

July 22, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, July 22, 2025 as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:05 with commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler, Clerk Wentworth and L. Smith present. Frederick noted the open meetings act and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Under general business the commissioners asked Smith for updates on specific projects that have been requested. The commissioners expressed concerns on the invoices that the county received.

Tiefenthaler gave an update from the meeting he attended for the KPCC, and the issues being faced on funding for the facility.

At 10:30 the commissioners participated in a Webex meeting with K. Euter and K. Foster both with NEMA. The commissioners requested information on when the county could expect the money from the completed projects that have been turned in for a couple of years. Foster reached out to someone to get information and will get back to the commissioners with what she finds out. The procurement policy was discussed, Euster suggested using the state procurement policy as a template and removing the parts that don't pertain to the county and keep it simple.

The Commissioners discussed the request for a letter of support for the department of transportation to change the names of the highways running through Keya Paha County. The changes that were discussed in the correspondence would be to change Highway 7 that goes east at the 2 mile corner south of Springview south and east to the Niobrara River to HWY 183 and to change HWY 183 going south at the same two-mile corner to Brown County to HWY 7. After discussion the commissioners requested the Clerk to create a letter not supporting the project because of costs and time, and there not being an evident benefit to change the numbers.

Tiefenthaler reported that he attended the Niobrara Council meeting, the county tabled the agenda item until the council has a clearer plan.

J Ruther and K Ruther met with the commissioners to present a special designated liquor license application for the ag society for the fair weekend. After discussion Frederick moved to approve the Keya Paha County Ag Society Special Designated Liquor License to enlarge the beer garden for the 2025 fair, Nilson seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The commissioners took a lunch break.

J Cook met with the commissioners to get them updated on the road department activity since the last meeting. Cook reported that they started tilling on the Norden Road that morning. Cook also reported that the crack sealing project will get started in the next couple of weeks. Cook viewed a new pit north of Leavens bridge and the material is similar to the Serr pit. Old iron and a culvert that was in the county yard was cleaned up and hauled on the rainy days that they weren't able to work on roads.

The Commissioners and Cook reviewed the Application to Occupy the Right Of Way from Van Epps Livestock LLC, Frederick moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to approve the application. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Nilson moved to declare the 1980 Kenworth W900 surplus and sell it on Auction Time, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion approved. Cook will meet with L. Leonard to put it on the auction, the clerk will get it advertised in the local paper.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	15,197.39
BC&BS	premiums	\$	21,719.37
Brown Co Treasurer	3rd qtr vet serv	\$	2,658.62
Colonial Life	premiums	\$	30.00
Cook Tax Service	2nd qtr filing	\$	65.00
DAS State Accounting	data processing	\$	349.75
J&J Sanitation	service	\$	467.58
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	983.88
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Office Products	supplies	\$	186.71
Olson's Pest Control	service	\$	75.00
Region IV	qrt;y	\$	1,055.50
Sennett, Duncan, Jenkins & Wickham	fees	\$	193.76
Heidi Snyder	supplies reimb	\$	67.46
Anthony Tiefenthaler	ins reimb	\$	1,000.00
Turbine Mart	fuel/supplies	\$	547.50
Viaero Wireless	sheriff dept	\$	172.62
Village of Springview	utilities	\$	685.29

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	14,053.25
BC&BS	premiums	\$	9,210.42
CVA	fuel	\$	5,860.84
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	847.34
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,056.39
Keya Paha Co Treasurer	title/registration	\$	20.00
Viaero Wireless	road dept	\$	43.84
Village of Springview	utilities	\$	33.20

WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	866.66
BC&BS	premiums	\$	1,529.37
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	62.43
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	175.48

Those present for the 2:00 agenda item included: T. Krueger, D. Brannon and J Mundorf to discuss the condition of the roads for mowing ditches in their area.

The commissioners went over the remaining budget categories so the clerk can forward them to C. Johnson.

At 5:30 pm the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on August 12th 2025 at 10:00 am at the Keya Paha County courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is 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