

October 14, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, October 14th, 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 noted the open meetings act posted for the public and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Nilson moved to accept the sheriffs quarterly report, the treasurer, clerk and district court clerk monthly reports, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Under General Business: Frederick reported that with the government shutdown he hasn't received any other information from Ricketts office about the FEMA funds.

S. Hallock was present with an application to Occupy the ROW, the commissioners reviewed the application and will make the decision at the next meeting with it on the agenda at 10:15 a.m.

The Niobrara Scenic River update put on the agenda for 10:15 by Susan Cook was not discussed, Cook was not present.

At 10:30 the commissioners reviewed the levies presented by Wentworth for each entity: Keya Paha County: General--0.142355, Road Bond—0.031791, Ag Society—0.002572, Keya Paha Rural Fire District—0.006427, Sinking—0.002677, Village of Springview—0.495555, Keya Paha County Schools—0.397109, Sinking—0.010668, NE Community College—0.02000, ESU #17—0.015000, Middle NRD—0.037891, Sinking—0.001238, Lower NRD—0.032914. The total district levy for District 100 Middle NRD is 0.66773, District 100 Lower NRD is 0.66151 and District 100 Village is 1.15707. Frederick moved to approve the 2025 levies, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

K. Mizner discussed with the board that there is not really any new update for the agreement with the Sandhill Weed Management group concerning the equipment purchased with the grant funds that is housed in Burwell. The commissioners did not sign the agreement.

J. Cook met with the commissioners to update them of the activities of the road department. Cook informed the board that the bridge inspections went well with just some signage and branch removal to correct. Cook reported that his county pick-up is broke down and waiting for information on diagnosis. Cook has discussed the Hanson pit with the landowner who is wanting to close the pit down.

L. Smith, K. Bruns, R. Kienke and Mr. & Mrs. J. Bishop were present when the 11:30 agenda item of road closure. Smith reported that he has done the study and would recommend closing the road that Bruns has requested to be closed. Discussion was held and questions were answered, the commissioners instructed Smith to proceed with the process and do the notifications of those adjoining landowners and set the hearing for the second meeting in November. Smith also reported that he has done the fieldwork for another road closer and will get his recommendation to the board.

Nilson moved to sign the contract with Marvin and Associates, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—no and Tiefenthaler—yes. Motion carried.

The commissioners took a lunch break.

The 1:00 agenda item to discuss prairie dogs with Ryan Powers, USDA was cancelled. Powers called earlier in the day, due to the governmental shut down he was unable to travel. He will reschedule when he is able.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$	15,089.39
Appeara	services	\$	141.68
Applied Connective	contract	\$	1,541.70
BC&BS	ins preim	\$	21,719.37

Brandon Crawford	custodial contract	\$	825.00
Kristy Crawford	custodial contract	\$	825.00
Hespe Auto	tires/rep	\$	1,115.00
Intoximeters	equip	\$	690.00
KBR Power	util	\$	543.68
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	1,108.00
Keya Paha Co Court	court costs	\$	75.00
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,108.00
Rosa Kienke	zoning contract	\$	684.53
Kyle Linse	medical reimb	\$	500.00
MASA	premiums	\$	275.00
Microfilm Imaging Services	rental fees	\$	88.00
Olson's Pest Techs	services	\$	395.00
Platt Valley Communications	repairs to repeater	\$	279.50
Region IV Inc	2nd qrtr	\$	1,055.50
Schrantz Welding & Repair	repairs & labor	\$	720.18
Eric A. Scott	clerical/phone reimb	\$	850.00
Secretary of State/Elections	conference fees	\$	50.00
Sennett, Duncan, Jenkins & Wickham	court costs	\$	93.76
Lloyd Smith	contract	\$	750.00
Three River Telco	util	\$	512.58
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	596.72
US Bank	mtgs exp/supplies/conference	\$	766.80
Viaero	sheriff dept.	\$	171.38
Village of Springview	util	\$	303.29
Timothy Wyrick	deputy em	\$	833.33

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$	17,465.79
AKRS Equipment	repairs	\$	2,803.99
Appeara	services	\$	107.21
BC&BS	ins preim	\$	12,722.85
CVA	fuel	\$	6,512.28
Hespe Auto	supplies/tire rep	\$	128.02
J&J Sanitation	utilities	\$	135.73
KBR Power	utilities	\$	125.86
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	1,077.70
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Schrantz Welding & Repair	labor/supplies	\$	713.60
Three River Telco	utilities	\$	115.82
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	64.56
Viaero	road dept	\$	43.84
Village of Springview	utilities	\$	33.20

WEED FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$	866.66
BC&BS	ins preim	\$	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	\$	63.61
Three River Telco	weed dept	\$	57.87

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

At 2:30 p.m. the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at the 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