

**BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

The Buffalo County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 24, 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 February 19, 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. County Attorney Shawn Eatheron, Deputy County Attorney Andrew Hoffmeister, Deputy County Attorney Josiah Davis and Deputy County Clerk Rachelle Warner were present.

Chairperson Morrow called for a moment of silence for Register of Deeds Kellie S. John.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Lynch to approve the February 10, 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: Ellen Province for 5 years of service, Nathan Howe for 10 years of service, Ephraim Valenzuela for 35 years of service and Bob Anderson for 47 years of service.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Kouba to ratify the following February 20, 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.

FEBRUARY 20, 2026 PAYROLL

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			377,967.28
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	1,403.49
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	66,301.65
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	182,114.00
DAWSON CO COURT	E	GARNISHMENT	302.13
EMPOWER ANNUITY INS	R	DEFERRED COMP	1,075.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	7,055.20
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	123,142.85
KEARNEY UNITED WAY	E	DONATIONS	40.00
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	1,203.81
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	322.76
METLIFE	E	DENTAL	4,626.81
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	3,282.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	876.50
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	17,415.40
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	1,274.04
<u>ROAD FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			67,847.59
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	873.38
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	10,775.71
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	4,643.00
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	E	GARNISHMENT	75.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	1,087.46
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	19,144.16
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	219.25
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	96.48
METLIFE	E	DENTAL	1,014.14
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	272.50
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	2,619.90
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

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

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

GENERAL FUND			
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	MC	MEDICAL	20,717.42
LYNNE M. ALBIN	S	SVC	946.20
ALEGENT CREIGHTON CLINIC	MC	MEDICAL	27.95
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	E	EXPENSES	3,581.63
AMERICAN CORPORATE SERVICE OF TEXAS	SU	SUPPLIES	525.00
AMERICAN ELECTRIC COMPANY	SU	SUPPLIES	2,511.14
AMERICAN FENCE COMPANY	SU	SUPPLIES	245.13
MANDI J AMY	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
APPLE MARKET	SU	SUPPLIES	46.91
NATHAN AREHART	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
ARTISANS PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY	S	SVC	40.00
AT&T MOBILITY	U	PHONE SVC	2,961.46
ATS	S	REPAIRS	1,090.17
JOHN AUPPERLE	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE	SU	PARTS	47.01
BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS	S	SVC	573.10
DREW BOHL	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
BOYS TOWN	S	YOUTH SVC	2,965.63
NATHAN BRECHT	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
D. BRANDON BRINEGAR	RE	REIMBURSE	153.89
STANLEY BRODINE	RE	REIMBURSE	15.81
BRUNER FRANK SCHUMACHER	S	LEGAL	33,039.11
BTS VENTURES	RT	RENT	290.00
BUFFALO CO COMMUNITY PARTNERS	S	YOUTH SVC	1,559.18
BUFFALO CO ATTORNEY	E	EXPENSES	20.00
BUFFALO CO CLERK	E	EXPENSES	982.00
BUFFALO CO COURT	E	EXPENSES	2,022.71
BUFFALO CO FACILITIES	E	EXPENSES	88.00
BUFFALO CO PUBLIC DEFENDER	E	EXPENSES	58.50
BUFFALO CO SHERIFF	E	EXPENSES	98.71
BUFFALO CO SHERIFF	E	EXPENSES	4,172.90
BUILDERS WAREHOUSE	S	REPAIRS	47.88
CANON U.S.A.	EQ	EQUIP	230.97
CAPITAL CITY TRANSFER SERVICE	E	TRANSPORT	2,576.70
CARPENTER & SKALKA COURT	S	SVC	36.00
MICHAEL D CARPER	S	LEGAL	1,080.00
CENTRAL NEBR CO ASSESSOR ASSOC	D	DUES	25.00
CENTURY LUMBER CENTER	SU	SUPPLIES	171.81
CHARM-TEX	SU	SUPPLIES	603.70
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	U	PHONE SVC	1,340.20
CHEROKEE BUILDING MATERIALS	SU	SUPPLIES	510.96
JENNIFER CHURCH	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
THE CITY OF HASTINGS	D	MEMBERSHIP	1,000.00
CITY OF KEARNEY	U	UTILITIES	3,976.74
CITY OF KEARNEY	AP	BUDGET	98,044.07
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	E	EXPENSES	1,320.00
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	E	FEE	492.15
CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM	E	FEES	248.00
COCHRAN LAW PC	S	LEGAL	4,914.99
COLLABORATEIQ	EQ	EQUIP	3,702.95
KATHARINE COLLINS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00

COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	A	PUBLICATION	1,034.47
COMFY BOWL	RT	RENTAL	110.00
COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP	E	CONTRACT	20,000.00
COMPASS FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES	S	FAMILY SVCS	562.50
CONTEMPORARY OBSTETRICS	MC	MEDICAL	206.60
COPYCAT PRINTING CENTER	E	EXPENSES	3,928.21
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	U	UTILITIES	1,148.33
DR. ANTHONY TATMAN	S	SVC	100.00
CULLIGAN OF KEARNEY	S	SVC	1,952.00
WENDY C CUTTING	S	SVC	297.85
DAN'S SANITATION	S	SVC	23.25
DENNISE DANIELS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
DAS ST ACCOUNTING	S	SVC	150.00
DAS STATE ACCTNG-CENTRAL FINANCE	S	NETWORK 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	89.42
DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	U	UTILITIES	4,397.62
DENT POPPER	S	SVC	334.98
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	MC	MEDICAL	1,400.06
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	E	EDUCATION	2,560.00
DIAMOND DRUGS	MC	MEDICAL	7,925.44
DIER, OSBORN & COX	S	LEGAL	2,482.80
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	E	FEES	31.92
JESSICA DREIER	S	SVC	767.75
DRIVERS LICENSE GUIDE CO	SU	SUPPLIES	33.95
BRANDON DUGAN LAW	S	LEGAL	3,056.94
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SU	SUPPLIES	22,399.63
SHAWN EATHERTON	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
EATON CORPORATION	S	MAINT	4,001.40
EGAN SUPPLY COMPANY	SU	SUPPLIES	521.30
FAMILY PRACTICE ASSOCIATES	MC	MEDICAL	310.00
FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK	RT	RENT	65.00
PAUL FARRELL	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
FCCA BILLING OFFICE	S	SVC	550.00
FILLMORE CO SHERIFF	E	FEES	57.42
FLEETPRIDE	EQ	EQUIP	2,800.00
FRITSON PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	MC	MEDICAL	3,100.00
TAMARA FRIZANE	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
FRONTIER	U	TELE SVC	4,164.57
FURNAS CO SHERIFF	E	FEES	91.18
FYE LAW OFFICE	S	LEGAL	11,848.13
GARCIA CLINICAL LABORATORY	MC	MEDICAL	73.00
GARY MICHAELS CLOTHIERS	S	SVC	265.50
CYNTHIA GEMBALA HUGG	S	SVC	41.20
GO PHYSICAL THERAPY	MC	MEDICAL	90.64
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	S	SVC	1,207.25
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	EQ	EQUIP	701.18
ANDREW W HOFFMEISTER	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
HOLT CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	E	FEES	24.80
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	LEASE	5,916.02
LISA R HUERTA	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS	D	MEMBERSHIP	660.00
IDEABANK MARKETING	D	DUES	177.00
IHS PHARMACY	MC	MEDICAL	121.77
ERIC INGEBRETSEN	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
INSTAGRID	EQ	HAZMAT	8,340.00
INVESTMENT PROPERTY EXCHANGE	RT	RENT	410.00
JACK LEDERMAN CO	S	REPAIRS	13.03
JACK'S UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT	EQ	EQUIP	268.84
JACOBSEN ORR LAW FIRM	S	LEGAL	16,647.59
JERSEY TACTICAL CORP	SU	SUPPLIES	613.00
JOHNSTONE SUPPLY	SU	SUPPLIES	617.94

JONES AUTOMOTIVE	S	SVC	6,360.52
SHARON JOSEPH	RE	REIMBURSE	6.22
JUSTICE WORKS	S	SVC	206.00
KEARNEY CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	E	FEES	67.50
KEARNEY TOWING & REPAIR CENTER	S	SVC	400.00
KEARNEY WINNELSON CO	SU	SUPPLIES	1,110.36
KEITH CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	E	FEE	20.00
NICK KILLOUGH	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
KLEIN BREWSTER BRANDT & MESSERSMITH	S	LEGAL	34,125.38
JEFFREY C KNAPP	S	LEGAL	854.55
DOUG KRAMER	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
KRONOS	S	SVC	1,349.27
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	U	TELE SVC	36.00
DR MICHAEL LAWSON	E	MH BOARD	800.00
LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR	A	PUBLISHING	394.95
LIESKE, LIESKE & ENSZ	S	LEGAL	4,034.12
LINCOLN CO SHERIFF	E	FEES	18.00
STEPHEN G LOWE	E	MH BOARD	2,713.50
LSQ FUNDING GROUP	E	TRANSPORT	5,920.91
MADISON CO SHERIFF	E	FEES	48.84
MANLEIN ENTERPRISES	RT	RENT	290.00
MARLATT PRECISION	SU	PARTS	37.91
JOHN MARSH	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
LYNN MARTIN	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
MASTERS TRUE VALUE	SU	SUPPLIES	95.26
SHARON MAULER	E	MH BOARD	800.00
JENNIFER R MCCARTER REPORTING	S	SVC	396.00
REBECCA M. MCCRACKEN	S	SVC	531.20
MCDOWELL COUNSELING & ASSOCIATES	S	SVC	250.00
MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL	SU	SUPPLIES	224.45
JANET M. MCKITTRICK	S	SVC	1,074.85
MENARDS	SU	SUPPLIES	2,813.77
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	S	SVC	1,225.00
MIDDLETON ELECTRIC	SU	SUPPLIES	12,230.00
MIDWAY CHEVROLET	S	REPAIR	110.25
MIDWEST CONNECT	S	SVC	7,851.09
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	E	TRANSPORT	376.25
MIPS INC.	E	SUPPORT	8,118.83
MIRROR IMAGE CAR WASH	S	SVC	246.81
MOLLY BOMBERGER COUNSELING SERVICES	MC	MEDICAL	1,644.50
MOONLIGHT CUSTOM SCREENPRINT	EQ	UNIFORM	4,435.00
KOLTON MORSE	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	S	REPAIRS	2,426.74
NACO	E	REGISTRATION	100.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SU	SUPPLIES	1,222.19
NE ASSN OF CO CLERKS,REG DEEDS,ELEC	D	MEMBERSHIP	150.00
NE CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO	U	PHONE SVC	213.65
NE CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY	E	REGISTRATION	500.00
NE GENERATOR SERVICE LLC	S	REPAIR	33,699.70
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	S	PATIENT SVC	1,348.88
NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	U	UTILITIES	14,755.07
NE INTERACTIVE	S	SVC	47.00
OPTK NETWORKS	E	INTERNET SVC	1,253.24
ROBERT NELSON	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
NEW WEST SPORTS MEDICINE	MC	MEDICAL	295.90
NMC, INC.	E	SUBSCRIPTION	3,360.00
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SER	S	JUV SVCS	686.25
NORTHWEST ELECTRIC	SU	SUPPLIES	60.02
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	U	UTILITIES	10,038.42
O'BRIEN STRAATMANN REDINGER FUNERAL	E	CREMATION	3,200.00
BRADLEY KENT OLSON	RT	RENT	290.00
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	S	YOUTH SVC	1,167.10
PARKER GROSSART BAHENSKY BEUCKE	S	LEGAL	4,353.64
PHANTOM SPIKES	SU	SUPPLIES	360.00

PHELPS CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	E	FEES	22.38
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY P.C.	MC	MEDICAL	16,223.00
PLATTE VALLEY AUTO	S	REPAIRS	136.80
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQ	EQUIPMENT	2,265.75
PLATTE VALLEY DENTAL CLINIC	MC	MEDICAL	290.00
PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESALE	SU	SUPPLIES	56.17
POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION	SU	SUPPLIES	18.00
ANA POST	RE	REIMBURSE	17.84
PSYCHOLOGICAL RESOURCES	S	SVC	1,000.00
PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY	S	SVC	525.00
QUILL CORPORATION	SU	SUPPLIES	681.69
KANE M RAMSEY	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
RASMUSSEN FUNERAL HOME	E	CREMATION	1,500.00
REDMAN'S SHOES	EQ	UNIFORMS	75.00
RELENTLESS LLC DBA DESERT SNOW	E	EDUCATION	749.00
ROBERT RICH	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
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
S.O.F. PROTECTIONS	S	SVC	499.20
APRIL JEAN SALAZAR	E	FEES	20.00
SAYLER SCREENPRINTING	EQ	UNIFORM	1,720.20
SCOTTS BLUFF CO SHERIFF	E	FEES	41.36
RICHARD SERR	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
SHERWIN WILLIAMS	S	REPAIRS	4,273.50
LELAND SKEEN	RT	RENT	290.00
MARTI SLEISTER	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
TRENTON SNOW, LLC	RT	RENTAL	1,000.00
CHERYL STABENOW	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
STAMM ROMERO & ASSOC	S	LEGAL	11,851.10
STEINBRINK LANDSCAPING	S	SVC	2,599.96
THOMAS S STEWART	S	LEGAL	2,892.85
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	S	SVC	43,003.08
MICHAEL J SYNEK	S	LEGAL	4,151.75
THE LOCKMOBILE	SU	SUPPLIES	35.00
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	930.86
REBECCA TVRDIK ANDERSON	S	LEGAL	2,275.00
TYE & ROWLING, PC, LLO	S	LEGAL	252.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	E	SOFTWARE	1,903.76
U.S. BANK	E	EXPENSES	19,580.75
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (QUADIENT-POC)	S	MAIL SVCS	1,000.00
U.S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	AP	ALLOCATION	1,208.04
REGAN VAN MATRE	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
TIM VANCE	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
VERIZON	E	EXPENSES	1,330.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	U	TELE SVC	639.39
VILLAGE OF MILLER	U	UTILITIES	25.00
VILLAGE UNIFORM	S	SVC	161.62
THE WALDINGER CORPORATION	S	REPAIRS	12,202.34
WALTERS ELECTRIC	SU	PARTS	162.00
WEISER PRODUCTS	SU	SUPPLIES	568.00
WELLS FARGO BANKS ACCT ANALYSIS	E	FEES	70.02
WELLS FARGO	E	EXPENSES	179.72
WELLS FARGO	E	EXPENSES	626.38
WELLS FARGO	SU	SUPPLIES	144.94
WELLS FARGO	SU	SUPPLIES	779.27
AARON WENTZ	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
WILKINS ARCHITECTURE DESIGN	S	SVC	7,704.74
MELISSA L WILLIS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
JEFF WIRTH	E	EXPENSES	130.00

WPCI	E	EXPENSES	437.00
MELANIE R YOUNG	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
<u>ROAD/ HWY DEPT</u>			
ACE HARDWARE & GARDEN CENTER	S	REPAIRS	204.63
NAPA AUTO PARTS	S	REPAIRS	129.18
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	E	EXPENSES	193.77
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY/AUTO VALUE PART	S	REPAIRS	3,590.14
BLACKBURN MANUFACTURING COMPANY	SU	PARTS	129.38
BOSELMAN ENERGY	F	FUEL	1,442.80
CHS INC	F	FUEL	43.60
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	A	PUBLICATION	43.86
COMFY BOWL	RT	RENTAL	105.00
CORNHUSKER CLEANING SUPPLY	SU	SUPPLIES	262.30
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SU	SUPPLIES	136.39
ED BROADFOOT & SONS SAND & GRAVEL	G	GRAVEL	152,432.25
EXHAUST PROS OF KEARNEY	S	REPAIRS	184.00
FARM PLAN	S	REPAIRS	1,898.15
FARMERS CO-OP ASSOCIATION	F	FUEL	46.94
FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	SUPPLIES	71.60
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	SU	SUPPLIES	5,092.44
FRIESEN CHEVROLET INC	S	REPAIRS	3,157.67
GARRETT TIRES & TREADS	S	REPAIRS	6,001.70
GLASS DOCTOR OF CENTRAL NE	S	SVC	310.00
GRAHAM TIRE CO	SU	SUPPLIES	118.75
JAMAR TECHNOLOGIES	S	REPAIRS	141.06
JIM HAWK TRUCK TRAILERS	S	REPAIRS	4,721.66
KEARNEY TRAILERS	S	REPAIRS	196.48
KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY	S	REPAIRS	42.45
MARLATT PRECISION	S	SVC	43.36
MATHESON TRI-GAS	S	REPAIRS	57.39
MENARDS	EQ	TOOLS	487.38
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO	E	EXPENSES	5,592.00
NMC, INC.	S	REPAIRS	15,557.51
OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	S	ENGINEERING	27,346.20
POWERPLAN-MURPHY TRACTOR	S	REPAIRS	1,666.72
SAUL RAMOS CONSTRUCTION	C	CONCRETE	113,055.00
SIMON CONTRACTORS	C	CONCRETE	86,886.00
SMITH CO SIDE DUMP TRAILERS	S	REPAIRS	4,061.22
STERN OIL COMPANY	F	FUEL	10,884.78
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	S	REPAIRS	612.34
U.S. BANK	E	EXPENSES	290.17
WILKE'S TRUE VALUE	SU	SUPPLIES	24.56
WINZER	SU	SUPPLIES	2,310.38
<u>VISITOR'S PROMOTION</u>			
KEARNEY VISITOR'S BUREAU	E	EXPENSES	63,034.00
<u>VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT</u>			
KEARNEY VISITOR'S BUREAU	E	EXPENSES	63,034.00
<u>DEEDS PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION</u>			
MIPS INC.	S	PRESERVATION	294.19
<u>HEALTH INSURANCE FUND</u>			
BCBS HEALTH CLAIM EXPENSE	MC	HEALTH	327,976.23
HM LIFE MELLON GLOBAL CASH MGNT	MC	HEALTH	101,300.48
<u>DRUG FORFEITURES</u>			
CITY OF KEARNEY	EQ	EQUIP	1,900.00
<u>KENO LOTTERY</u>			
BUFFALO CO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	T	TAX	6,372.00
<u>WEED DISTRICT FUND</u>			
DULTMEIER SALES	SU	SUPPLIES	892.00
KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY	SU	SUPPLIES	415.06
MENARDS	SU	SUPPLIES	45.99
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOC	E	EDUCATION	150.00
NEBR WEED CONTROL ASSOC REGION 4	D	MEMBERSHIP	15.00
<u>911 EMERGENCY SERVICE</u>			
CENTURYLINK	S	DATA SVC	1,823.66

DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	RT	RENT	4,950.00
FIBER PLATFORM	S	SVC	511.80
FRONTIER	U	PHONE SVC	1,026.18
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	S	SVC	440.00
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	S	SVC	150.53
NE CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO	U	PHONE SVC	109.99
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	S	MAINT	1,417.67

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Lynch to approve the addition of pledged collateral in the amount of \$1,300,000.00 for the Buffalo County Treasurer at Nebraskaland Bank. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Higgins, Lynch, Klein, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Klein to approve the addition of pledged collateral in the amount of \$4,193.94 for the Buffalo County Treasurer at Firstier Bank. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Klein to accept the January 2026 Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska RYDE Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Klein, Higgins, Lynch, Maendele and Morrow. Abstain: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Loeffelholz to re-appoint Marc Vacek to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Klein, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Lynch, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Lynch to re-appoint Rodney Gangwish and Larry Hardesty to the Board of Adjustment for a three-year term. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Klein, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Klein to recognize the of expiring term of Extension Board member Lori Potter and appoint Scott Bohn for a three-year term. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Lynch, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to recognize the of expiring term of Extension Board member Vaughn Duncan and appoint Sarah Rolfsmeyer 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.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Schleusener was present to discuss the purchase of three patrol vehicles. After discussion it was moved by Kouba and seconded by Loeffelholz to authorize the purchase of three patrol vehicles by State contract for the Sheriff’s office. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Kouba, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Klein, Lynch, Maendele and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

After discussion it was moved by Maendele and seconded by Lynch to approve of the updated Interlocal Agreement with Hall County, Adams County and the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation for the Central Nebraska Veterans Treatment Court. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Lynch, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Loeffelholz and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

After discussion of the proposed countywide art contest for County Government Month in April 2026, supported by the Nebraska Association of Counties (NACO), the Board requested that Vice-Chairperson Maendele proceed with the proposal, with additional information to be provided at a later date.

Chairperson Morrow reviewed the following correspondence. The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justices sent a letter regarding the annual inspection of Buffalo County Detention Center for the Nebraska Jail Standards Board. Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) sent a letter regarding 2025 Annual Report which is included with the letter. They also sent a poster in regards to the 2026 NIRMA Spotlight Seminar Series. Nebraska Department of Transportation sent a letter regarding the perpetuation of corners of land surveys PN. STP-183-2(111); CN. 42989 Elm Creek- Miller and have attached the State-County Master Agreement #BL2337. Nebraska State Historical Society sent a letter regarding 2025 Annual Report which is included with the letter. They also sent a poster in regards to the 2026 NIRMA Spotlight Seminar Series. Nebraska State Historical Society sent a letter regarding the I-80 Bicentennial sculpture, Nebraska Wind Sculpture, located at the Kearney westbound rest area on Interstate 80. The letter contains a Notice stating that this sculpture is being considered for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Nominations will be presented on March 20, 2026 via Zoom. Two Rivers Public Health sent an email regarding a zoom meeting invite, the topic for discussion is a Rural Health Transformation Funding Update. Chairperson Morrow called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Chairperson Morrow read into record the Press Release in honor of the passing of Register of Deeds Kellie S. John. A copy is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Following discussion, it was moved by Maendele and seconded by Lynch to fill vacancy of Register of Deeds with the following Resolution 2026-07 and appoint Jennifer M. Schleusener as Buffalo County Register of Deeds with a term expiring January 7, 2027. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Lynch, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Loeffelholz and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-07

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2026, Kellie S. John, a dedicated public servant and the duly elected Buffalo County Register of Deeds, died while serving in office, and

WHEREAS, current elected term of office for the Buffalo County Register of Deeds concludes January 7, 2027, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 32-560, Neb.Rev.Stat., a vacancy exists in the Office of the Buffalo County Register of Deeds, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 32-563, Neb.Rev.Stat., when a vacancy occurs in a county elected official's office, before the election or appointment and qualification of a successor, possession shall be taken of all things pertaining to the office and the functions of the office shall be exercised by the deputy of that office, and

WHEREAS, from and since the death of Kellie S. John, Jennifer M. Schleusener, as a duly appointed Deputy Buffalo County Register of Deeds, has fulfilled the functions of the Register of Deeds, and

WHEREAS, it is suitable and appropriate to appoint Jennifer M. Schleusener, as the Buffalo County Register of Deeds, effective immediately, with her term of appointment ending January 7, 2027.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that effective immediately Jennifer M. Schleusener is appointed Buffalo County Register of Deeds to term expiring January 7, 2027.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent John Maul and Assistant Highway Superintendent Blake Power were present for the following agenda items.

Chairperson Morrow instructed County Clerk Christensen to open and read aloud the submitted gravel bids for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. Gravel Bids were submitted from the following companies: Broadfoot Sand and Gravel Co. Inc., Mid Nebraska Aggregate Inc., Southwest Gravel Products, Ed Broadfoot & Sons Sand & Gravel Inc. and Paulsen Inc. Highway Superintendent Maul, Assistant Highway Superintendent Power and the Road Committee will review the bids and come back with recommendations at the next meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Higgins to write off the account of Brett Shields that has been deemed uncollectable because owner of vehicle (Brett Shields) has no insurance. Total of write off is \$99.84. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch 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.

REGULAR AGENDA

Chairperson Morrow called for Citizen's forum. Register of Deeds Schleusener thanked the Board for appointing her to the position. No one else addressed the Board.

Chairperson Morrow asked if there was anything else to come before the Board at 9:50 A.M. before she declared the meeting adjourned until the regular meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

ATTEST:

Sherry L. Morrow, Chairperson
Buffalo County Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

Heather A. Christensen
Buffalo County Clerk