

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners met as per notification of June 24, 2026 in the Fairbury Journal News and on the newspaper and county website. The agenda was emailed, posted by the commissioner's room, posted on the board's hallway monitors and on the Jefferson County website. Michael Dux, chairman, Mark Schoenrock and Danielle Schwab commissioners, Kristina Riggle, county clerk, media and public in attendance. Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Prior to the meeting the safety committee met.

Consent Agenda:

- 1. Approve June 16, 2026 minutes
- 2. Review/approve Region 5 Systems agreement for EPC services 7-1-2026 to 6-30-2027

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Dux to approve the consent agenda. Call of vote: Schoenrock, Dux voting aye. Schwab absent. Motion carried.

Schoenrock noted 250 years ago five men, John Adams, Roger Sherman, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and Robert Livingston worked on the draft of the declaration of independence, which was presented to the continental congress, and voted on July 2, with signing started July 4, 1776. The board recognizes the 250th birthday of the United States of America.

Schwab present.

Dux represented Jefferson County at the newspaper focus group on June 18th.

Mary Banahan, assessor present.

Moved by Schwab, seconded by Schoenrock to go into board of equalization at 9:09 a.m. Call of vote: Schwab, Dux, Schoenrock voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Banahan presented an over/under/omitted report for review.

Moved by Schwab, seconded by Schoenrock to approve and have the chairman sign the additional over/under/omitted report and direct the assessor to send property valuation notices for all over/under/omitted property as presented. Call of vote: Dux, Schoenrock, Schwab voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Schwab to go out of board of equalization at 9:15 a.m. Call of vote: Schoenrock, Schwab, Dux voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

John McKee, emergency manager/planning and zoning/weed present. McKee reported that Jefferson County regulations require hearing processes for data centers which could only be located in industrial or commercial zoned areas and there is a secure vetting process that protects the county for any potential data centers. McKee noted there have been no inquiries at this point, but with data centers in the news, he wanted to ensure the board of the county regulations that are in place.

The board reviewed resolution 2026-05 approving the Local Emergency Operations Plan.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Schwab to approve resolution 2026-05 approving the LEOP plan for Jefferson County. Call of vote: Schwab, Dux, Schoenrock voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the disaster declaration for June 20, 2026 for flooding in the county.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Schwab to have the chairman sign the disaster declaration as presented. Call of vote: Dux, Schoenrock, Schwab voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed and the chairman signed the FEMA certification of compliance with Foreign National Vetting requirements.

Jason Eyer, highway supervisor and Terry Blas, highway supervisor assistant present.

Eyer presented a right-of-way permits for Enbridge and Cole Weise and oversize/overweight permits for Wardcraft Homes and Barnhart Crane and Rigging for review.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Dux to approve the right-of-way permit for Enbridge on the west side of section 7-1-3 along 706 road by the southwest section corner on the north side of the road. Call of vote: Schoenrock, Schwab, Dux voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Moved by Schwab, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the oversize/overweight permit for Wardcraft Homes to move a home through the county per attached route map. Call of vote: Schwab, Dux, Schoenrock voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.
Moved by Schwab, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the oversize/overweight permit for Barnhart Crane along the approved attached route map. Call of vote: Dux, Schoenrock, Schwab voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Moved by Schwab, seconded by Dux to approve the right-of-way permit for Cole Weise for a driveway along 719 road on the north side of section 12-3-3 in the northwest section corner on the south side of the road. Call of vote: Schoenrock, Schwab, Dux voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Armor coating has not commenced due to lack of road gravel availability. One pit is shut down and the other pit is only producing concrete sand. The county only has access to rock for the roads right now. Eyer and Blas will see about having Hein Construction do some crack sealing. Problem road areas were discussed. Due to rain amounts/flooding there is a lot of gravel washed off of the roadways. The county is making an attachment for the excavator to be able to reclaim some of the gravel with minimal damage. Schoenrock noted the speed limit signs along the east end of the PWF are being vandalized or taken down. Eyer and Blas will do a little patching on the PWF to get by until the road replacement project gets started. Schoenrock noted the right-of-ways and easements are being acquired and the plans and specs will need final approval with bids anticipated for this Fall.

Jared Reimers, district coordinator for Adrian Smith gave updates and an overview of the roles of the offices in Grand Island and Nebraska City to assist constituents.

Nick Georgi, sheriff and Travis Arnold, maintenance reported the law enforcement building roof is at end of life and with all the recent rains, many leaks have developed and have ruined ceiling tiles. They would like to solicit bids for a new roof that would hold up to foot traffic as technicians are up there servicing 11 a/c units and antennas frequently. Arnold will have specs worked up and Georgi will coordinate advertising for bids with a proposed timeline for bid submissions in July and bid awards by late July. The board agreed they should move forward with the bid process.

The board reviewed claims and payroll.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Schwab to approve claims and payroll. Call of vote: Schoenrock, Schwab, Dux voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

General Fund – Payroll \$166,578.63		
American Family Life Assurance Co	Insurance	\$171.21
Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Retirement	\$23,922.00
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Dental	Insurance	\$1,391.91
Ameritas Vision	Insurance	\$425.94
Black Hills Energy	Services	\$332.42
Card Service Center-Eisenhauer	Supplies	\$1,557.65
Cidnet	Services	\$600.00

Colonial Ins	Insurance	\$23.35
Comfort Inn	Services	\$279.90
Constellation New Energy Gas Div.	Services	\$13.77
Das State Acct.-Central Finance	Services	\$7.44
Dept Of Correctional Services	Services	\$10,158.79
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$1,881.01
Erin M.Mccartney, Trustee	Insurance	\$313.00
Fairbury Journal News	Services	\$280.40
Fairbury Light & Water Dept	Services	\$1,180.95
Fancy Stitching	Services	\$219.00
Fraternal Order Of Police #86	Union	\$533.40
Grainger	Supplies	\$91.44
Heartland Bank	Tax	\$49,489.75
Heartland Bank-Hsa	Insurance	\$760.00
Holiday Inn - Kearney,Ne	Services	\$239.90
Hometown Leasing	Services	\$568.49
Jacks Uniforms & Equipment	Supplies	\$1,530.39
Jeff Co Employee Med Benefit Plan	Insurance	\$572.50
Jefferson Comm Health & Life-Clinic	Services	\$5,179.52
Jefferson County Sheriff	Services	\$472.87
Kristina Riggle	Services	\$217.50
Larkins Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$63.09
Leroy Bast	Services	\$217.50
Little Blue Public Water Project	Services	\$42.00
Medica Insurance	Insurance	\$31,047.27
Microfilm Imaging Systems,Inc.	Services	\$75.00
Midwest Card & Id Solutions	Supplies	\$4,200.00
Murray Law,Pc Llo	Services	\$1,779.40
Mutual Of Omaha-Life	Insurance	\$1,034.32
Naceb	Services	\$100.00
Nebr Dept Of Revenue	Tax	\$7,275.84
Psychological Resources	Services	\$250.00
Quadient Leasing Usa,Inc	Services	\$1,105.56
Quill Corp	Supplies	\$69.99
Schneider Geospatial, Llc	Services	\$26,278.00
Stewart Lawn Care	Services	\$226.08
Stryker Sales Corp.	Supplies	\$1,044.00
Sunset Law Enforcement	Services	\$1,806.30
Swanson Services Corp.	Supplies	\$516.60
T.O. Haas Tire & Auto #5129	Services	\$158.97
Twin Rivers Ford	Services	\$150.94
Uniti	SERVICES	\$1,235.89
Verizon Wireless	Services	\$2,233.87
Vigilnet America Llc	Services	\$728.00

Highway Fund – Payroll \$35,389.41

All Road Barricades Inc	Supplies	\$5,433.72
Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Retirement	\$2,383.73
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Dental	Insurance	\$283.59
Beatrice Concrete Co Inc	Supplies	\$23,099.10
Bell Bank Equipment Finance	Services	\$2,982.88
Black Hills Energy	Services	\$55.22
Caterpillar Financial Services Co	Services	\$22,193.85
Dan's Refrigeration	Services	\$247.84
Deere Credit,Inc.	Services	\$6,360.85
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$83.08
Fairbury Journal News	Services	\$124.20
First Bank Of Nebraska	Services	\$2,914.82
Heartland Bank	Tax	\$2,613.18
Heartland Bank-Hsa	Insurance	\$125.00
Hometown Leasing	Services	\$67.94
Ibew Local Union 1536	Union	\$222.13
Interstate Power Systems	Services	\$3,420.00
Jeff Co Employee Med Benefit Plan	Insurance	\$7.50
Medica Insurance	Insurance	\$8,824.47
Mutual Of Omaha-Life	Insurance	\$165.49
Nebraska Child Support Payment Cent	Insurance	\$184.62
Newman Traffic Signs	Supplies	\$1,303.49
Nirma	Services	\$133,430.00
Norris Public Power Dist	Services	\$20.93
Rick Klaumann	Services	\$204.24
Rocky Macklin	Services	\$250.00
Tyler Olds	Services	\$250.00

Hbp Hwy Bridge Buyback Prog

Husker Steel	Supplies	\$16,243.35
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Fair Fund – Payroll \$856.44

Heartland Bank	Tax	\$65.52
Nirma	Services	\$13,484.00

Inheritance Tax

3rd Street Body & Glass Llc.	Services	\$771.25
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911 Emergency Servies

Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Retirement	\$16.62
Black Hills Energy	Services	\$52.20
Heartland Bank	Tax	\$18.05
Precision Signs & Graphics	Supplies	\$15.75

Fair Building

Card Service Center-Likens	Supplies	\$519.99
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Ambulance Fund – Payroll \$29,540.55

Aed Essentials Inc.	Supplies	\$1,125.00
Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Retirement	\$1,925.58
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Dental	Insurance	\$141.52
Bound Tree Medical Llc	Supplies	\$1,127.74
Card Services - Gregory Neemann	Supplies	\$26.58
Heartland Bank	Tax	\$23,316.48

M & D Auto Service	Services	\$358.46
Medica Insurance	Insurance	\$4,193.29
Mutual Of Omaha-Life	Insurance	\$85.19
Nirma	Services	\$30,150.00
One Billing Solutions	Services	\$7,285.79
Verizon Wireless	Services	\$210.20

Dux asked for public comments. None heard.

The board requested a closed session for personnel and strategy.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Dux to go into closed session for the protection of the public interest and prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual if such individual has not requested a public meeting for personnel and strategy at 11:02 a.m. Call of vote: Schoenrock, Schwab, Dux voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Moved by Schwab, seconded by Schoenrock to go out of closed session at 11:35 a.m. Call of vote: Dux, Schoenrock, Schwab voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried. No action taken.

Schwab reported Jefferson County has been selected to participate in the Communities for Kids (C4K) initiative through Early Futures Partnership. C4K will help communities better understand local childcare and early childhood needs and develop partnerships and solutions that fit each community.

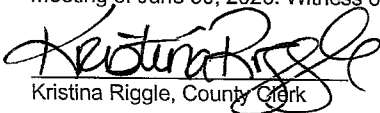
A core leadership team will be formed by the planning team. If you are interested in being involved, you may reach out to Schwab.

The board discussed the property protest schedule with Banahan.

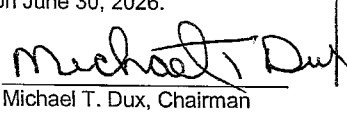
Correspondence Listing *Note - all fees listed below have been deposited by the Treasurer into the appropriately noted funds. Received: **General:** \$32,212.61 refund retirement county equal retirement benefit funds – Ameritas. **911 Emergency Services:**– \$3.00 Ooma, Inc. \$33.00 Bandwidth; \$1.00 Comcast; \$69.00 8x8 Inc; \$3.00 Alltel; \$\$8.00 Compliance Solutions; \$1.00 Simple Voip; \$2.00 Compliance Solutions; \$4.00 Compliance Solutions; \$9.50 Eisner Advisory Group; \$1.00 Hughes Networks - all for 911 surcharges. **Tourism:** \$2344.75 April '26 lodging tax.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

I, Kristina Riggle, County Clerk and Rochelle Greenwood, deputy county clerk do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a correct report of the meeting of June 30, 2026. Witness our hand and official seal on June 30, 2026.


Kristina Riggle, County Clerk




Michael T. Dux, Chairman