

July 8, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, July 8th, 2025, as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 with Commissioner Tiefenthaler, Clerk Wentworth, L. Smith and C. Meredith with NACO present. Frederick noted the open meetings act posted for the public and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Nilson arrived at 10:20.

After review, Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—absent, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, motion carried.

Tiefenthaler moved to accept the clerk and clerk of the district court monthly reports, the treasurers semiannual report and the sheriffs quarterly report, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—absent, motion carried.

Candace Meredith with NACO met with the commissioners to give them an update on changes this year for the budget process for counties this year. Rather than using a lid as in the past there will be a cap that will be based on SLICE which for this year is 5.17% and the growth within the county.

Ashley Leonard, Aflac representative, met with the commissioners to thank them for their business and give them a synopsis of what the county has saved by participating in what Aflac offers.

L. Smith was present to check with the board to see if there were any armor coat projects they would need done, he is putting together a bid package for another county. The county did not.

At 11:00 Nilson moved to open as the County Board of Equalization, Frederick seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

The assessor presented the one protest that she had received. The individual was not present, the protest form stated that the property valuation was too high. The assessor stated that the valuations are set at 69% of market value according state statute.

At 11:30 Nilson moved to close the county board of equalization hearing, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Nilson moved to deny protest 25-01, based on the assessment being fair equal and following state statute guidelines of 69% to 75% of market value based on a 3-year sales study, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Commissioners talked to C. Johnson via conference call to discuss the budget process.

The Commissioners took a break for lunch.

J. Cook, county road supervisor, met with the commissioners to discuss the road department and equipment. Cook presented information on a trailer he had found to purchase. Frederick moved to purchase the 2013 CPS belly dump trailer for \$23,500 if everything checks out, Nilson seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

The county handbook policy regarding road department holidays was tabled until the next meeting.

D. Kienke and B. Arrowsmith were present for the discussion of the Niobrara Council agenda item. Letters of support were tabled.

D. Kienke and B. Arrowsmith discussed the zoning comprehensive plan, no decisions were made.

D. Kienke and K. Olson were present to discuss the counties membership in the NCDC and all that is available to the county.

CLAIMS
GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	15,069.14
Appeara	services	\$	140.51
Applied Connective Technolgies	services	\$	1,509.37
Brandon Crawford	janitorial	\$	825.00

Kristy Crawford	janitorial	\$	825.00
KBR Public Power	utilities	\$	496.92
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	972.67
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Keya Paha Co Treasurer	postage	\$	5.58
Rosa Kienke	zoning contract	\$	603.33
MASA	premium	\$	275.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	fees	\$	88.00
MIPS Inc	annual processing	\$	18,290.39
Office Products Center	supplies	\$	182.00
Platte Valley Comm	tower upgrade	\$	7,360.66
Eric A. Scott	clerical/phone	\$	850.00
Lloyd Smith	contract	\$	750.00
Springview Herald	publishing	\$	127.60
Three River Telco	services	\$	468.90
Timothy Wyrick	deputy em	\$	833.33

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	13,327.92
AKRS	supplies	\$	315.60
Appeara	services	\$	105.60
Buckles Auto	supplies	\$	190.71
Community Truck Sales	weigh tickets	\$	7.00
Hespe Auto	tires/repairs	\$	2,977.56
J&J Sanitation	services	\$	135.73
KBR Power	utilities	\$	164.74
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	798.39
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,005.38
Outback Machine & Welding	repairs	\$	696.24
Power Plan	repairs	\$	1,027.61
Springview Herald	publishing	\$	10.41
Three River Telco	services	\$	115.53
Truck Center Companies	repairs	\$	28.88
Zamarripa Trucking LLC	trailer	\$	23,500.00

WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	866.66
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	63.61
NE Weed Control Assoc	registration	\$	150.00
Three River Telco	services	\$	57.58
VanDiest Supply Co	chemical	\$	5,068.90

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

At 4:20 the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting that will be held on Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda will be on file 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*****