

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners met as per notification of May 27, 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.

The board honored veteran of the month Robert Eyer with a certificate honoring him for his service. Others present were his partner Becky, Jim Carpenter, veteran service officer and Doug Kapke and Mark Grummert, veterans board. Eyer was presented with a patriotic decoration made by Rory Rosener.

Mary Banahan, assessor present.

Moved by Dux, seconded by Schwab to go into board of equalization at 9:12 a.m. Call of vote: Dux, Schoenrock, Schwab voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Banahan presented tax list corrections #3879 to #3884.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Schwab to approve tax list corrections #3879 to #3884 as presented. Call of vote: Schoenrock, Schwab, Dux voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Schwab to go out of board of equalization at 9:19 a.m. Call of vote: Schwab, Dux, Schoenrock voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Jason Eyer, highway supervisor and Terry Blas, highway supervisor assistant present. Eyer presented change orders from Speece Lewis on projects culvert C-48(437) and PWF Road Bridge replacement.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Dux to approve change order #1 on culvert project C-48(437) as presented. Call of vote: Dux, Schoenrock, Schwab voting aye. Nay none.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Schwab to approve change order #2 on project PWF road bridge project as presented. Call of vote: Schoenrock, Schwab, Dux voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Eyer reported that two graders are broke down. The mini excavator is no longer leased. They are still down 3 employees. Blas will look at signage for the Rock Creek station road without doing an official study and resolution. The Boyden pit is still down, so armor coating is on hold due to sand and staffing issues. Thayer County would like Jefferson County to armor coat 2 miles for them, and they could help with staff and reimburse the county for the cost. Due to increased costs of gravel, equipment and staffing the county may need to evaluate reducing or not graveling some roads going forward.

Barry Schwab, Bob Atkins and Charley Endorf representatives from the Fairbury Cemetery Association present to express their appreciation for the county staff/equipment that showed up to help clean up the tree damage at the cemetery. They also expressed thanks to all the community volunteers that helped as well. As a token of their appreciation, they are hosting a cookout at the VFW soon for all of the volunteers that assisted.

John McKee, emergency manager reported he has not heard anything from the Governor’s office yet on the disaster declaration. Damage cost estimates to date are around \$2.5 million. McKee would like to get an idea of the volunteer hours, as those can be reported towards the disaster total.

The board discussed the general assistance claim reviewed at the last meeting and received no further information, so based on information to date they will deny.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Schwab to deny the general assistance claim for county burial. Call of vote: Dux, Schoenrock, Schwab voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

- 1. Approve May 19, 2026 minutes
- 2. Review/approve Bowman Consulting work order #021 for 2026 NSTM bridge inspections
- 3. Designate NACO to facilitate the printing and mailing of the joint public hearing postcards through the State Print shop.
- 4. Review/sign request to be on the Liquor Control Commission July agenda to discuss 12+ license designation

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Schwab to approve the consent agenda. Call of vote: Schoenrock, Schwab, Dux voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed claims and payroll.

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

General Fund - Payroll \$153,893.71		Amount
American Family Life Assurance Co	Service	\$171.21
American Lutheran Church	Service	\$40.00
Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Insurance	\$22,302.12
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Dental	Insurance	\$1,340.41
Ameritas Vision	Insurance	\$425.94
Amy Barber	Service	\$255.00
Andrew W Snyder	Service	\$22.25
Ann Engelman	Service	\$240.00
Ann Kelley	Service	\$232.50
Arnold Motor Supply-Auto Value Prts	Supplies	\$68.66
Barbara Schmidt	Service	\$236.25
Beatrice Fire Protection,Llc	Service	\$168.50
Benchmark Government Solutions, Llc	Service	\$55.80
Black Hills Energy	Service	\$138.28
Brenda Beachler	Service	\$232.50
Burton Services,Inc.	Service	\$44.95
Card Service Center-Arnold	Supplies	\$41.88
Card Service Center-Eisenhauer	Supplies	\$1,035.96
Carol Carpenter	Service	\$255.00
Carolea Roelfs	Service	\$236.25
Charles Endorf	Service	\$236.25
Charter Communications	Service	\$1,138.26
Cheryl A Seachord	Service	\$248.95
Cheryl Uher	Service	\$232.50
Cidnet	Service	\$600.00
City Of Fairbury	Service	\$40.00
Cj Forsgren	Service	\$32.40
Colonial Ins	Insurance	\$23.35
Constellation New Energy Gas Div.	Service	\$370.84
Curtis Arnold	Service	\$150.00
Cynthia L. Weichel	Service	\$232.50
Cynthia S. Weichel	Service	\$232.50

Damon Thomas	Service	\$29.50
Daniel Luffin	Service	\$232.50
Daykin Fire Department	Service	\$40.00
Debbie Aden	Service	\$256.45
Debra Hellbusch	Service	\$232.50
Denise Schoenrock	Service	\$236.25
Dept Of Correctional Services	Service	\$11,339.73
Diller Community Hall	Service	\$40.00
Dolores Jantzen	Service	\$232.50
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$146.13
Election Systems & Software, Inc	Service	\$1,241.84
Erin M.Mccartney, Trustee	Garnishment	\$313.00
Fairbury Journal News	Service	\$244.59
Fancy Stitching	Service	\$617.00
First Christian Church	Service	\$40.00
Fraternal Order Of Police #86	Insurance	\$561.78
Gale Pohlmann	Service	\$232.50
Galls	Service	\$241.43
Grace Lutheran Church	Service	\$40.00
Grainger	Service	\$314.09
Gropp Law & Mediation	Service	\$8,328.00
Heartland Bank	Taxes	\$45,927.21
Heartland Bank-Hsa	Insurance	\$735.00
Heather Watson	Service	\$82.50
Hometown Leasing	Service	\$288.35
James Hahn	Service	\$58.50
Jane Pretzer	Service	\$240.00
Jansen Bible Church	Service	\$40.00
Jeff Co Employee Med Benefit Plan	Insurance	\$572.50
Jefferson Comm Health & Life-Clinic	Service	\$5,508.50
Jennifer Washburn	Service	\$268.75
Jlee Yantz	Service	\$52.50
Johnna Austin	Service	\$93.75
Judy Grummert	Service	\$232.50
Karen Dux	Service	\$255.00
Karen E. Horky	Service	\$236.25
Karla Rippe	Service	\$93.75
Kathryn Houser	Service	\$320.50
Kathy Schroeder	Service	\$305.25
Kevin Banahan	Service	\$101.55
Kris Stone	Service	\$105.00
Kristina Riggle	Reimbursement	\$12.79
Linda Bales	Service	\$236.25
Lisa Meyer	Service	\$236.25
Little Blue Nrd	Service	\$42.00
Loni Schramm	Service	\$82.50
Marion Schwisow	Service	\$242.05
Mary Hoppe	Service	\$236.25
Mary Hueske	Service	\$232.50
Medica Insurance	Insurance	\$29,639.71
Melissa Novotny	Service	\$232.50
Murray Law,Pc Llo	Service	\$7,246.55
Mutual Of Omaha-Life	Insurance	\$965.89
Nancy Bettin	Service	\$236.25
Natalie Meyer	Service	\$232.50
Ne Law Enforcement Training Center	Service	\$160.00
Nebr Dept Of Revenue	Taxes	\$6,929.48
Peggy Hemphill	Service	\$240.00
Penny L. Holtmeier	Service	\$83.38
Plymouth Electric Inc	Service	\$262.04
Protex Central Incorporated	Service	\$285.00
Quadient Leasing Usa,Inc	Supplies	\$175.75
Quill Corp	Supplies	\$140.04
Rachel Johnson	Service	\$232.50
Rachel Wentz	Service	\$241.16
Randy Peitzmeier	Service	\$30.00
Randy Welsch	Service	\$97.20
Regier Carr Monroe Llp	Service	\$36,250.00
Rhonda Peetoom	Service	\$255.00
Rita E. Beachler	Service	\$232.50
Ronny E. Hilligas	Service	\$236.25
Ryan Bailey	Service	\$52.50
Sandra Stelling	Service	\$236.25
Sharon Arthur	Service	\$240.00
Sharon Kettelhut	Service	\$260.30
Sharon L Ebke	Service	\$30.00
Shelly Hamm	Service	\$105.00
Sherry Joubert	Service	\$225.00
Starr Plumbing Llc	Service	\$254.97
Susan Bauer	Service	\$240.48
Swanson Services Corp.	Supplies	\$680.44
T.O. Haas Tire & Auto #5129	Service	\$83.57
The Mcbattas Group	Supplies	\$638.50
Twin Rivers Ford	Service	\$1,990.52
Uniti	SERVICE	\$455.24
Van Diest Supply Company	Supplies	\$2,588.80
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$2,192.17
Vicki Haskell	Service	\$255.95
Vicki J. Check	Service	\$255.00
Vickie Arntt	Service	\$232.50
Vickie Emery	Service	\$236.25
Village Of Plymouth	Service	\$70.00
Whispering Acres	Service	\$650.00
Windstream	Service	\$97.72

Highway Fund - Payroll \$35,745.58

Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Insurance	\$2,407.77
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Dental	Insurance	\$283.59
Arnold Motor Supply-Auto Value Prts	Supplies	\$2,253.82
Beatrice Sand & Gravel	Supplies	\$34,524.78
Bell Bank Equipment Finance	Service	\$2,982.88
Black Hills Energy	Service	\$68.31
Caterpillar Financial Services Co	Service	\$22,193.85
Charter Communications	Service	\$82.52
Constellation New Energy Gas Div.	Service	\$136.82
Deere Credit,Inc.	Service	\$6,359.85
Diversified Safety & Compliance	Service	\$462.00
Heartland Bank	Taxes	\$2,639.51
Heartland Bank-Hsa	Insurance	\$125.00
Hometown Leasing	Service	\$67.94
Ibew Local Union 1536	Insurance	\$180.29
Interstate Power Systems	Service	\$3,121.20
Jeff Co Employee Med Benefit Plan	Insurance	\$7.50
John Deere Financial-Parts	Service	\$589.29
Medica Insurance	Service	\$8,824.47
Mutual Of Omaha-Life	Insurance	\$165.49
Nebraska Child Support Payment Cent	Garnishment	\$397.39
Norris Public Power Dist	Service	\$53.99
Rec Sand And Gravel	Supplies	\$4,397.74

Equip Vehicle Fund

Precision Signs & Graphics	Supplies	\$143.45
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Fair Fund - Payroll \$1,309.63

Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Insurance	\$10.58
Heartland Bank	Taxes	\$100.19
Regalia Mfg Co	Supplies	\$873.25

Inheritance Tax Fund

Fairbury Glass Co Inc	Service	\$813.64
Mbi Construction Llc	Service	\$903.00

911 Emergency Serv Fund - Payroll \$246.17

Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Insurance	\$16.62
Black Hills Energy	Service	\$51.19
Heartland Bank	Taxes	\$18.05
Precision Signs & Graphics	Supplies	\$603.72

911 Wireless Fund

Century Link	Service	\$3,605.09
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Ambulance Fund - Payroll \$31,062.35

Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Insurance	\$2,072.87
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Dental	Insurance	\$141.52
Arnold Motor Supply-Auto Value Prts	Supplies	\$113.40
Bound Tree Medical Llc	Supplies	\$656.94
Danko Emergency Equipment Company	Service	\$155.00
Heartland Bank	Taxes	\$2,357.69
Lampton Welding Supply Co Inc	Service	\$198.36
Medica Insurance	Insurance	\$4,193.29
Mutual Of Omaha-Life	Insurance	\$85.19
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$210.26

Schwab will represent the county at the super board meeting Thursday evening.

Schoenrock, Schwab and McKee will attend the Land Use Permit forum tomorrow in Kearney. The forum will highlight the work of the LB663/Land Use Committee in developing data tools and best practices to support counties in making informed permitting decisions.

Schoenrock and Schwab will be attending the County Board workshop Wednesday afternoon and Thursday this week in Kearney.

Dux asked for public comment. Tim Hackett, News Channel Nebraska asked for any additional comments on the storm disaster. The board had none at this time.

Amber Anderson and Brad Swiggart, The Olson Group presented the dental renewal options from the current carrier Ameritas and plan options from Delta Dental and Blue Cross Blue Shield. Mutual of Omaha declined to provide a quote. Ameritas was up 10%, but Delta and BCBS rates were even higher.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Schwab to approve the renewal with Ameritas for dental coverage. Call of vote: Schwab, Dux, Schoenrock voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried. (The county learned post meeting, that Ameritas had just offered a rate pass for the renewal, meaning no change from the prior year rates).

Heather Watson, attendance support and diversion director presented the CB 186-27-CB-0514 grant award of \$27,481.00. Watson noted Joe Casson has hired Diane Schutt as a part-time helper for her.

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

Watson reported '25-'26 diversion #'s of 14 juvenile cases and 2 adult cases. Attendance support began with 120 referrals and ended the year with 85.

Correspondence Listing *Note - all fees listed below have been deposited by the Treasurer into the appropriately noted funds. Received: **General:** \$1670.31 June '26 courthouse rent – State of Nebraska; \$116.50 May '26 fees – Kristina Riggle, county clerk. **Fair:** \$3929.47 donations – Tony Likens, fair secretary/treasurer. **Tourism:** \$1480.28 March '26 lodging tax – State of Nebraska. **911 Emergency Services:**– \$31.00 Bandwidth; \$71.00 8x8 Inc; \$150.94 Great Plains Communications; \$1.00 Comcast IP Phone; \$3.00 Alltel Corp; \$3.00 Ooma Inc; \$1.00 Compliance Solutions; \$1.00 Hughes Networks; \$9.50 Eisner Advisory Group - all for 911 surcharges. **Ambulance:** \$27,000.00 May '26 patient income – Greg Neemann, ambulance director. **Misc:** TERC order of dismissal Case No. 24R 0787 Dick Newton; TERC Tax Year 2026 findings and order equalization of value of real property in Jefferson County; Letter from Kinder Morgan pipeline safety.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

I, Kristina Riggle, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a correct report of the meeting of June 2, 2026. Witness my hand and official seal on June 2, 2026.

Kristina Riggle, County Clerk

Michael T. Dux, Chairman