO SHERIFF	E	EXPENSES		2,320.85
BUFFALO CO SHERIFF	E	EXPENSE		926.31
BUILDERS WAREHOUSE	SU	SUPPLIES		216.74
CANON U.S.A., INC.	S	MAINT		230.97
MICHAEL D CARPER	S	LEGAL		1,030.00
CARPET PROS	SU	SUPPLIES		851.20
CELLEBRITE	E	SUBSCRIPTION		10,504.00
JOSHUA CHANEY	RE	REIMBURSE		14.00
CHARM-TEX	SU	SUPPLIES		16,503.36
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	U	PHONE SVC		1,930.45
CHIEF CONSTRUCTION	SU	SUPPLIES		246.00
JENNIFER CHURCH	RE	REIMBURSE		100.68
CITY OF KEARNEY	U	UTILITIES		4,213.32
CITY OF KEARNEY	AP	BUDGET		60,907.10
CLARK CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	E	FEES		31.24
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	E	EXPENSES		500.00

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	RE	REIMBURSE	3,501.00
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	E	FEE	430.33
CLIPPER PUBLISHING	A	PUBLICATION	26.60
COCHRAN LAW PC	S	LEGAL	3,665.01
KATHARINE COLLINS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	A	PUBLISHING	748.24
COMFY BOWL	RT	RENTAL	110.00
COMPASS FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES	S	SVC	75.00
CONSOLIDATED CONCRETE CO.	C	CONCRETE	3,941.49
CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	EQ	TOOLS	250.00
COPYCAT PRINTING CENTER	SU	SUPPLIES	462.45
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	F	FUEL	820.33
DR. ANTHONY TATMAN	S	SVC	50.00
CULLIGAN OF KEARNEY	S	SVC	484.00
WENDY C CUTTING	S	SVC	58.45
CVSOAN	D	DUES	300.00
DAN'S SANITATION	S	SVC	23.25
DENNISE DANIELS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
HEIDI DARBY	RE	REIMBURSE	20.77
DAS ST ACCOUNTING	S	SVC	150.00
DAS STATE ACCTNG-CENTRAL FINANCE	E	NETWORK SVC	1,536.00
DASH MEDICAL GLOVES	SU	SUPPLIES	1,036.26
DATASHIELD CORPORATION	S	SVC	62.01
JOSIAH DAVIS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
LYDIA DAVIS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	U	UTILITIES	4,562.78
DIAMOND DRUGS	MC	MEDICAL	4,108.27
DIER, OSBORN & COX	S	LEGAL	1,970.00
DONKEY TOWING & TRANSFER	S	SVC	188.00
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	E	FEES	42.57
DOWHY TOWING & RECOVERY	S	SVC	249.00
BRANDON DUGAN LAW	S	LEGAL	1,660.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SU	SUPPLIES	11,854.14
SHAWN EATHERTON	RE	REIMBURSE	93.01
EATON CORPORATION	S	SVC	6,856.49
EGAN SUPPLY COMPANY	SU	SUPPLIES	1,433.73
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS	E	FEES	600.00
ENTERPRISE ELECTRIC	U	UTILITIES	1,445.77
ESCHAT	S	SVC	492.00
EUSTIS BODY SHOP	S	SVC	1,325.98
FAMILY PRACTICE ASSOCIATES	MC	MEDICAL	241.00
FARMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION	F	FUEL	43.28
PAUL FARRELL	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
FBI-LEEDA	E	TRAINING	1,590.00
FIRST CARE MEDICAL	MC	MEDICAL	417.28
FRITSON PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	S	MENTAL SVC	3,300.00
TAMARA FRIZANE	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
FRONTIER	U	PHONE SVC	4,168.93
FYE LAW OFFICE	S	LEGAL	11,342.15
GARCIA CLINICAL LABORATORY	MC	MEDICAL	56.50
GARY MICHAELS CLOTHIERS	S	SVC	37.50
CYNTHIA GEMBALA HUGG	S	SVC	3,409.30
GIBBON FIRE DEPARTMENT	S	SVC	100.00
GO PHYSICAL THERAPY	MC	MEDICAL	365.14
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	S	SVC	1,207.25
GUARDIAN RFID	E	FEE	3,571.00
HALL CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	E	FEES	38.69
ANDREW W HOFFMEISTER	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
HOLMES MURPHY & ASSOCIATES	S	CONSULT	4,494.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	LEASE	5,916.02
HORIZON DESIGNS	SU	SUPPLIES	878.26
LISA R HUERTA	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
ERIC INGEBRETSEN	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	S	SVC	1,683.00

INTOXIMETERS	EQ	EQUIP	186.50
J & A SPECIALTIES	SU	SUPPLIES	1,700.99
JACK LEDERMAN CO	S	PARTS	190.06
JACK'S UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT	EQ	EQUIP	754.54
JACOBSEN ORR LAW FIRM	S	LEGAL	24,456.78
JOHNSON CO SHERIFF	S	SVC FEE	20.80
JOHNSTONE SUPPLY	SU	SUPPLIES	194.48
JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	EQUIP	6,127.18
SHARON JOSEPH	RE	REIMBURSE	12.94
JUSTICE WORKS	E	SUBSCRIPTION	158.00
KEARNEY AG & AUTO REPAIR	S	REPAIRS	1,567.72
KEARNEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	D	MEMBERSHIP	875.00
KEARNEY CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	E	FEES	44.28
KEARNEY CRETE & BLOCK CO	SU	SUPPLIES	1,568.02
KEARNEY HOUSING AGENCY	RT	RENT	1,110.00
KEARNEY TOWING & REPAIR CENTER	S	SVC	391.00
KEARNEY WINNELSON CO	SU	SUPPLIES	1,279.39
WILLIE KEEP	RE	REIMBURSE	23.80
NICK KILLOUGH	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
KLEIN BREWSTER BRANDT & MESSERSMITH	S	LEGAL	32,878.40
JEFFREY C KNAPP	S	LEGAL	1,500.95
DOUG KRAMER	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
TIM KREUTZER	RE	REIMBURSE	9.80
KRONOS	S	SVC	1,376.90
L & M PROPERTIES	RT	RENT	560.00
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	S	SVC	56.00
LARSEN ELECTRIC	S	REPAIRS	3,359.39
DR MICHAEL LAWSON	E	MH BOARD	500.00
LEXINGTON REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER	MC	MEDICAL	17.23
LIESKE, LIESKE & ENSZ	S	LEGAL	3,584.30
LINCOLN CO SHERIFF	E	FEES	61.30
LINCOLN REGIONAL CENTER	E	EXPENSES	23.00
LIPS PRINTING SERVICE	SU	SUPPLIES	283.59
LMN GRAPHICS	SU	SUPPLIES	50.00
STEPHEN G LOWE	S	LEGAL	2,025.00
MAGNET FORENSICS	E	EXPENSE	7,225.00
JOHN MARSH	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
LYNN MARTIN	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
MASTERS TRUE VALUE	SU	SUPPLIES	77.60
MATTHEW BENDER & CO	SU	SUPPLIES	1,093.36
SHARON MAULER	E	MH BOARD	500.00
JENNIFER R MCCARTER REPORTING	S	SVC	1,011.20
MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL	SU	SUPPLIES	51.59
MENARDS	SU	SUPPLIES	1,743.70
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	S	SVC	730.00
MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME	D	DUES	200.00
MIDDLETON ELECTRIC	EQ	EQUIP	3,673.44
MIDWAY CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP	S	REPAIR	30.00
MIDWEST CONNECT	E	POSTAL SVC	14,667.79
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	S	SVC	2,742.35
MIPS INC.	S	SUPPORT	6,128.82
MIRROR IMAGE CAR WASH	S	SVC	424.90
MOLLY BOMBERGER COUNSELING SERVICES	S	SVC	2,231.00
MOONLIGHT CUSTOM SCREENPRINT	S	SVC	374.00
MORRIS PRESS	SU	SUPPLIES	201.00
KOLTON MORSE	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	S	REPAIRS	286.68
THOMAS MURPHY	E	REFUND	20.00
NE ASSOCIATION OF CO OFFICIAL	D	DUES	75.00
NACO	E	CONFERENCE	175.00
NACO PLANNING AND ZONING	D	MEMBERSHIP	40.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	S	PARTS	1,780.76
NE ASSOC OF CO ASSESSORS	D	DUES	100.00
NE CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO	U	PHONE SVC	213.65

NEBR CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURT ASSN	D	DUES	50.00
NE GENERATOR SERVICE LLC	S	SVC	4,153.54
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	S	PATIENT SVCS	1,300.49
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT	E	EXPENSES	142.00
NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	U	UTILITIES	11,564.99
NE SUPREME COURT	A	PUBLICATION	164.15
NE INTERACTIVE	S	SVC	48.00
OPTK NETWORKS	E	INTERNET SVC	1,253.24
ROBERT NELSON	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
NENA	D	DUES	62.00
NEW WEST SPORTS MEDICINE	MC	MEDICAL	217.53
NMC, INC.	S	REPAIRS	9,961.95
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	U	UTILITIES	7,739.58
O'BRIEN STRAATMANN REDINGER FUNERAL	E	TRANSPORT	2,350.00
OBERMILLER SEAMLESS	SU	SUPPLIES	425.00
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	S	YOUTH SVC	2,332.90
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	S	SVC	951.20
PARKER GROSSART BAHENSKY BEUCKE	S	LEGAL	272.34
GRANT M. PASCHKE	S	LEGAL	4,900.00
ASHTIN N. PAWLOSKI	S	SVC	136.50
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY P.C.	MC	MEDICAL	14,675.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	S	REPAIRS	245.00
PLATTE VALLEY DENTAL CLINIC	MC	MEDICAL	765.00
PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESALE	S	REPAIR	40.22
ANA POST	RE	REIMBURSE	27.93
PSYCHOLOGICAL RESOURCES	MC	MEDICAL	150.00
PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY	S	SVC	7,055.00
QISOFT	S	SVC	8,000.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA	E	POSTAGE	451.04
JACKIE QUEEN	S	SVC	410.85
QUILL CORPORATION	SU	SUPPLIES	230.95
KANE M RAMSEY	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
RAVENNA SANITATION	S	SVC	1,094.00
REGION III BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SVCS	S	SVC	39,760.50
REBECCA RILEY	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
RIVER FRONT GLASS	S	REPAIRS	45.00
JOSE RODRIGUEZ	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
BRENDA ROHRICH	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
RUDOLPH LAW	S	LEGAL	560.00
RUN-N-IRON CUSTOMIZING	EQ	EQUIP	700.00
S.O.F. PROTECTIONS	S	SVC	752.00
SAYLER SCREENPRINTING	SU	SUPPLIES	169.75
CONNIE S SCHUMAN	S	SVC	64.50
JEREMY SEDLACEK	RE	REIMBURSE	3.50
RICHARD SERR	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
SHERWIN WILLIAMS	SU	SUPPLIES	73.69
MARTI SLEISTER	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
TRENTON SNOW, LLC	RT	RENTAL	1,000.00
SOUTH CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	D	DUES	5,000.00
SPORTS IMPORTS	SU	SUPPLIES	3,708.50
CHERYL STABENOW	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
STAMM ROMERO & ASSOC, P.C., L.L.O.	S	LEGAL	14,525.26
STATE OF NEBR PROBATION DIST 9	E	EXPENSES	5,764.56
THOMAS S STEWART	S	LEGAL	4,939.49
SCOTT STUBBLEFIELD	RE	REIMBURSE	26.60
SUBURBAN FIRE PROTECTION DIST #1	E	EXPENSES	486.69
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	E	FOOD SVC	34,691.27
MICHAEL J SYNEK	S	LEGAL	4,363.27
TEK84 INC	S	SVC AGREEMENT	11,800.00
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	E	SUBSCRIPTION	4,657.84
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	E	SUBSCRIPTION	654.15
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	E	SUBSCRIPTION	1,075.10
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	E	SUBSCRIPTION	869.95
TRI CO GLASS	SU	SUPPLIES	2,688.75

TURNER BODY SHOP OF KEARNEY	S	SVC	65.00
REBECCA TVRDIK ANDERSON	S	LEGAL	6,550.00
TYE & ROWLING	S	LEGAL	500.00
U S POSTMASTER	E	POSTAL SVC	1,450.00
U.S. BANK	E	EXPENSES	20,523.89
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (QUADIENT-POC)	E	MAIL SVCS	2,500.00
MARC VACEK	RE	REIMBURSE	41.30
TIM VANCE	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
VERIZON	S	SVC	962.71
VERIZON WIRELESS	U	PHONE SVC	679.09
VIGILNET AMERICA	S	SVC	390.00
VILLAGE OF MILLER	U	UTILITIES	18.46
VILLAGE UNIFORM	S	SVC	161.60
THE WALDINGER CORPORATION	S	REPAIRS	6,918.47
WALGREEN CO	S	SVC	37.00
DEREK WEDEMEYER	E	REFUND	90.00
WELLS FARGO BANKS ACCT ANALYSIS	E	FEES	69.89
WELLS FARGO	E	EXPENSES	829.48
WELLS FARGO	E	EXPENSES	796.66
WELLS FARGO	E	EXPENSES	592.60
WELLS FARGO	SU	SUPPLIES	32.50
AARON WENTZ	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
WILKINS ARCHITECTURE DESIGN	S	SVC	7,704.74
MELISSA L WILLIS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
WINZER	SU	SUPPLIES	316.24
JEFF WIRTH	RE	REIMBURSE	478.00
WPCI	S	SVC	344.00
YOUNG ELECTRIC	S	REPAIRS	1,620.00
MELANIE R YOUNG	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
<u>ROAD/ HWY DEPT</u>			
ACE HARDWARE & GARDEN CENTER	S	REPAIRS	78.97
ACE IRRIGATION & MFG CO	EQ	EQUIP	210.40
NAPA AUTO PARTS	S	REPAIRS	467.58
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	E	EXPENSES	185.56
ARROW SEED CO	S	SVC	476.00
AUSSIE HYDRAULICS	S	REPAIRS	1,105.84
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY/AUTO VALUE PART	S	REPAIRS	5,882.77
BARCO MUNCIPAL PRODUCTS	EQ	TOOLS	285.61
BOSSELMAN ENERGY	F	FUEL	1,576.67
CHS INC	F	FUEL	38.27
COMFY BOWL	RT	RENTAL	105.00
CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	S	REPAIRS	1,500.25
FARM PLAN	S	PARTS	4,009.87
FARMERS CO-OP ASSOCIATION	F	FUEL	134.69
FASTENAL COMPANY	S	REPAIRS	12.62
FRIESEN CHEVROLET	S	REPAIRS	746.70
GARRETT TIRES & TREADS	S	REPAIRS	1,279.15
GENERAL EXCAVATING	C	CONCRETE	17,629.55
J-SPOT SERVICES	S	SVC	1,671.25
JACK LEDERMAN CO	SU	SUPPLIES	292.80
JIM HAWK TRUCK TRAILERS	S	REPAIRS	4,148.71
KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY	S	REPAIRS	161.50
KIMBALL MIDWEST	SU	SUPPLIES	325.65
JOHN WILLIAM KING	R	RETIREMENT	34.62
MASTERS TRUE VALUE	S	REPAIRS	16.47
MATHESON TRI-GAS	SU	SUPPLIES	240.60
MENARDS	SU	SUPPLIES	2,108.96
MIDWAY CHEVROLET	SU	SUPPLIES	1,074.78
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO	SU	SUPPLIES	5,294.40
NMC, INC.	S	REPAIRS	8,813.16
OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	S	SVC	2,575.00
PAULSEN	G	GRAVEL	5,367.60
POWERPLAN-MURPHY TRACTOR	S	REPAIRS	14,084.74
THE LOCKMOBILE	SU	SUPPLIES	294.50

TRAUSCH DYNAMICS	S	REPAIRS	84.96
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	S	REPAIRS	3,387.99
U.S. BANK	E	EXPENSES	156.32
WILKE'S TRUE VALUE	SU	SUPPLIES	12.87
WINZER	SU	SUPPLIES	1,879.37
<u>VISITOR'S PROMOTION</u>			
KEARNEY VISITOR'S BUREAU	E	EXPENSES	71,597.00
<u>VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT</u>			
KEARNEY VISITOR'S BUREAU	E	EXPENSES	71,597.00
<u>DEEDS PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION</u>			
MIPS INC.	S	PRESERVATION	294.19
<u>HEALTH INSURANCE FUND</u>			
BCBS HEALTH CLAIM EXPENSE	MC	HEALTH	330,788.29
HM LIFE MELLON GLOBAL CASH MGNT	MC	HEALTH	103,483.68
<u>VETERAN'S RELEIF</u>			
CO VETERANS AID FUND	E	EXPENSES	1,691.95
U.S. BANK	E	EXPENSES	600.00
<u>DRUG FORFEITURES</u>			
MAGNET FORENSICS	E	EXPENSE	34,760.00
U.S. BANK	E	EXPENSES	3,499.00
WELLS FARGO	E	EXPENSES	437.96
<u>WEED DISTRICT FUND</u>			
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOC	E	CONFERENCE	150.00
<u>911 EMERGENCY SERVICE</u>			
CENTURYLINK	U	PHONE SVC	1,801.01
FRONTIER	U	PHONE SVC	936.15
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E	INTERNET	440.00
KIDWELL	EQ	EQUIP	6,308.00
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	S	SVC	367.32
NE CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO	U	PHONE SVC	109.99
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	S	MAINT	1,417.67

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

Following discussion and review of the County Sheriff's report, it was moved by Maendele and seconded by Higgins to approve the Special Designated Liquor (SDL) License application filed by Nightlife Concepts Inc. for an event to be held at Rowe Sanctuary located at 44450 Elm Island Road, Gibbon, NE on February 6, 2026. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Veteran Service Officer Matthew Starkey was present for the discussion of LB 1072. After discussion, it was moved by Maendele and seconded by Kouba to approve the letter of opposition of LB 1072 to be sent to Senator Stan Clouse (District 37) and Senator Fred Meyer (District 41). Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Kouba, Higgins, Klein, Loeffelholz, Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Lynch to approve tax refund request submitted by the Buffalo County Treasurer for Richard and Nadine Montgomery for the parcel 605546000 in the amount of \$646.96. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Loeffelholz to accept County Treasurer Semi-Annual report. A copy of the report will be available in the County Clerk's Office. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Lynch, and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Weed Superintendent Bret Stubbs presented the 2025 Weed Control Annual Report. After discussion, it was moved by Klein and seconded by Loeffelholz to approve the 2025 Weed Control Annual Report, a copy will be on file with the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Lynch, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Following discussion, it was moved by Maendele and seconded by Kouba to cease commercial pasture spraying by the Buffalo County Weed Department. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Kouba, Higgins, Klein, Loeffelholz, Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to recognize the of expiring term of Board of Adjustment member Richard Pierce. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Higgins to appoint M. Dale Gibbs to the Board of Adjustment for a three-year term. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to reappoint Willie Keep to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Following discussion of the Buffalo County Nebraska Public Records Fee Resolution it was moved by Klein and seconded by Higgins to approve the new Buffalo County Nebraska Public Records Fee Resolution 2026-04. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-04

WHEREAS, Buffalo County is a subject to the Nebraska Public Records laws, Neb.Rev.Stat. §§ 84-712-84-712.09;

WHEREAS, Buffalo County has records subject to the Nebraska Public Records laws, and desires to have a uniform, clear, and public procedure regarding said records throughout County Offices;

WHEREAS, Buffalo County works in close cooperation with the City of Kearney on numerous matters and a substantially uniform public records procedure would be beneficial to the citizens of Buffalo County and the City of Kearney;

WHEREAS, Neb.Rev.Stat. § 84-712(3)(b) authorizes the recoupment of costs that result from Buffalo County complying with a public records request;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS hereby enacts the separate Cost Schedule as the official Cost Schedule of Buffalo County of the mediums listed therein when responding to public records requests. Buffalo County reserves the right to impose other fees, costs, and charges, when and as allowed by law, including charges for salary and legal fees. It is the policy of Buffalo County that each public records request complies with Nebraska law. Each request shall state whether the requestor is a resident of Nebraska, a non-resident, or news media. If the request on its face does not provide this information, a requestor will be asked to fill out the Buffalo County Public Records Request Form. Buffalo County and its Offices will charge for the cost of copying such records as provided in the separate Cost Schedule. Said money shall be paid to Buffalo County or through the Offices of Buffalo County, and be accountable as public funds. The Cost Schedule will ensure that public records requests are treated uniformly within Buffalo County offices. The Cost Schedule and Buffalo County Public Records Request Form will be filed with the Buffalo County Clerk and posted to the Buffalo County website. Records of recordings of public meetings shall follow the provisions and procedures as described in Resolution 2025-57.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all Buffalo County Officials are to comply with the Buffalo County Cost Schedule.

Chairperson Morrow reviewed the following correspondence. Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) sent a letter and pamphlet for their annual funder event on March 27, 2026 "Light of Hope". Included is also a sponsorship form for donations. City of Kearney sent a letter regarding Annexation of Oldfather First Addition with Resolution 2026.04. A concerned citizen sent letter concerning recent national events. Citizen requests support from local government. Chairperson Morrow called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent John Maul was present for the following agenda items and introduced new Assistant Highway Superintendent Blake Power.

After discussion it was moved by Klein and seconded by Loeffelholz to award the bid proposal from F & A Concrete Finish of Gibbon, NE for Project No. C10 (1455) structure no. C001012815 concrete box for \$120,214.50. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to set bid date of February 24, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. for the 2026-2027 Gravel Bids to be effective April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

Facilities Director Stephen Gaasch presented a review of the current construction projects in Buffalo County with the Board. After discussion it was moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Klein to accept the Facilities Construction Project report and a copy will be on file with the County Clerk's Office. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Lynch, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Higgins to enter into Executive Session at 9:45 A.M. regarding personnel. In addition to the Board members responding to roll call was Board Administrator Lynn Martin. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Higgins to move out of Executive Session at 9:53 A.M. and resume the open meeting. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

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

At 9:56 A.M., Chairperson Morrow asked if there was anything else to come before the Board before she declared the meeting adjourned following the quarterly jail inspection until the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. Commissioners Higgins and Kouba accompanied LT. Chad Hunt to conduct the quarterly inspection of the Buffalo County Jail.

ATTEST:

Sherry L. Morrow, Chairperson
Buffalo County Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

Heather A. Christensen
Buffalo County Clerk