

November 25, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, November 25, 2025, as advertised. The Keya Paha County Schools senior class were at the courthouse for county government day. The students, officials and staff gathered in the courtroom for introductions and information on the different departments. The students then broke into small groups to shadow officials and staff.

Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler, Clerk Wentworth and students present. Frederick noted the open meetings act posted for the public and led the pledge of allegiance. After review, 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.

The commissioners reviewed a form 457 from the Burton Assembly of God church for the exemption of the church van. Nilson moved to approve the form 457 for the Burton Assembly of God church, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was held on the possibility of a chairlift or ramp at the courthouse and the issue of where to put it. This has been put on hold for now to gather more information.

The Clerk presented the resolutions to finalize the budgeted transfers for the 2025/2026 budget that was previously adopted. Nilson moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to adopt Resolution 20-09, Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to Road/Bridge Fund. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried. Frederick moved, Nilson seconded to adopt Resolution 25-10 Transfer of Fund from County General/Misc General to Noxious Weed & Ambulance Funds. Voting Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Tiefenthaler moved, Frederick seconded to adopt Resolution 25-11, Transfer of Funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund 2700 to the Road Bond Fund 340. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m. Nilson moved to open the Road Closure Request Hearing, Frederick seconded the motion. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried. L. Smith and Mr. & Mrs. Bishop. The closure was discussed, Bishops stated they did not receive notice of the hearing but did see it advertised in the paper. Smith stated he sent certified letters to all the landowners that would be affected. Frederick contacted one of the other landowners that were not present by text message and that landowner had not received any notice of the hearing. Frederick moved to table the road closure hearing, rescheduling it for January 13th so that all involved can be notified, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Frederick moved to close the hearing at 11:30, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

D. Brannon and M. Brannon were on the agenda to discuss a section line near them. A neighbor has blocked the section line and made it impossible to pass. Tiefenthaler asked Smith if he had researched the section line yet, this section line was brought into question in early 2025. Smith had not looked but assured the commissioners he will look before he left for the day to see if it is an open section line. Before leaving Smith informed the commissioners that it is an open section line.

The commissioners, county officials and employees ate lunch with the students and sponsor Mrs. King. J. Cook updated the commissioners on the road department activities and projects.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$	14,846.39
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	fee	\$	411.87
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	953.17
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,089.41
MC Tee's & More	uniform patches	\$	17.00
MIPS Inc	JPH postcards	\$	1,561.16
NE Dept of Labor	fees	\$	174.46
Office Products Center	supplies	\$	67.60
Powertech	service generators	\$	1,797.19
Jim Ripley	foundation donation for fireworks	\$	250.00
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	73.76

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$	12,923.37
B's Enterprises	signs	\$	1,187.86
Bomgaars	tools	\$	289.99
Dennis Cullison	CDL fee reimbursement	\$	60.00
J&J Sanitation	utilities	\$	135.73
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	771.07
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	973.01
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	118.10

WEED FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$	200.00
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	13.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	12.61
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	14.00

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

D. Kienke met with the commissioners to discuss the Niobrara Council. After a discussion Frederick moved to authorize D. Kienke to send a short letter in support of the interim study to T. Storer's office, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—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 on Tuesday, December 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the Clerk's office and available online at <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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