

CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES (PENDING APPROVAL): January 13, 2026

Pending minutes will not be approved until the next Board meeting and are subject to change. Approved minutes are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during normal business hours. Publication: Sarpy County Times 1/7/26; Members Present: Dasher, Boyle, DeGarmo, Stohlmann and Murdoch. Others present: Gerri Draper-County Clerk, Thomas Brantley-Deputy County Attorney

8:00am- Chair called meeting to order; gave notice of Open Meetings Act & Pledge of Allegiance

CONVENE-BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: RE-ORGANIZATION:**1. Appoint Chairman**

Stohlmann nominated Alex DeGarmo as Chairman

MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Dasher seconded to select Alex DeGarmo as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2026. Motion carried 5-0

2. Appoint Vice Chairman

DeGarmo nominated Daniel Stohlmann as Vice-Chairman

MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Boyle seconded to select Daniel Stohlmann as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2026. Motion carried 5-0

3. Appoint Commissioners as Committee Representatives for Cass County

2026 ORGANIZATIONS:	Member	Alternate
Region 6 Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency (ENHSA)	Boyle	Stohlmann
Sarpy & Cass County Health Department Board	Dasher	DeGarmo
Representative on County Noxious Weed Board	Stohlmann	Murdoch
Local Emergency Planning Committee	Murdoch	Dasher
Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council (SENCA)	Boyle	Murdoch
5 Rivers RC & D Committee	Murdoch	Dasher
Advisory Committee for City County Co-Location	Dasher	Murdoch
Cass County Economic Development Council	Stohlmann	Dasher
I.T/Computer Liaison	DeGarmo	Stohlmann
Extension and 4H Representative	Boyle	Murdoch
Joint Public Agency Board Member (Fair)	DeGarmo	Boyle
MAPA-TTAC District 2 Commissioner	Stohlmann	Boyle
MAPA Financial Committee	Stohlmann	Boyle
Visitor Promotion Liaison	DeGarmo	Boyle
Veterans Service Liaison	Murdoch	Dasher

2026 COMMITTEES AS NEEDED:	Member	Alternate
Buildings	Dasher	Boyle
Finance	Stohlmann	DeGarmo
FOP	Boyle	Stohlmann
Insurance	Murdoch	Stohlmann
Cass County/Lower Platte South NRD -MOU	DeGarmo	Boyle
Emergency Mgmt. Building/EMS/Paramedic Program	DeGarmo	Boyle
Sheriff's Office Merit Commission: Effective 1/1/25 (3yr term per State Statute)	Murdoch selected 12.31.24 (3yr term)	
BHAC (Behavioral Health Advisory Committee) assigned by BHAC serve w/Jeff Leach	Murdoch	Dasher

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Stohlmann seconded to approve committee representatives for 2026 as selected. Motion carried 5-0

4. Appoint County Officials (2yr terms)

Highway Superintendent

MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Dasher seconded to appoint Lenny Thorne, Highway Superintendent for 2026-2027 (2yr term). Motion carried 5-0

Zoning Administrator

MOTION: Boyle moved, Murdoch seconded to appoint Jim Chappell, Zoning Administrator for 2026-2027 (2yr term). Motion carried 5-0

Weed Superintendent

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Stohlmann seconded to appoint Rand Group, Weed Superintendent for 2026-2027 (2yr term). Motion carried 5-0

Emergency Management Agency Director (EMA)

MOTION: Dasher moved, Boyle seconded to appoint Chad Korte, Emergency Management Director for 2026-2027 (2yr term). Motion carried 5-0

Emergency Medical Services Director (EMS)

MOTION: Boyle moved, Murdoch seconded to appoint Chad Korte, Emergency Medical Services Director for 2026-2027 (2yr term). Motion carried 5-0

Veterans Service Office

MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Murdoch seconded to appoint Aaron Moore, Veterans Service Officer for 2026-2027 (2yr term). Motion carried 5-0

GIS Coordinator

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Dasher seconded to appoint Sean Kennedy, GIS Coordinator for 2026-2027 (2yr term). Motion carried 5-0

5. Designate 2026 Financial Institutions for County Monies:

MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Murdoch seconded to approve financial institutions for 2026; American Exchange Bank, Citizens State Bank, Corn Grower State Bank, Cornerstone Bank, Farmers & Merchants Bank-Ashland, Farmers & Merchants Bank-WW, First Nebraska Bank, First Nebraska Bank-Valley, NE, Pinnacle Bank, Riverstone Bank, The Nehawka Bank and/or First State Bank Nebraska, Union Bank & Trust. Motion carried 5-0

6. Approve 2026 Legal County Paper & designate additional methods of providing notice of meetings

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Stohlmann seconded to approve 2026 legal paper/designate additional methods of notice. Motion carried 5-0

8:12am CLOSE REORGANIZATION AND CONVENE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

1. Discuss/Action- (Treasurer) Motor Vehicle Exemption Application: First Baptist Church (1) 2010 Blue Bird Passenger Bus

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Boyle seconded to approve motor vehicle exemption as presented. Motion carried 5-0

8:12am CONVENE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CONSENT AGENDA: (1) Prior Meeting Minutes, (2) Claims, (3) Payroll/Time Balance Reports and (4) Fees Reported: County Clerk- Misc. \$ 284.10, Register of Deeds Preservation \$2,026.50, State DOC Stamps \$ 29,548.35, County General DOC Stamps \$8,116.85, County General \$ 13,250.50; Zoning- Misc. \$8,848.10; Dist. Court Clerk- Misc. \$\$6,787.16; Sheriff- Misc. \$2,563.50, Mileage \$ 5,098.56

MOTION: Dasher moved, Boyle seconded to approve consent agenda as prepared. Motion carried 5-0

GENERAL CLAIMS: Accelerated Graphx \$1,586.25 (srv) All Copy Products \$111.01 (srv) Amazon Capital Services \$641.99 (sup) American Eagle Computer Products \$402.21 (sup) Ameritas Life Insurance Corp \$36,738.36 (ins) AT&T Mobility \$1,090.17 (srv) Black Hills Energy \$296.06 (srv) Bomgaars \$15.68 (sup) Linda Brouhard \$60.00 (reim) Lawrence Carlsson MD \$2,000.00 (srv) Cash-Wa Distributing \$375.35 (srv) Cass County Attorney \$42.00 (srv) Cass County Historical Society \$3,333.33 (srv) Cass County Mutual Aid Assn \$50.00 (srv) Reinsch, Slattery, Bear & Minahan \$2,145.19 (srv) Cass County Refuse \$144.00 (srv) Cass County Sheriff-Civil Process \$2,287.30 (srv) Cassgram \$39.00 (srv) Jennifer Claus \$77.05 (srv) Clerk of the District Court \$218.00 (srv) Column Software PBC \$23.41 (srv) Comdata Corporation \$271.50 (srv) Control Masters Inc \$9,406.66 (srv) Percival Culligan Water \$40.00 (sup) DAS Central Finance \$1,336.49 (srv) DAS State Accounting \$150.00 (srv) Des Moines Stamp \$76.00 (sup) DirecTV \$87.64 (srv) Douglas County Sheriff Dept \$15.70 (srv) Geri Draper \$60.00 (reim) Eakes Office Solutions \$324.49 (srv) Eastern Nebr Human Serv Agency \$22,738.00 (srv) Harold Ehmke \$15.00 (ret) Electronic Engineering \$27.45 (srv) EMS Connect \$78.00 (srv) Eugene Farris \$9.00 (reim) Fireguard Inc \$868.25 (srv) First State Bank Nebraska \$39,083.31 (tax) Taylor Fleischman \$60.00 (srv) FP Finance Program \$194.00 (srv) Travis J Frye \$60.00 (reim) Grainger \$296.06 (sup) Great Plains Uniforms LLC \$1,282.34 (srv) Village of Greenwood \$155.40 (srv) Henry-Hobscheidt Service Center \$749.38 (srv) HTBS Credit \$84.51 (sup) Holiday Inn \$374.85 (srv) Hometown Leasing \$2,029.04 (srv) Shelba E Huettner \$55.77 (srv) HyVee \$85.73 (sup) Mike Jensen \$60.00 (srv) Keckler Oil Company \$62.45 (sup) La Quinta Inns & Suites \$1,124.55 (srv) Lancaster County Sheriff \$19.40 (srv) Matthew Bender & Co Inc \$956.22 (srv) Gerald M Liess \$275.00 (srv) Christina Loper \$20.00 (srv) Mainelli Wagner & Assoc \$5,554.50 (srv) Manley Sewer & Water \$64.68 (srv) Matheson Tri-Gas Inc \$676.96 (sup) Brandon McClane \$60.00 (reim) Brook McConaughey \$60.00 (reim) My Central Supply \$958.88 (sup) Meeske Ace Hardware \$179.96 (sup) Menards \$13.99 (sup) Metlife Life Ins Co \$172.32 (ins) Metropolitan Area Planning Agency \$8,490.00 (srv) Mid America First Call Inc \$250.00 (srv) MIPS \$6,104.77 (srv) Motorola Solutions Inc \$118.26 (srv) NACO \$320.00 (srv) Nebraska District Court Clerk Assoc \$50.00 (srv) Nebraska Public Power District \$8,146.43 (srv) Nebraska.gov \$8.50 (srv) Todd O'Connor \$60.00 (reim) Office Warehouse \$115.03 (sup) Omaha Public Power District \$250.53 (srv) Omega Chemical Co Inc \$233.86 (sup) O'Reilly Auto Parts \$25.36 (sup) Oxen Technology \$9,036.00 (srv) Paper Tiger Shredding Inc \$497.10 (srv) Papillion Sanitation \$1,020.13 (srv) Christopher Perrone \$313.24 (reim) PIP Marketing Signs & Printing \$188.27 (srv) Pitney Bowes Inc \$559.17 (srv) City of Plattsmouth \$1,378.82 (srv) Laura Pohlmeier \$60.00 (reim) Pottawattamie County Sheriff \$36.00 (srv) Professional Heating & Air Conditioning \$6,640.00 (srv) Quik Dump Refuse Inc \$34.18 (srv) Quill Corporation \$380.98 (sup) Region 6 Behavioral Health Care \$18,554.75 (srv) Otoe County Rural Water District #3 \$36.00 (srv) Rural Water Dist #1 \$38.00 (srv) Sarpy Co Sheriff Civil Proc \$6.00 (srv) Secretary of State-Elections Division \$40.00 (sup) Michael A Smith \$378.00 (reim) Software Unlimited \$281.60 (srv) Staples Business Credit \$1,445.60 (sup) William Sterrett \$60.00 (reim) Cassie Story \$60.00 (reim) Summit Food Service LLC \$10,567.10 (srv) Renee Thakur \$56.28 (srv) Thomson Reuters-West \$1,582.62 (srv) Leonard Thorne \$60.00 (reim) Mary Tilson \$625.00 (srv) TK Elevator Corporation \$282.51 (srv) Transunion Risk & Alternative \$75.00 (srv) Unifirst Corporation \$187.02 (srv) United Healthcare \$76,091.78 (ins) US Bank \$3,253.68 (srv) US Bank Voyager Fleet \$8,297.83 (sup) Verizon \$1,043.25 (srv) Voss Lighting \$178.20 (sup) Warren Wade \$19.00 (ret) Todd West \$2,934.10 (srv) Windstream \$4,599.33 (srv) Angel Woodard \$125.00 (srv) Zelle LLC \$5,500.00 (srv) 201 Main Street LLC \$2,960.00 (srv) CLAIMS: \$339,191.76; PAYROLL: \$462,381.67; TOTAL: \$801,573.43 ROADS: Ace Irrigation & Mfg \$52,352.50 (sup) AKRS Equipment \$265.00 (srv) Bomgaars \$143.05 (sup) Eakes Office Solutions \$6.96 (sup) Frontier Cooperative \$24,965.39 (sup) Hometown Leasing \$139.89 (srv) Mainelli Wagner & Assoc \$21,461.57 (srv) Martin Marietta \$31,580.89 (sup) Meeske Ace Hardware \$190.28 (sup) Meeske Auto Parts \$202.74 (srv) Mill Creek Auto Parts \$334.80 (srv) MIPS Inc \$146.45 (srv) Murphy Tractor & Equip \$68.26 (srv) NMC Inc \$2,236.89 (srv) Nancy Phillips \$345.00 (srv) Pomp's Tire Service Inc \$46.00 (sup) S&C Dust Control \$371.20 (srv) Syracuse Iron Works \$112.16 (srv) Truck Center Companies \$2,225.99 (srv) US Bank \$539.70 (srv) US Bank Voyager Fleet \$1,030.61 (sup) CLAIMS: \$138,765.33; PAYROLL: \$67,942.51; TOTAL: \$206,707.84 COMMUNICATION TOWER: The Center for Municipal Solutions \$2,025.00 (srv) TOTAL: \$2,025.00 VISITOR PROMOTION: Midlands Printing \$198.68 (srv) Omaha Magazine LTD \$6,720.00 (srv) CLAIMS: \$6,918.68 PAYROLL: \$1,412.88 TOTAL: \$8,331.56 RECORD PRESERVATION: MIPS Inc \$278.64 (srv) TOTAL: \$278.64 COVID-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: Nebraska Title Company \$100,000.00 (srv) TOTAL: \$100,000.00 KENO: Nebraska Department of Revenue \$2,784.00 (srv) TOTAL: \$2,784.00 E911: Motorola Solutions \$4,909.00 (srv) TOTAL: \$4,909.00 E911 WIRELESS: Motorola Solutions \$32,630.00 (srv) TOTAL: \$32,630.00 OVERALL GRAND TOTAL: \$1,159,239.47

1. Regular Agenda:

MOTION: Boyle moved, Murdoch seconded to approve agenda as prepared. Motion carried 5-0

2. Past Meetings Attended by Commissioners:

- Dasher: Bank Building
- Boyle: None
- DeGarmo: HR Meeting
- Stohlmann: None
- Murdoch: None

3. Public Hearing/Action (8:23am): MOTION: Stohlmann, Murdoch. Motion carried 5-0. Publication: Sarpy County Times January 7, 2026.

3A. PH. Renewal of Zito Midwest, LLC. (Successor to Galaxy Cablevision) Franchise Agreement

Chair asked for questions from both audience and board members, hearing none. Chair asked for motion to close public hearing.

Close Public Hearing (8:24am) MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Murdoch seconded. Motion carried 5-0

3A. PH. Renewal of Zito Midwest, LLC. (Successor to Galaxy Cablevision) Franchise Agreement

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Dasher seconded to approve agreement as presented. Motion carried 5-0

4. Litigation & Legal Matters-Christopher Perrone, County Attorney:

5. Road Matters-Lenny Thorne, Highway Superintendent:

5A. Discuss/Action- Wendy Frazer, TORT Claim filed 5.6.25

MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Murdoch seconded to deny claim reason: pavers are within county right-of-way. Motion carried 5-0

6. New Business & Unfinished Business:

6A. Discuss/Action- Approve 2026 Mileage Rates: \$0.725/\$0.755 (civil processing) per mile

MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Murdoch seconded to approve 2026 mileage rates as presented. Motion carried 5-0

6B. Discuss/Action- Chad Korte- EMA/EMS Director, update on Cass County EMS for the past year, discussion only no action taken

6C. Discuss/Action- Chad Korte- EMA/EMS Director, replace air condition unit for Cell 29 tower site. Korte provided update. Board asked that Korte prepare for taking bids for replacement.

6D. Discuss/Action- Jim Chappell-Zoning Administrator, Conditional Use Permit CU-2025-0007 Event Center (tabled 12.30.25).

Chappell worked with Commissioners Murdoch and Stohlmann on 10 conditions that would be added to the permit if approved. Chris Perrone-County Attorney addressed the board requesting more time to prepare permit with included conditions, noting a safety meeting would be required with the Department of Roads due to building on main road. DeGarmo stated he had serious safety concerns due to location.

MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Murdoch seconded to deny permit based on public safety, health & wellness concerns. Murdoch stressed water was not the best in this location (public health). Motion carried 4-1, Dasher voting no

6E. Executive Session- Personnel matters

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chair stated for the protection of public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, may I have a motion to go into executive session to allow board to discuss personnel matters.

MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Boyle seconded to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried 5-0 Chair reiterated limited subject matter to be addressed: personnel matters in closed session. Time of entering closed session was 8:40am

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Boyle seconded, to close executive session. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened in open session at 9:51am. Chair announced that the only topic discussed in closed session was to personnel matters. There was no action taken in closed session.

Other Business Matters/Public Input & Comments: Josh Charvat, CCNEDC Executive Director- provided upcoming meeting information

9:52am ADJOURN: MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Murdoch seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Gerri Draper,
County Clerk