October 27, 2026

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, October 27th 2026 as advertised. Chairman Tiefenthaler called the meeting to order at 10:00 with commissioners Nilson and Frederick and Clerk Wentworth present, County Attorney Scott arrived after court. Tiefenthaler referenced the open meetings act posted for the public and led the pledge of allegiance.

Tiefenthaler moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Frederick seconded. Voting: Nilson—abstain, Tiefenthaler—yes and Frederick—yes. Motion carried.

The Commissioners discussed transfer resolution with C. Johnson. After discussion, Nilson moved to adopt Resolution 2026-13 which transfers money from the emergency fund to the inheritance fund, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Frederick—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried. The transfer is to move $200,000 received from FEMA to pay back what was barrowed from the Inheritance Tax fund.

J. Jenkins met with the commissioners to introduce the newly hired beef educator, Lauren Seir who has joined the BKR Extension office staff in Ainsworth.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb			
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	*data processing*	*$*	*611.50*
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, INC.	*data processing*	*$*	*2,546.92*
HOMELAND GROCERY	*election training food*	*$*	*29.73*
JOHN FREDERICK	*med exp reimbursement*	*$*	*600.00*
KEYA PAHA CO PAYROLL WH ACCT	*co-share ret*	*$*	*1,058.94*
KEYA PAHA CO PAYROLL WH ACCT	*co-share fica*	*$*	*1,206.41*
LLOYD C SMITH	*continuing ed*	*$*	*denied*
MID-PLAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	*test proctor*	*$*	*15.00*
MIPS INC	*upgraded website*	*$*	*552.00*
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	*copy contract*	*$*	*35.00*
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	*monthly service*	*$*	*75.00*
SENNETT,DUCAN,JENKINS & WICKHAM,PC	*lawyer fees*	*$*	*46.88*
Sunset Law Enforcement	*ammunition*	*$*	*1,694.70*

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb			
B'S ENTERPRISES INC.	*supplies*	*$*	*1,684.60*
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	*ins. premium*	*$*	*3,213.83*
BOMGAARS SUPPLY, INC.	*supply*	*$*	*208.78*
CNH INDUSTRIAL ACCTS	*parts from Titan*	*$*	*167.63*
HOMELAND GROCERY	*misc*	*$*	*5.40*
KEYA PAHA CO PAYROLL ACCT	*co-share ret*	*$*	*700.92*
KEYA PAHA CO PAYROLL ACCT	*co-share fica*	*$*	*809.10*
MIDWEST REPAIR	*repair*	*$*	*3,751.45*

WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb			
KEYA PAHA CO PAYROLL ACCT	*co-share ret*	*$*	*58.50*
KEYA PAHA COUNTY CLERK	*postage*	*$*	*82.00*
KEYA PAHA CO PAYROLL ACCT	*co-share fica*	*$*	*63.61*

Frederick moved to pay the claims except for claims #261000092, Nilson seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Nilson—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried. Claim #261000092 that was denied was submitted by Lloyd Smith of Valentine for the amount of $451.68 which was to cover fees to attend a conference and time spent with mileage for returning the county records.

Tiefenthaler moved to have the elected officials and office staff in the clerk and treasurers' office sign new signature cards for the safety deposit boxes rented by the county, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Nilson-yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried. The new signature cards would remove K. Thiede and add H. Snyder, and also retain A. Painter, S Wentworth and E. Kinney as signors.

The Commissioners and Scott took a break for lunch.

At 1:00 the Rock County Commissioners attended the Keya Paha County Commissioners meeting, those attending were Commissioners W. Hollenbeck, F. Smith and C. Sybrant and they Highway Superintendent for both Keya Paha and Rock Counties E. Yost. Hollenbeck called their meeting to order at 1:00. The Carns bridge was the single item on the agenda for 1:00. Yost updated the commissioners on her conversations with Paul Kieper who is wanting the commissioners to sign off on the bridge and feels the commissioners concerns with the bridge are not legitimate and with Maneli and Wagner about the Carns bridge and possibility of obtaining core samples. Yost will continue correspondence with Maneli and Wagner. After more discussion F. Smith will ask K. Turpin for a professional opinion in writing on the bridge. County Attorney Scott will investigate the situation more. The Rock and Keya Paha County Commissioners all agreed that regular meeting between the counties are needed and will be in touch. The Rock County Commissioners adjourned their meeting at 1:55 p.m.

After review, Frederick moved to adopt Resolution 2026-14, the Signing of the Year-End certification of County Highway Superintendent 2026 and to authorize the chairman to sign the certification for determining incentive payment for the 2026 calendar year, Nilson seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

J. Cook updated the commissioners on road department activity. Cook stated that he had received a resignation from one of the road maintenance employees and that next week would be their last week working for the county. The commissioners instructed the clerk to begin advertising immediately.

Surplus property was discussed, Nilson moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to declare the 604 1971 Hyster gravel trailer, a 2012 Dodge Ram 1500 and a 1980 /ford 10 yd dump truck as surplus property. The commissioners ask J. Cook to get the items listed with AuctionTime.

The commissioners and Cook discussed the current rates for equipment, Nilson moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to set the rates as follows: Scraper--$150/hour, Wheel Loader--$130/hour, 10 Yard Truck--$200/hour, Grader--$160/hour, Backhoe--$130/hour and Belly Dump Trailer--$450/hour. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Frederick—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

The chairman declare the meting adjourned at 3:45 until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 10th 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.

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Suzy Wentworth, Clerk *Anthony Tiefenthaler, Chairman*