

March 11, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler and Clerk Wentworth present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Nilson moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Frederick seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried

After review, Frederick moved to accept the Treasurer, Clerk and District Court Clerks monthly reports, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Under General business Tiefenthaler reported that the Niobrara Council is losing funding after DOGE cuts and only has fund through the end of June.

Audrey Worthing, a Community Liaison with Representative Adrian Smith's office met with the commissioners to discuss with what Smith is doing while serving on the ways and means committee and chairing the trade subcommittee.

S. Melinek, with Colonial Life stopped in to hello to the commissioners.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

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| Salaries & Insurance Reimb | | \$ | 15,950.55 |
| Appeara | supplies | \$ | 139.86 |
| Applied Connective Tech | services | \$ | 1,492.70 |
| Blue Cross & Blue Shield | premiums | \$ | 20,616.40 |
| Brown County Treasurer | judicial budget | \$ | 33.46 |
| Cherry County Treasurer | emergency management contract | \$ | 15,000.00 |
| John Frederick | mileage | \$ | 102.90 |
| Hespe Auto | sheriff vehicle rep | \$ | 271.14 |
| Andrew C Johnson | crt appt counsel | \$ | 597.80 |
| KBR Power | util | \$ | 985.87 |
| Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct | co-share retirement | \$ | 953.17 |
| Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct | co-share fica | \$ | 1,179.12 |
| MASA | premiums | \$ | 237.50 |
| Microfilm Imaging Systems | data processing | \$ | 88.00 |
| MIPS Inc | data processing | \$ | 1,342.51 |
| Barbara Nilson | dispatch | \$ | 833.33 |
| Office Products Center | supplies | \$ | 596.06 |
| Eric Scott | clerical/phone | \$ | 850.00 |
| Lloyd C Smith | contract | \$ | 750.00 |
| Springview Herald | publishing | \$ | 526.50 |
| Three River Telco | util | \$ | 581.23 |
| Turbine Mart | fuel | \$ | 564.38 |
| US Bank | supplies | \$ | 516.13 |
| Viaero Wireless | sheriff cells | \$ | 172.48 |
| Village of Springview | util | \$ | 131.29 |
| Timothy Wyrick | deputy em | \$ | 833.33 |

ROAD FUND

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| Salaries & Insurance Reimb | | \$ | 11,172.33 |
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| Appeara | supplies | \$ | 106.20 |
| Blue Cross & Blue Shield | ins prem | \$ | 8,742.69 |
| Buckles Automotive | repairs | \$ | 947.10 |
| CVA | fuel | \$ | 1,111.17 |
| Frontier Diesel | repairs | \$ | 805.54 |
| Hespe Auto | supplies | \$ | 87.14 |
| J&J Sanitation | util | \$ | 135.73 |
| KBR Power | util | \$ | 40.44 |
| Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct | co-share retirement | \$ | 652.89 |
| Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct | co-share fica | \$ | 840.48 |
| Outback Machine & Welding | repairs | \$ | 2,983.07 |
| Three River Telco | util | \$ | 116.24 |
| US Bank | supplies | \$ | 6.99 |
| Viaero Wireless | foreman cell | \$ | 43.84 |
| Village of Springview | util | \$ | 33.20 |

WEED FUND

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| Salaries & Insurance Reimb | | \$ | 866.66 |
| Blue Cross & Blue Shield | ins prem | \$ | 1,451.70 |
| Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct | co-share retirement | \$ | 58.50 |
| Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct | co-share fica | \$ | 63.01 |
| Kurtis Mizner | mileage/lodging | \$ | 686.90 |
| Three River Telco | util | \$ | 57.64 |

Nilson moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to approve the above claims. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

D. Kienke met with the commissioners to discuss the details of her contract. After discussion, Kienke signed her contract.

The Commissioners went to lunch.

Amy Hallock representing the Community Betterment Committee met with the commissioners to request their support in the county wide clean up day that is scheduled in May with a tentative date of the 17th. After a short discussion Nilson moved to sponsor two of the dumpsters and for the road department to come and compact the dumpsters before they are picked up, Frederick seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

J. Cook updated the commissioners on road projects, plowing snow went well last friday. Cook reported that he put the transmission in the truck since they hadn't heard from the company that was going to do it. Cook will order some speed limit signs for Norden.

T. Wyrick met with the commissioners to let them know that the additional information that FEMA requested and he is waiting to hear back.

At 2:45 a video conference to discuss Keya Paha dispatching with Cherry County was held, T. Wyrick, Deputy Linse, B. Nilson, K. McGee were also present. Those participating in Cherry County were the Cherry County Commissioners, M. DeNaeyer, M. McConaughy and N. Nelson, Cherry/Keya Paha Emergency Manager J. Coyle, Justice Administrator S. Hesse, and others were present. At the previous meeting, during the conference call with Cherry County, Keya Paha County had offered a \$6,000, considering Keya Paha committed to paying the one time cost to update the tower of \$7,500 and the additional \$2500 for recording storage, which will be annually, to keep the dispatch budget the same,

Cherry County requested \$20,000. Keya Paha requested documentation showing what the \$20,000 was based on considering the low call volume that would be coming from Keya Paha. During this meeting Hesse's proposal was emailed for the commissioners to review. Coyle stated that Logan County pays Keith County for dispatching at the rate of 1% of the Logan County Certification of Taxes Levied. The Keya Paha Clerks office had also researched what Boyd County pays the Boyd-Holt County Dispatch Center, which is based on population, paying \$58/person. After brief discussion the Commissioners decided that the county is ready to commit to the \$20,000 annually for dispatching. Nilson moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to contract with Cherry County for dispatching for \$20,000 annually. Voting Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor. Wyrick stated that although the additional work and cost involved is minimal for Keya Paha's dispatching that there is a market set by surrounding counties. Tiefenthaler moved to have Coyle move forward with the needed equipment on the tower, Frederick seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried. The phone call was made to Coyle to start the tower update. E. Scott the county attorney for both counties will prepare the dispatching contract and have it available for the next regular meeting for approval.

At 3:40 Chairman Frederick declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 25th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Keya Paha County Courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is available in the clerks office and available online at: <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

*****These minutes are not yet approved and may be corrected*****