September 22, 2026

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, September 22nd as advertised. Chairman Tiefenthaler called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Frederick, Co. Attorney Scott and Clerk Wentworth present. Tiefenthaler referenced the open meetings act posted for the public, then led the pledge of allegiance.

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

The regular meeting closed.

At 10:15 Tiefenthaler moved to open the Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request, Frederick seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Frederick—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried. No members of the public were present for the hearing. At 10:30 Nilson moved to close the Final Tax Request Hearing, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Nilson—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

At 10:30 Tiefenthaler moved to open the County Budget Hearing, Frederick seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried. There were no members of the public present for the hearing. At 11:00 a.m. Nilson moved to close the budget hearing, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Frederick—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m. the regular meeting resumed.

Nilson moved to authorize the chairman to sign the budget message portion of the budget, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Nilson—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Nilson moved to adopt Resolution 2026-11, the Property Tax Request 2026/2027, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried. Resolution 2026-11 states that the 2026/2027 property tax request for the General Fund will be set at $1,016924.70, which is different than the 2026/2026 Property Tax asking of $975947.51. The 2026/2027 property tax request for the Road Bond Fund be set at $239765.48, which is different than the 2025/2026 Property Tax asking of $217952.94. The total assessed value of property differs from last years total assessed value by 9.29%. The Keya Paha County Board of Commissioners proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause the tax rate to be .167729 which is down from the 2025/2026 tax rate of .174147 per $100 of assessed value. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the Keya Paha Board of commissioners will increase compared to last year's operating budget by 8.42%.

Tiefenthaler moved, Nilson seconded to adopt Resolution 26-12, Keya Paha County Budget Documents Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations which approves the 2026/2027 budget. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Frederick—yes and Nilson—yes. All vote in favor, motion carried.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb			*$ 16,065.29*
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	*ins prem*	*$*	*11,367.93*
CHERRY COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER	*prisoner board*	*$*	*280.00*
CHERRY COUNTY TREASURER	*responder app*	*$*	*399.00*
COLONIAL LIFE	*prem*	*$*	*9.00*
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	*data processing*	*$*	*305.75*
HESPE AUTO CENTER	*keys & Sheriff repair*	*$*	*1,007.39*
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS-NORFOLK	*mtg exp*	*$*	*110.00*
KEYA PAHA CO PAYROLL ACCT RET	*co-share retirement*	*$*	*1,025.27*
KEYA PAHA COUNTY ACTIVITY CENTER	*use of building*	*$*	*50.00*
KEYA PAHA COUNTY PAYROLL ACCOUNT	*co-share fica*	*$*	*1,172.18*
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	*copy service contract*	*$*	*36.88*
PAINTER, ANNEJEANETTE	*mileage*	*$*	*234.08*

REGION 4 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM	*quarterly payment*	*$*	*1,048.25*
SPRINGVIEW HERALD	*dep sher ad*	*$*	*427.20*
SPRINGVIEW IMPLEMENT & SUPPLY	*supplies*	*$*	*195.05*
THE BAT GUYS	*bat removal/sanitation*	*$*	*20,350.00*
THREE RIVER TELCO	*treasurer phone*	*$*	*525.61*
TURBINE MART	*sheriff fuel*	*$*	*742.79*
	ROAD FUND		
Salaries & Ins Reimb		*$*	*12,602.50*
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	*ins prem*	*$*	*6,659.14*
BOMGAARS SUPPLY, INC.	*supply*	*$*	*33.96*
CENTRAL VALLEY AG	*fuel*	*$*	*9,568.66*
COLONIAL LIFE	*prem*	*$*	*6.00*
HESPE AUTO CENTER	*road supply & repair*	*$*	*482.13*
J & J SANITATION	*trash road shop*	*$*	*148.76*
KEYA PAHA CO PAYROLL ACCT RET	*co-share retirement*	*$*	*783.17*
KEYA PAHA COUNTY PAYROLL ACCOUNT	*co-share fica*	*$*	*934.72*
POWER PLAN	*parts*	*$*	*440.36*
SPRINGVIEW IMPLEMENT & SUPPLY	*supplies*	*$*	*118.72*
THREE RIVER TELCO	*shop phone*	*$*	*116.49*
TURBINE MART	*Road fuel*	*$*	*95.27*
	WEED FUND		
Salaries & Ins Reimb		*$*	*866.66*
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	*ins prem*	*$*	*800.47*
COLONIAL LIFE	*prem*	*$*	*1.00*
KEYA PAHA CO PAYROLL ACCT RET	*co-share retirement*	*$*	*58.50*
KEYA PAHA COUNTY PAYROLL ACCOUNT	*co-share fica*	*$*	*63.61*
MIZNER, KURTIS	*meetings*	*$*	*983.54*
THREE RIVER TELCO	*weed phone*	*$*	*58.05*
TURBINE MART	*weed fuel*	*$*	*89.26*

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

The Commissioners and Scott went to lunch.

J. Cook met with he commissioners to update them on road projects. Chris Sayers, CAT representative and Cook discussed a used 12M motor grader, funding options were discussed. The commissioners will decide what spec to advertise for bidding next meeting.

S. Rasmussen was present to discuss surveying in the county and what surveying the county is required to have funding available for.

At 3:30 p.m. the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on October 13th, 2026 at 10: 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*****