

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners met as per notification of June 10, 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, commissioner, Kristina Riggle, county clerk, media and public in attendance. Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Consent Agenda:

- 1. Approve June 2, 2026 minutes
- 2. Approve Special Designated Liquor licenses for Side Trek Bar on 11-14-26 for a fundraiser event at the fairgrounds 4H building and on 9-6-26 birthday celebration at the 4H building.

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

Schoenrock reported he represented Jefferson County at the Daughter’s of the American Revolution rededication ceremony at the Fairbury Cemetery honoring Martha Sawin Eaton, daughter of Revolutionary War Patriot Samuel Sawin on Saturday, June 13th. Saturday afternoon he represented Jefferson County at the dedication of the liberty tree by the Veteran’s Memorial in the Fairbury City park in honor of America’s 250th anniversary.

Tonight, Schoenrock will represent Jefferson County at the Blue Valley Community Action board meeting in Crete.

Blue Valley Community Action representatives Shari Weber, CEO; Heather Lytle, Administrative Director and Karen Swartz, Family Services Coordinator for Jefferson and Thayer County present. Weber gave an annual report and updates on funding and programs. BVCA assisted 1020 individuals in 486 households in Jefferson County during their last fiscal year. The FY ’26-27 funding request is \$6200.00. Weber would like the community to complete a Community Voices survey which is posted on their website at: <https://www.research.net/r/BVCA-PCA-CNA-Survey>

Greg Neemann, Ambulance director reported 26 calls so far this month compared to 29 this time last year. He is continuing to interview for open positions. Neemann reported the department was accepted for the Nebraska Rural Health Workforce Incentive program. There are still details and concerns about the payment process that need to be clarified. The hospital is working on a grant for the monitors needed by the department and hospital, so the county purchase is on hold for now. A service contract is needed for the monitors we have now at a cost of \$3500 total for all three. He is looking at a grant to help purchase some pagers. The Stryker service contract for the power loads and cots need renewed for a cost of approximately \$13,000.

Schwab present at 9:45 a.m. Brad Eisenhauer, I.T. Dept reported a security software update is creating issues with computer drives and he and Jeff Nelson, I.T. are working on resolving that now. The fiber and pole attachment project should be completed in the next few weeks. During the May 16th storm event some equipment was damaged at the tower site and has been replaced and turned into insurance. Nelson is almost finished equipping a new patrol truck.

Leroy Bast, treasurer gave the quarterly investment report. March interest was 3.581%; April was 3.557% and May was 3.583%.

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 \$163,860.13

Aln Lawn Care & Landscaping	Service	\$160.00
American Family Life Assurance Co	Insurance	\$171.21
Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Retirement	\$23,709.14
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Dental	Insurance	\$1,340.41
Ameritas Vision	Insurance	\$425.94
Arnold Motor Supply-Auto Value Prts	Supplies	\$29.94
At & T Mobility	Service	\$134.02
Barnas Drug Inc.	Supplies	\$27.38
Bruce's Body Shop	Supplies	\$150.00
Card Service Center- Taylor/Lindblad	Supplies	\$13.99
Card Service Center-Banahan	Supplies	-\$31.25
Card Service Center-Banahan	Supplies	\$30.94
Card Service Center-Banahan	Supplies	\$87.00
Card Service Center-Eisenhauer	Supplies	\$580.92
Card Service Center-Jeff Nelson	Supplies	\$86.00
Card Service Center-Mckee	Supplies	\$483.13
Card Service Center-Pesek	Supplies	\$1,280.15
Cash-Wa Distributing	Supplies	\$1,808.82
Charter Communication	Service	\$278.18
Charter Communications	Service	\$422.42
Cidnet	Service	\$600.00
Cobblestone Inn & Suites / Holdrege	Service	\$330.00
Colonial Ins	Insurance	\$23.35
Comfort Inn - Grand Island	Service	\$1,227.42
Connie Schouboe	Service	\$172.50
Conserv Flag Company	Supplies	\$553.72
Crowne Plaza - Kearney	Service	\$299.90
Culligan Of Crete	Service	\$212.00
Cypress Solutions	Service	\$335.00
Darci Pesek	Reimbursement	\$43.50
Das State Acct.-Central Finance	Service	\$334.00
Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co	Supplies	\$100.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$2,694.51
Echo Electric	Service	\$437.50
Erin M.Mccartney, Trustee	Insurance	\$139.00
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Fairbury Glass Co Inc	Service	\$49.58
Fairbury Journal News	Service	\$12.52
Fairbury Light & Water Dept	Service	\$3,484.94
Farmers Cooperative	Supplies	\$80.55
First Wireless, Inc.	Service	\$2,232.00
Fraternal Order Of Police #86	Union	\$561.78
Galls	Service	\$174.46
Grainger	Supplies	\$173.94
Gregory D. Kratz,Kratz Law Office L	Service	\$1,120.00
Hampton Inn	Service	\$278.00
Heartland Bank	Tax	\$48,324.17
Heartland Bank-Hsa	Insurance	\$735.00
Hometown Leasing	Service	\$422.12
Jeff Co Employee Med Benefit Plan	Insurance	\$572.50
Jefferson Co Clk Of District Court	Service	\$261.00
Jefferson Co Highway Dept	Supplies	\$371.28
Jefferson Comm Health & Life-Clinic	Service	\$3,741.00
Jefferson County Court	Service	\$276.00

Jefferson County Treasurer	Service	\$155,239.97
Jill R. Cunningham Attorney At Law	Service	\$470.00
Kayla Burianek	Reimbursement	\$17.94
Land Survey Tech,Inc.	Service	\$2,846.67
Larkins Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$254.13
Learning Tree International Usa Inc	Service	\$7,968.74
Medica Insurance	Insurance	\$29,639.71
Michelle Henske	Service	\$172.50
Microfilm Imaging Systems,Inc.	Service	\$187.50
Mips Inc	Service	\$8,130.62
Motorola Solutions	Service	\$390.00
Murray Law,Pc Llo	Service	\$12,047.77
Mutual Of Omaha-Life	Insurance	\$965.89
Naco	Service	\$2,324.12
Ne Law Enforcement Training Center	Service	\$800.00
Nebr Dept Of Revenue	Tax	\$7,305.30
Nesca-Training	Service	\$25.00
Nirma	Service	\$149,445.00
Nova Maps	Service	\$2,580.00
One Call Concepts,Inc	Service	\$0.82
Owens Educational Services Inc	Service	\$2,325.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Service	\$152.00
Phoenix Supply	Supplies	\$322.50
Pictometry International Corp.	Service	\$50,000.00
Pinnacle Bank	Supplies	\$2,794.78
Pollman Lic	Service	\$12,305.20
Popular Mechanics	Supplies	\$24.97
Property Assessment Division:Educat	Service	\$700.00
Quadient Finance Usa,Inc	Supplies	\$2,000.00
Quill Corp	Supplies	\$398.76
Ram Exterminators Llc	Service	\$56.00
Ray's Apple Market	Service	\$169.52
Rebecca Anderson	Service	\$5,562.50
Region V Systems	Service	\$428.00
Saline Co Sheriff	Service	\$1,550.00
Shawna Lindblad	Reimbursement	\$200.10
Stanton Farm Service	Supplies	\$469.53
Superior Water Conditioning	Service	\$678.40
Swanson Services Corp.	Supplies	\$354.16
T.O. Haas Tire & Auto #5129	Service	\$2,831.78
The Mcbattas Group	Supplies	\$638.50
Twin Rivers Ford	Service	\$948.88
U.S.Bank-Voyager-Sheriff	Supplies	\$4,921.64
Van Borkum Co	Supplies	\$677.70
Van Diest Supply Company	Supplies	\$1,875.30
Veterans Service Office	Service	\$1,135.00
Vigilnet America Llc	Service	\$516.21
Zephyr Towers L.L.C.	Service	\$7,084.19
Highway Fund – Payroll \$35,779.26		
Ace Irrigation & Mfg Co Inc	Supplies	\$7,325.00
Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Retirement	\$2,410.04
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Dental	Insurance	\$283.59
Beatrice Sand & Gravel	Supplies	\$21,712.74
Bowman Consulting Group Ltd	Service	\$34,210.05
Diversified Safety & Compliance	Service	\$682.50
Fairbury Light & Water Dept	Service	\$444.78
Fairbury Transfer Station	Service	\$14.00
Farmers Cooperative	Supplies	\$50,397.36
First Bank Of Nebraska	Service	\$2,914.82
Heartland Bank	Tax	\$2,639.57
Heartland Bank-Hsa	Insurance	\$125.00
Ibew Local Union 1536	Union	\$180.29
Interstate Power Systems	Service	\$6,761.64
Jeff Co Employee Med Benefit Plan	Insurance	\$7.50
Larkins Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$2,447.78
Maatschs Oil Company	Supplies	\$873.86
Max I. Walker Uniform & Uniform & Appare	Supplies	\$250.20
Medica Insurance	Insurance	\$8,824.47
Mutual Of Omaha-Life	Insurance	\$165.49
Nebraska Child Support Payment Cent	Insurance	\$212.77
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Nmc, Llc	Service	\$1,087.65
Paper Tiger Shredding	Service	\$17.00
Pinnacle Bank	Supplies	\$34.73
Powerplan	Service	\$2,808.37
R And R Auto Parts	Supplies	\$251.37
Truck Center Companies	Service	\$45.06
Village Of Daykin	Service	\$63.63
Village Of Plymouth	Service	\$32.00
Hwy Bridge Buyback		
Me Collins Construction	Service	\$14,240.52
Communication Equipment Sinking		
Charter Communications	Service	\$1,220.78
Windstream	Service	\$188.47
Equipment Vehicle Sheriff Fund		
Jefferson County E.M.	Service	\$2,271.00
Fair Fund – Payroll \$876.45		
Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Retirement	\$31.74
Angie Hauschel	Service	\$490.00
Bar Star Arena	Service	\$2,500.00
Black Hills Energy	Service	\$89.99
Brandon Hockett	Service	\$3,000.00
Colt Farringer	Service	\$300.00
Constellation New Energy Gas Div.	Service	\$143.73

Fair Petty Cash Fund	Service	\$17,900.00
Fairbury Glass Co Inc	Service	\$166.36
Fairbury Journal News	Service	\$79.32
Fairbury Light & Water Dept	Service	\$1,121.07
Garry Moore	Service	\$24,000.00
Heartland Bank	Tax	\$67.05
Jefferson County Treasurer	Service	\$4,000.00
John W Vossler	Service	\$710.00
Kelli Crist	Service	\$650.00
Larkins Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$47.98
Lincoln Tent Inc.	Service	\$2,767.00
Maatschs Oil Company	Supplies	\$158.30
Mike Prochnow	Service	\$1,000.00
Nebraska Putt Putt	Service	\$1,716.00
Ram Exterminators Llc	Service	\$45.00
Tom Bassett	Service	\$375.00
Preservation/Modernization		
Mips Inc	Service	\$197.03
Intoxilyzer Fund		
Pinnacle Bank	Service	\$152.25
Inheritance Tax		
Card Service Center-Eisenhauer	Supplies	\$122.80
Crs Properties Llc	Service	\$1,500.00
Mbi Construction Llc	Service	\$935.00
Riverside Technologies Inc.	Service	\$13,928.40
911 EM Services – Payroll \$246.17		
Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Retirement	\$16.62
Heartland Bank	Tax	\$18.05
Nirma	Service	\$1,551.00
911 Wireless Services		
Great Plains Communication Inc	Service	\$85.04
Emergency Management Perf Grant		
Fairbury Light & Water Dept	Service	\$76.30
Fair Building		
Starr Plumbing Llc	Service	\$741.71
Tourism Fund		
Fair Board	Service	\$50.00
News Channel Nebraska	Service	\$300.00
Sharon Priefert	Service	\$357.23
Ambulance Fund - Payroll \$32,616.35		
Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Retirement	\$2,193.76
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Dental	Insurance	\$141.52
Bound Tree Medical Llc	Supplies	\$293.98
Heartland Bank	Tax	\$2,476.57
Jefferson County Treasurer	Service	\$30,000.00
Maatschs Oil Company	Supplies	\$300.47
Medica Insurance	Insurance	\$4,193.29
Mutual Of Omaha-Life	Union	\$85.19
U.S.Bank-Voyager Ambulance	Supplies	\$1,465.17

Jason Eyer, highway supervisor, Terry Blas, highway supervisor assistant, Kelly Davis, City of Fairbury mayor present.

Schoenrock noted the PWF project is still progressing, and right-of-ways are being worked on, final design in complete and it should go out for bids this Fall.

Dux asked for public comment. None heard. Laura Bedlan, City of Fairbury development services director present.

Discussion of the bridge project by the fairgrounds included the city applying for a grant to move affected water line, but they will not know if this grant will be awarded until this Fall. Work on the water line cannot begin until the grant status is known. The city is prepared to move forward even if the grant is not successful. Bedlan suggested a possible cost share with the county. The county was awarded bridge match funds for this bridge and has awarded the project the M.E. Collins already. Blas and Eyer will need to consult Tim Farmer, highway superintendent to be sure the bridge match money will not be in jeopardy if the project is delayed. The county has already invested \$33,000 in prep work. Eyer and Blas will provide updates at the next board meeting.

Elected Officials and Dept Heads gathered for the quarterly meeting with the board. Bast, Neemann, Eisenhauer, Blas, Eyer, Nick Georgi, sheriff, John McKee, EM/PZ/Weed, Travis Arnold, maintenance, Mary Banahan, assessor and Jim Carpenter, veteran service officer present. It was noted the Georgi was honored with the outstanding first responder award at the Flag Day ceremony. Discussion was initiated regarding wage increases for the upcoming fiscal year.

Riggle left the meeting to attend the Nebraska Association of County Clerks, Register of Deeds and Election Commissioners workshop in Kearney. Rochelle Greenwood, deputy county clerk present. Discussion continued on wages including percentages vs dollar amount raises and overall budget increases.

The board requested a closed session for strategy.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Schwab 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 strategy at 11:15 a.m. Call of vote: Schwab, Dux, Schoenrock voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Dux to go out of closed session at 11:38 a.m. Call of vote: Dux, Schoenrock, Schwab voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Moved by Schwab, seconded by Schoenrock to approve 2.25% wage increases for FY '26-'27 for non-union staff. Overall general budget lines will be flat. Any exceptions will need to be presented, reviewed and approved by the commissioners. Call of vote: Schoenrock, Schwab, Dux voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Georgi requested a closed session for 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 strategy at 11:45 a.m. Call of vote: Schwab, Dux, Schoenrock voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Dux to go out of closed session at 11:51 a.m. Call of vote: Dux, Schoenrock, Schwab voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried. No action taken.

Correspondence Listing *Note - all fees listed below have been deposited by the Treasurer into the appropriately noted funds. Received: **General:** \$6384.28 May '26 fees of which \$508.50 has been deposited into the preservation fund – Kristina Riggle, Register of Deeds; \$450.00 DHHS telephone

reimbursement April & Feb '26 and Oct '25 – State of Nebraska; \$5043.00 April '26 reimbursement shared services – Saline County; \$1158.72 May '26 fees – Jennifer Galbraith, Deputy Clerk of the District Court. **911 Emergency Services:**– \$2.00 Greenfly Network; \$2560.00 Uniti Services; - all for 911 surcharges. **Ambulance:** \$24,000.00 June '26 patient income. **Misc:** Resignation letter from Vicki Haskell, board of adjustment committee member, effective the end of the 2026 term; TERC decision and order for default judgement Ayars Family Hunting Preserve Cases 23A 0451, 0452 and 0453 and Jane A. Paul, Case 24R 0788; Blue Valley Community Action agenda, reports, minutes; Dept of the Treasury SLFRF confirmation of closeout; Letter from NE Dept of water, energy and environment regarding compliance request for facility 124282; reference 20250126844 – onsite wastewater treatment system; documentary stamp tax report for May '26 – Kristina Riggle, register of deeds.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 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 16, 2026. Witness our hand and official seal on June 16, 2026.

Kristina Riggle, County Clerk

Michael T. Dux, Chairman

Rochelle Greenwood, Deputy County Clerk