

February 24th, 2026

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 24th, 2026, as advertised, Chairman Tiefenthaler called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Frederick and Clerk Wentworth present. Tiefenthaler noted the open meetings act posted for the public and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

General Business: Frederick reported that he participated in a timeline PowerPoint with Marvin and Associates on the comprehensive plan project. Frederick was pleased with how the meeting went.

Tiefenthaler stated that E. Scott and himself met with a prospective surveyor, the county is still in the process of finding someone to fill that vacancy.

Audry Worthington, representing Adrian Smith's office, met with the commissioners to give them an update. She said that Smith serves as the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on trade working to ensure that trade remains fair.

Ross & Elane Johnson met with the commissioners to discuss a section line road near them, that they had received a letter from county attorney Scott requesting they remove any property they have that is blocking the road. Johnson stated their understanding was that since they own the land on both sides of the road that they can control the road. After discussion, the Johnsons said they wish to pursue formal steps to request closing the road and agreed to be placed on the agenda for March 24th, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. to formally request the section line road be closed.

A Painter met with the commissioners to discuss an abandoned cemetery and a property that has been in a tax sale that has been on her books. E. Scott said that both issues are in the landowners' hands.

Deputy Emergency Manager Wyrick stopped in to update the commissioners on a grant that is being pursued for a skid unit and will keep the commissioners updated on it.

After discussion the commissioners decided to pay the remaining portion of the loan for Carns bridge with the inheritance fund. In July the FEMA funds will be transferred to the inheritance fund to pay back the portion used to pay the bridge loan. Frederick moved to pay off the bridge loan with West Plains Bank, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Commissioners and Scott took a break for lunch.

After a brief discussion, Nilson moved to appoint Elizabeth Yost as the County Highway Superintendent, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Jessica Coyle, Cherry/Keya Paha Emergency Manager along with Shawn Jacobs from Warning Coordination Meteorologist with NWSFO of North Platte presented the Keya Paha County Commissioners and Tim Wyrick, assistant fire chief/deputy emergency manager with the Weather Ready Award. The County was recognized for planning for weather

emergencies and for participating in storm spotter training held in Springview. Frederick wanted to publicly thank the Springview Fire and Rescue for allowing their building to be used and for participating in the training and appreciates the volunteers on the fire department and ambulance service.

J. Cook updated the board on the road department progress and the Hanson pit.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$15,728.29
Brown Co Treasurer	qtrly	\$11,003.25
DAS State Acct. Central Finance	data processing	\$305.75
Keya Paha Co Payroll Acct	co-share ret	\$1,046.53
Keya Paha Co Payroll Acct	co-share fica	\$1,156.91
Keya Paha Co Treasurer	postage	\$10.48
NE Assn Clerks/Reg. Deeds/Elect Com	dues	\$50.00
Office Products Center	supplies	\$40.45
Olson's Pest Technicians	monthly service	\$75.00
Keya Paha Co Ag Society	foundation donation	\$500.00

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$13,600.63
Bomgaars	shop supplies	\$38.23
Harry K NAPA	supplies	\$8.47
Keya Paha Co Payroll Acct	co-share ret	\$816.79
Keya Paha Co Payroll Acct	co-share fica	\$1,024.82
Mr Automotive	shop supplies	\$24.59
Premier Parts & Paint	repairs	\$792.27
Truck Center co	transmission	\$5,205.96

INHERITANCE FUND

West Plains Bank	loan pay off	\$295,576.82
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WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$866.66
Keya Paha Co Payroll Acct	co-share ret	\$58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll Acct	co-share fica	\$63.61

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

At 3:15 p.m. the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the clerks office and online at:

<https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

Tony Tiefenthaler, Chairman

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