

CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES (PENDING APPROVAL): August 25, 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 8/19/26; Members Present: Dasher, DeGarmo, Stohlmann and Murdoch. Absent: Boyle. Others present: Thomas Brantley- Deputy County Attorney, Gerri Draper-County Clerk

8:00am OPEN PUBLIC HEARING-2026—2027 TAX REQUEST: Publication: Online Cass County webpage 9/20/26, Omaha World Hearld 8/21/25.

Chairman DeGarmo opened the 2026-2027 budget hearing in compliance with the provisions of section 13-501- 13-512. Stating there were three copies of the budget document available for public inspection.

Presentation: Outlining key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including, but not limited to a comparison with the priors year’s budget.

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements	Actual Disbursements	Proposed Budget of Disbursements	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (6)
	2024-2025 (1)	2025-2026 (2)	2026-2027 (3)			
General	\$ 22,450,669.99	\$ 25,553,887.84	\$ 31,840,812.76	\$ 7,800,000.00	\$ 20,508,506.09	\$19,132,306.67
Roads	\$ 7,290,841.31	\$ 7,001,133.08	\$ 9,290,167.31	\$ 1,594,725.64	\$ 10,884,892.95	\$
Roads Sinking			\$ 80,158.95		\$ 80,158.95	\$
Hiway Buyback			\$ 2,914,094.99		\$ 2,914,094.99	\$
Juvenile Diversion			\$ 22,460.20		\$ 22,460.20	\$
Communication Tower	\$ 31,450.00	\$ 65,118.16	\$ 263,537.51		\$ 263,537.51	\$
Visitor Promotion	\$ 102,666.52	\$ 117,451.41	\$ 393,244.79		\$ 393,244.79	\$
Visitor Improvement	\$ 135,198.44	\$ 436,349.37	\$ 402,997.53		\$ 402,997.53	\$
Record Preservation	\$ 18,608.93	\$ 14,867.37	\$ 176,946.53		\$ 176,946.53	\$
Opioids			\$ 158,670.05		\$ 158,670.05	\$
Drug Law Enforcement			\$ 15,338.51		\$ 15,338.51	\$
FEMA	\$ 8,846.27	\$ 32,414.00	\$ 164,963.00		\$ 164,963.00	\$
Private Grants	\$	\$ 317.50	\$ 6,466.96		\$ 6,466.96	\$
CERT	\$ 532.94	\$ 1,497.23	\$ 21,931.54		\$ 21,931.54	\$
ARPA	\$ 426,770.97	\$ 984,679.46			\$	\$
Tribal		\$ 95,204.70	\$ 4,795.30		\$ 4,795.30	\$
Inheritance	\$ 2,610,370.06	\$ 15,676.79	\$ 6,896,727.06		\$ 6,896,727.06	\$
KENO	\$ 68,866.98	\$ 78,966.59	\$ 212,761.00		\$ 212,761.00	\$
E911	\$ 6,957.44	\$ 41,060.48	\$ 197,237.92		\$ 197,237.92	\$
E911 Wireless	\$ 155,929.25	\$ 111,515.34	\$ 382,728.77		\$ 382,728.77	\$
TOTALS	\$ 33,307,709.10	\$ 34,550,139.32	\$ 53,446,040.68	\$ 9,394,725.64	\$ 43,708,459.65	\$19,132,306.67

Chairman DeGarmo noted at this time the Commissioners have reviewed department request (departments were asked to maintain their budgets with 0-1% increase) hearing no comments from the board, Chair then opened the floor for public input, hearing from (1) audience member. Chair reiterated the floor was open for public comment, all members of the public wishing to address the board were provided a reasonable amount of time to do so, with no comments being received the chair then asked for motion to close the public hearing.

8:03am Close Public Hearing: MOTION: Murdoch moved, Dasher seconded. Motion carried 4-0, Boyle absent
8:03am CONVENE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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1. Discuss/Action- Tax Correction(s) # 487-506
MOTION: Murdoch moved, Dasher seconded to approve corrections as presented. Motion carried 4-0, Boyle absent

2. Discuss/Action- RES 2026-13 Preliminary Levy Requests
MOTION: Murdoch moved, Stohlmann seconded to adopt RES 2026-13 as prepared. Motion carried 4-0, Boyle absent

8:05am BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Announcements/Comments: none

CONSENT AGENDA (1) Agenda, (2) Prior Meeting Minutes; (3) Claims; (4) Payroll/Time Balance Reports; (5) Fees Reported
MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Stohlmann seconded to approve consent agenda as prepared. Motion carried 4-0, Boyle absent

GENERAL CLAIMS: 201 Main Street LLC \$2,960.00 (srv) Amazon Capital Services \$1,181.26 (sup) American Heart Association \$312.22 (sup) Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. \$35,037.42 (ins) Amy Richter \$400.00 (sup) Animal Hospital of Nebraska City \$75.00 (srv) APCO International Inc. \$381.22 (srv) Applied Connective \$24,173.68 (srv) AT&T Mobility \$624.77 (srv) Axon

Enterprises \$1,482.00 (sup) Baylor Evnen Wolfe & Tannehill, LLP \$1,832.30 (srv) Benchmark Government Solutions LLC \$312.70 (srv) Black Hills Energy \$2,354.82 (srv) Bob Barker Company \$168.54 (srv) Boundtree Medical LLC \$592.58 (sup) Cash-Wa Distributing \$349.85 (srv) Cass County Extension \$387.56 (srv) Cass County Historical Society \$3,538.02 (srv) Cass County Sheriff \$18.50 (srv) City of Plattsmouth \$1,758.39 (srv) Clerk of the District Court \$336.00 (srv) Column Software PBC \$566.67 (srv) COMDATA Corporation \$891.12 (srv) Copple Chevrolet Inc \$179.97 (srv) Cornhusker State Industries \$12,531.00 (srv) DAS State Accounting - Central Finance \$160.00 (srv) Diamond Drugs Inc. \$605.20 (srv) DIRECTV \$136.99 (srv) Dollar General - Regions 410526 \$10.50 (sup) Douglas County Sheriff \$8.79 (srv) Eakes Office Solutions \$1,570.42 (srv) EMS Connect \$84.50 (srv) Eugene Farris \$9.00 (reim) Everbridge Inc. \$2,507.06 (srv) Fiber Platform LLC \$20,292.40 (srv) First Concord \$180.00 (srv) First State Bank Nebraska \$36,553.06 (tax) First State Insurance Agency \$50.00 (sup) First Wireless Inc. \$7,994.80 (srv) Frontier Cooperative \$833.06 (sup) G-S Painting \$650.00 (srv) Government Forms & Supplies \$65.00 (srv) Governmental Law LLC \$86.00 (srv) Great Plains Uniforms LLC \$877.94 (srv) GreyStone Flatwork \$10,899.00 (sup) Guardian Alliance Technologies Inc \$705.00 (srv) H.S.A. - Optum Bank \$2,425.00 (ins) Harold Ehmke \$15.00 (reim) Hayes Mechanical \$1,528.84 (srv) Henry-Hobscheidt Service Center \$2,415.55 (srv) Hometown Leasing \$1,684.93 (srv) HyVee Accounts Receivable \$31.85 (srv) IdentiSys Inc. \$518.62 (sup) Independent Auto Repair Inc. \$698.21 (sup) Johnson & Pekny LLC \$301.08 (srv) K&B Lawn Care \$525.00 (srv) Keckler Oil Company \$48.95 (srv) Meeske Ace Hardware \$131.50 (srv) Meeske Auto Parts \$51.95 (sup) Menards Commercial \$437.64 (sup) Metlife Insurance Co. \$169.92 (ins) MIPS Inc. \$1,750.96 (srv) Mullenax Auto Supply \$169.67 (srv) NACO \$40.00 (srv) National Business Furniture \$463.32 (srv) Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center \$142.00 (srv) Nebraska Public Power District \$326.20 (srv) Nebraska.gov \$48.00 (srv) Niobrara Visions LLC \$1,443.75 (srv) Oestmann & Albertsen Law PC LLO \$418.75 (srv) Omaha Public Power District \$272.32 (srv) Omaha World Herald \$663.90 (srv) Omega Chemical Co. Inc. \$295.29 (srv) Papillion Sanitation \$647.75 (srv) Percival Culligan Water \$115.50 (sup) Personnel Evaluation Inc \$140.00 (srv) Physicians Laboratory PC \$866.00 (srv) Platinum Heating and Cooling \$485.00 (srv) Professional Heating & Air Conditioning \$43,180.00 (srv) Proxy Networks Inc \$4,317.04 (srv) Quality Glass & Mirror \$10,178.63 (srv) Quill LLC \$620.88 (sup) Randy Uhl \$4,000.00 (srv) Reckling Property Management \$240.00 (srv) Reinsch, Slattery, Bear & Minahan \$3,646.99 (srv) RMR Court Reporting \$722.00 (srv) Roger Dennis \$27.26 (reim) Sarpy County Times \$29.90 (sup) Scott Bornemeier LLC \$34.99 (srv) Staples \$25.69 (sup) Sully's Cleaning Service LLC \$275.00 (srv) Summit Fire Protection \$7,991.54 (srv) Summit Food Service LLC \$10,552.70 (srv) Thomson Reuters-West \$1,368.84 (srv) TK Elevator Corporation \$5,892.69 (srv) Transunion Risk & Alternative \$100.00 (srv) Turnkey Corrections \$572.06 (srv) United Healthcare \$2,375.06 (ins) United Healthcare \$71,818.33 (ins) US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems \$865.02 (sup) US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems Inc \$13,327.85 (sup) Verizon \$1,946.31 (srv) Village of Avoca \$142.00 (srv) W. Thomas Brantley \$169.14 (reim) Warren Wade \$19.00 (reim) CLAIMS: \$380,435.68; PAYROLL: \$434,712.53; TOTAL: \$815,148.21 ROADS: ASP Enterprises \$780.00 (sup) Bobcat of Omaha \$1,391.00 (srv) Central Salt \$1,460.88 (sup) Copple Chevrolet Inc \$12,005.28 (srv) Frontier Cooperative \$2,082.24 (sup) Haney Shoe Stores Inc. \$171.99 (sup) Hotsy Equipment Co \$1,354.63 (srv) Inland Truck Parts & Service \$587.03 (srv) Keckler Oil Company \$806.60 (sup) LTR Towing \$1,659.91 (srv) Martin Marietta \$56,395.88 (sup) Meeske Ace Hardware \$79.08 (srv) Meeske Auto Parts \$147.16 (srv) MGX Equipment Services LLC \$247.29 (srv) Michael Todd & Co. \$209.40 (sup) Murphy Tractor & Equipment \$713.48 (srv) Nebraska Generator Service \$429.75 (srv) Nebraska Iowa Supply Company Inc \$14,433.62 (sup) Pavers Inc \$32,269.20 (srv) Pitney Bowes Inc \$152.70 (sup) Premier Pest Control \$100.00 (sup) Quality Signs \$790.00 (srv) RDO Truck Center \$2,538.69 (srv) Ron's Auto & Tire Repair \$503.33 (srv) Steffen Truck Equipment Inc \$3,679.00 (sup) US Bank Voyager Fleet \$552.35 (sup) Whetrock Inc. \$10,893.27 (sup) CLAIMS: \$146,433.76; PAYROLL: \$64,310.35; TOTAL: \$210,744.11 COMMUNICATION TOWER: The Center for Municipal Solutions \$4,575.00 (srv) TOTAL: \$4,575.00 VISITOR PROMOTION: Carl Reichart \$366.32 (reim) CLAIMS: \$366.32 PAYROLL: \$1,455.22 TOTAL: \$1,821.54 RECORD PRESERVATION: Hometown Leasing \$181.72 (srv) TOTAL: \$181.72 CERT: Amazon Capital Services \$399.98 (srv) COMDATA Corporation \$16.00 (srv) TOTAL: \$415.98 TRIBAL: Cass County Historical Society \$628.64 (srv) TOTAL: \$628.64 INHERITANCE: Sharon L Eissler Estate \$2,016.56 (srv) TOTAL: \$2016.56 E911: Language Line Services \$71.06 (srv) TOTAL: \$71.06 PAYROLL DEDUCTION HOLDING ACCOUNT: \$150,502.87 OVERALL GRAND TOTAL: \$1,035,602.82

1. Past Meetings Attended by Commissioners:

- Dasher: Plattsmouth City Council meeting
- Boyle: absent
- DeGarmo: none
- Stohlmann: none
- Murdoch: GOP meeting and Governor Pillen (Data Center Task Force)

2. Public Hearing/Bid Opening/Action: none scheduled

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

3A. Discuss/Action- Cass County/Eagle – Zoning Boundary Adjustment Agreement. Updated given, no action taken

4. Road Matters-Lenny Thorne, Highway Superintendent:

5A. Discuss/Action- Jacob Henderson Representative, Off the Clock Events dba Pink Gorilla - Request to Temporarily use County Roads for (2) Events: September 11, 2026, Harvest Moon Hustle and October 17, 2026 Market to Market Relay
MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Murdoch seconded to approve request as presented. Motion carried 4-0, Boyle absent

5B. Discuss/Action- Olsson Inc. ROW permit for soil borings. Updated given, no action taken

5C. Discuss/Action- RES 2026-14 Authorize Chair to sign 2026 County Annual Certification of Program Compliance (NE Board of Public Roads Classification & Standards)

MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Dasher seconded to adopt RES 2026-14 as prepared, authorize Chairman to sign certification as presented. Motion carried 4-0, Boyle absent

5. New Business & Unfinished Business:

5A. Discuss/Action- Beth Ferrell-Legal Counsel, Nebraska Association County Officials. Discussion held, no action taken

5B. Discuss/Action- Jenna Schambach Executive Director Keep Cass County Beautiful, Request to increase county's contribution to Cass County Recycling Interlocal Agreement

MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Dasher seconded to change the 50% cost share and increase the annual cap per municipality to \$3,000. Motion carried 3-1, Boyle absent, Murdoch voting no

5C. Discuss/Action- Jenny Steventon-Assistant Health Director Sarpy/Cass Health Department, Adopting Minimum Sanitary and Safety Requirements for the Equipment and Operation of Swimming Pools and Bather Preparation Facilities in Cass County and Establishing a Process for Acceptance of Permit Applications and Inspections (RES 2026-10). Discussion held, no action taken

5D. Discuss/Action- Ed James, 2026 County Government Day

MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Murdoch seconded to approve up to \$1,200 in KENO funds for lunches. Motion carried 4-0, Boyle absent

5E. Discuss/Action- Sheriff Sorenson request, approval for Regulated Audio and Video IPCS Services Agreement between the Cass County Sheriff's Office (Cass County Jail) and Encartele

MOTION: Degarmo moved, Dasher seconded to approve, authorize Chairman to sign agreement as presented. Motion carried 4-0, Boyle absent

5F. Discuss/Action- Sheriff Sorenson, request approval for "Content and Security Applications Distribution License Credential" agreement between the Cass County Sheriff's Office (Cass County Jail) and Encartele

MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Dasher seconded to approve, authorize Chairman to sign agreement as presented. Motion carried 4-0, Boyle absent

5G. Discuss/Action- RES 2026-13 Meeting notices

MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Murdoch seconded to adopt RES 2026-13 as prepared. Motion carried 4-0, Boyle absent

5H. Discuss/Action- 2026 Inventory; Board review & approval per State Statute 23-347 & 23-348.01

MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Murdoch seconded to approve the 2026 inventory as filed with the County Clerk. Motion carried 4-0, Boyle absent

Other Matters/Public Input & Comments: none

9:06am ADJOURN: MOTION: Murdoch moved, Stohlmann seconded. Motion carried 4-0, Boyle absent

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Cass County Clerk