

July 14, 2026

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, July 14th, 2026, as advertised. Chairman Tiefenthaler called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Frederick and Nilson and Clerk Wentworth present. Tiefenthaler noted the open meetings act posted for the public and led the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed, Frederick moved to approve the minutes, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Frederick moved to accept the Clerk, District Court, Treasurer and Sheriff monthly report and quarterly report, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Frederick—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Sheriff Kirsch and Chief Deputy Linse were present to discuss the department budget, equipment and staffing. Kirsch mentioned the way things are going cameras are probably a good idea, it's what other departments in the area all have. More discussing will be held at the budget workshop.

At 10:34 a.m. Nilson moved to open as the County Board of Equalization, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Nilson—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried. There were only two protests filed, both were for Three River Telco properties. Wentworth stated that due to the sales study time frame used to set value for 2026, for Springview all residential properties increased 30%, commercial properties increased 11%, and lots increased 30% due to sales as required by state statute. The Three Telco properties were valued the same as similar properties in Springview. Nilson moved to come out of CBOE, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Nilson moved to deny Protest 26-01 and Protest 26-02 as the properties are valued similarly and equal to similar properties in Springview, Tiefenthaler seconded the motion. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Frederick—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Tiefenthaler moved to donate \$300 to Ripley Fireworks, Nilson seconded the motion. Voting: Frederick—yes, Nilson—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

After review, Tiefenthaler moved to approve Request to Occupy County Right of Way Application from Elaine Buescher for a waterline. Frederick seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

D. Kienke met with the commissioners via telephone; the commissioners were presented with the 1st rough draft copy of the comprehensive plan. Kienke informed the commissioners that she has set up a public hearing for July 28th at 2:00 p.m. to discuss data centers.

The commissioners discussed contracting propane with CVA, Tiefenthaler moved to contract and prepay propane for \$1.65/gallon, Frederick seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes Frederick—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Frederick moved to adopt Resolution 26-07 which denies vacating the section line that had previously been heard on June 23rd, 2026, at 1:30pm, Tiefenthaler seconded the motion. Voting: Frederick—yes, Nilson—abstain and Frederick—yes. Motion carried.

The Commissioners took a break for lunch.

CLAIMS
GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	15,485.29
Ainsworth Star Journal	advertising amnesty	\$	125.00
Appeara	courthouse service	\$	219.78
Applied Connective	IT contract	\$	1,527.72
BC&BS	premiums	\$	22,735.89

Catch-All LLC	hwy sup contract	\$	750.00
Colonial Life	premiums	\$	32.00
Brandon Crawford	janitorial cont	\$	825.00
Kristy Crawford	janitorial cont	\$	825.00
DAS State Accounting	data processing	\$	305.75
Hespe Auto	repairs	\$	207.41
KBR Public Power	utilities	\$	443.92
KBRB Radio	advertising amnesty	\$	120.00
KBRX-FM	advertising amnesty	\$	125.00
Keya Paha Co Ag Society	donated by foundation	\$	2,000.00
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct.	co-share retirement	\$	1,025.27
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct.	co-share fica	\$	1,137.67
Keya Paha Co Treasurer	title fee	\$	15.00
Rosa Kienke	zoning admin, mileage, wifi reimb	\$	680.83
KVSH Radio	advertising amnesty	\$	125.00
KWYR	advertising amnesty	\$	63.00
Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc	comp plan rewrite	\$	4,420.00
MASA	premiums	\$	235.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	scanner fees	\$	88.00
NE Planning & Zoning Assoc	registration fee	\$	235.00
North Central NE RC&D	amnesty costs	\$	480.00
Office Products Center	supplies	\$	165.58
AnneJeanette Painter	supplies reimb	\$	104.13
Region IV, Inc	quarterly	\$	1,055.50
Jim Ripley	foundation donation	\$	250.00
Eric Scott	clerical	\$	850.00
Springview Golf Club	foundation donation	\$	2,000.00
Springview Herald	publishing	\$	658.07
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	186.92
The Wrangler	advertising amnesty	\$	120.00
Three River Telco	utilities	\$	518.62
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	659.67
US Bank	supplies	\$	664.27
Viaero Wireless	sheriff dept	\$	389.82
Village of Springview	utilities	\$	422.32
Timothy Wyrick	deputy em	\$	833.33

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	18,801.35
AKRS	parts	\$	1,567.83
Appeara	service	\$	165.60
B's Enterprises, Inc	signs	\$	342.00

BC&BS	premiums	\$	13,318.31
Buckles Automotive	repairs	\$	147.14
CVA	fuel	\$	8,668.40
Hespe Auto	tires/rep	\$	2,619.06
Jeffres Sand & Gravel	gravel	\$	3,239.52
KBR Public Power	utilities	\$	129.52
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct.	co-share retirement	\$	1,201.60
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Outback Machine & Welding	repairs	\$	594.70
Power Plan	repairs	\$	771.51
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	155.51
Three River Telco	utilities	\$	116.00
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	22.15
Viaero Wireless	road dept	\$	43.84
Village of Springview	utilities	\$	33.20

WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	866.66
BC&BS	premiums	\$	1,600.95
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	utilities	\$	58.50
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	142.04

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

J. Cook met with the board to discuss projects in the road department.

The afternoon was spent going over budget figures for different departments to get to the budget preparer in preparation for the budget workshop to be held on August 19th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room.

At 4:35 p.m. Chairman Tiefenthaler declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday July 28th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. 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

Anthony Tiefenthaler, Chairman

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