

May 13, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 13th, 2025, as advertised, Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler and Clerk Wentworth present. Frederick led the pledge of allegiance and noted the open meetings act posted for the public.

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

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

Tiefenthaler forwarded the information he had received at the Niobrara Council meeting to the fellow commissioners regarding the legislative resolution.

K. Stenka with CVA met with the Commissioners to present fuel contracts. After discussion, Frederick moved to contract 6000 gallons of diesel fuel at \$2.81 with CVA and revisit the cost in July, Nilson seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

B. Rutar met with the commissioners to discuss closing the section line located in 5-33-21. The commissioners will request L. Smith to do a study on the section line.

T. Wyrick met with the commissioners to discuss the representatives from NEMA and Deloitte that were in the courthouse on May 7th and 8th auditing the culverts project. The representatives were in the county for 2 days rather than the scheduled 3 and found the files in good order. It was suggested that the county have a procurement policy in place.

Springview Fire Chief S. Hallock met with the commissioners to discuss the statewide fire ban. With the Governors' order in place the commissioners will be the entity that needs to establish a ban on fire rings in the county. The commissioners will revisit this agenda item later.

B. Spieker from BKR Extension office presented the 2025/2026 BKR budget proposal. Frederick moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to accept the proposed budget. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Commissioners took a break for lunch.

B. Hall met with the commissioners to discuss the condition of the Norden Rd with all the truck traffic to the fields and bin site.

The commissioners and J. Cook held an interview for the road maintenance position that was advertised.

J. Cook discussed the activities of the road department. The new road maintenance position was discussed. Nilson moved to hire Tanner Kirsch, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried. Kirsch will start with the county on June 2nd.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	15,413.39
Appeara	supply contract	\$	140.51
Applied Connective Tech.	services/equip	\$	3,336.65
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	premiums	\$	20,616.40
Cherry Co Justice Center	dispatch	\$	3,333.34
Contryman Associates	final 23/24 fiscal audit	\$	18,800.00
Cook Tax Service	qrtly reports	\$	65.00
Brandon Crawford	janitorial contract	\$	825.00
Kristy Crawford	janitorial contract	\$	825.00
DAS State Accounting	data processing	\$	699.50
John Frederick	mileage	\$	110.60
Gworks	annual gis contracts	\$	10,516.00
Hespe Auto Center	repairs	\$	518.97
Homeland Grocery	supplies	\$	29.14
KBR Public Power	utilities	\$	453.36

Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	1,002.78
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Rosa Kienke	zoning admin	\$	603.33
MASA	premiums	\$	250.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	monthly rental fee	\$	88.00
MIPS, Inc	data processing	\$	1,342.51
Barbara Nilson	electricity reimb	\$	800.00
Office Products Center	supplies	\$	274.27
Region 4 Behavior Health	qrtly	\$	1,040.00
Eric Smith	clerical/phone	\$	850.00
Lloyd Smith	contract	\$	750.00
Heidi Snyder	ins reimb	\$	500.00
Springview Herald	publishing	\$	297.93
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	125.67
Three River Telco	utilities	\$	580.22
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	687.36
US Bank	supplies/equip	\$	594.27
US Post Office	box rental	\$	380.00
Viaero Wireless	utilities	\$	172.62
Village of Springview	utilities	\$	201.29
West Plains Bank	safety deposit box rental	\$	80.00
WM Krotter Co	supplies	\$	163.90
Timothy Wyrick	deputy emergency manager	\$	833.33

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	15,093.22
Allard Precast	auto gate sills	\$	820.00
Appeara	supplies/contract	\$	106.20
Atteberry Construction	surfacing	\$	20,907.38
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	premiums	\$	8,742.69
Bomgaars Supply, Inc	supplies	\$	34.96
Buckles Automotive	repairs	\$	40.96
Central Valley Ag	fuel/supplies	\$	7,293.23
Emme Sand & Gravel Inc	surfacing	\$	2,356.11
Frontier Diesel, Inc	repairs	\$	114.42
Gworks	annual gis contracts	\$	3,356.00
Hespe Auto Center	tires/repairs	\$	7,029.71
J&J Sanitation	utilities	\$	135.73
KBR Public Power	utilities	\$	223.38
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	917.54
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Mr Automotive	supplies	\$	35.96
Thomas Munk	mileage	\$	72.80
Nebraska Dept of Revenue--Compliance Div	levy	\$	1,386.88
O'Neill Shopper	advertisement	\$	13.00
Outback Machine & Welding	repairs	\$	1,865.22

Springview Herald	advertisement	\$	194.47
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	70.81
Three River Telco	utilities	\$	115.90
US Bank	fuel/postage	\$	225.71
Viaero Wireless	cell	\$	43.84
Village of Springview	utilities	\$	33.20

EMERGENCY ROAD FUND

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	project overpayment	\$	27,278.40
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ROAD BOND FUND

West Plains Bank	bond payment	\$	16,090.00
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WEED DEPT

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	866.66
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	premium	\$	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	\$	63.61
Springview Herald	publish notice	\$	137.50
Three River Telco	utilities	\$	57.68

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

Rachel Ferguson, representing the library board, met with the commissioners to discuss requests from the auditors. Ferguson reported that the library board consists of: L. Mundorf, J. Cronk, R. Ferguson, L. Kienke and F. Wyrick. Mundorf's position will be up for reappointment in January of 2026. Ferguson will turn in itemized expense reports quarterly to the commissioners.

At 3:40 p.m. the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on May 27th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is available in the clerk's office and will be published on the county website when final.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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