

CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES (PENDING APPROVAL): September 23, 2025

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. Members Present: Dasher, Boyle, DeGarmo, Murdoch and Stohlmann. Others present: Chris Perrone-County Attorney, Gerri Draper-County Clerk

8:00am- Chairman called meeting to order; gave notice of Open Meetings Act, Meeting Documents & Led Pledge of Allegiance
CONVENE AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

1. Discuss/Action- (Assessor) Property Valuation Protest filed by Dan Highfield (tabled 9.9.25)

Highfield appeared to discuss property with Commissioners: Decision made to set valuation for the building at 75% or \$250,000.00 (land will remain at \$6,760.00) total land and building \$256,760.00

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Stohlmann seconded to set the valuation at 75% or \$250,000.00. Motion carried 5-0

8:02am CONVENE AS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CONSENT AGENDA: (1) Prior Meeting Minutes, (2) Claims, (3) Payroll/Time Balance Reports and (4) Fees Reported: County Clerk – Misc. \$2,393.00; Zoning- Misc. \$8,428.18; District Court Clerk- Misc. \$6,154.52; Register of Deeds- Preservation \$1,750.50, NE DOC Stamps \$28,392.81, CO General DOC Stamps \$8,111.19, County General \$11,798.00; Sheriff – Mileage \$4,151.16, Misc - \$2,710.00.

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

GENERAL: Abrahamson Law Office \$2,156.50 (Srv) Amazon \$609.84 (Sup) American Auto Glass \$450.00 (Srv) Ameritas Life Insurance \$34,909.59 (Ins) Applied Connective \$24,268.35 (Srv) AT&T Mobility \$1,300.42 (Srv) At-Scene \$27,562.50 (Srv) Village of Avoca \$63.00 (Srv) B Sharp Towing \$75.00 (Srv) Black Hills Energy \$1,993.98 (Srv) Bomgaars \$32.97 (Sup) Scott Bornemeier \$34.99 (Srv) Boundtree Medical \$2,012.45 (Srv) Brian Harvey Funeral Home \$1,000.00 (Srv) Cash-Wa Distributing \$189.30 (Sup) Cass County Attorney \$25.25 (Reim) Cass County Extension \$472.36 (Reim) Cass County Public Defender \$3,373.00 (Srv) Cass County Sheriff \$549.24 (Srv) Cass County Sheriff \$408.83 (Reim) Cassgram \$39.00 (Srv) Rob Church \$43.00 (Srv) Cidnet \$6,000.00 (Srv) Clerk of the District Court \$186.00 (Srv) Column Software \$1,102.25 (Srv) Comdata Corporation \$518.52 (Srv) Comfort Inn \$1,169.55 (Srv) Consolidated Electrical Distributor \$1,580.00 (Srv) Jim Crofoot \$30.82 (Srv) Percival Culligan Water \$50.00 (Sup) Danko Emergency Equipment \$355.00 (Srv) DAS State Accounting \$160.00 (Srv) Department of Revenue Property Assessment \$600.00 (Srv) Des Moines Stamp \$34.00 (Sup) DirecTV \$107.99 (Srv) Douglass County Court \$2.00 (Srv) Douglas County Sheriff \$23.65 (Srv) Eakes Office Solutions \$3,175.11 (Sup) EMS Connect \$91.00 (Srv) Eyman Plumbing Heating & Air \$810.14 (Srv) Steve Felthousen \$35.72 (Srv) Fireguard \$3,161.38 (Srv) First Concord \$187.50 (Ins) First State Bank \$36,609.35 (Ins) First State Bank \$55.18 (Sup) Futurity IT \$2,300.00 (Srv) Galls \$139.99 (Sup) Glenwood Feed & Industrial Supply \$436.50 (Sup) Graham Tire \$1,611.70 (Srv) Great Plains Uniforms \$35.00 (Srv) Village of Greenwood \$209.06 (Srv) Rand Group \$108.20 (Reim) Guardian Alliance Technologies \$220.00 (Srv) Hayes & Associates \$3,000.00 (Srv) Hayes Mechanical \$7,905.00 (Srv) Helena Agri-Enterprises \$841.25 (Srv) Henry-Hobscheidt Service Center \$275.39 (Srv) Tammy Hetherington \$232.00 (Srv) Hometown Leasing \$840.48 (Srv) Horwath Laundry Company \$367.66 (Srv) Hy-Vee \$16.08 (Sup) Johnson & Pekny \$1,493.58 (Srv) Jones Automotive \$1,689.95 (Srv) K&B Lawn Care \$350.00 (Srv) Keckler Oil Company \$164.88 (Srv) Sarah Kunkel \$28.00 (Srv) Matthew Bender & Co \$144.09 (Srv) Gerald Liess \$1,000.00 (Srv) Mainelli Wagner & Associates \$81,360.95 (Srv) Marking Refrigeration \$1,187.50 (Srv) Jamie Martz \$80.00 (Srv) Matheson Tri-Gas \$380.27 (Srv) Meeske Ace Hardware \$19.28 (Sup) Meeske Auto Parts \$89.99 (Sup) Menards \$70.95 (Sup) Metlife \$171.874 (Ins) Mill Creek Auto Parts \$88.97 (Sup) Mips \$2,455.40 (Srv) Alan Mueller \$27.18 (Srv) Nebraska Medicine \$1,409.99 (Srv) NPPD \$259.68 (Srv) Nebraska.gov \$16.00 (Srv) Nextoner \$546.35 (Srv) NIRMA \$10,000.00 (Srv) OPPD \$1,086.60 (Srv) Omaha World Harold \$130.40 (Srv) H.S.A \$1,950.00 (Ins) O'Reilly Auto Parts \$28.69 (Sup) Oxen Technology \$2,598.00 (Srv) Amanda Palmer \$1,650.00 (Srv) Paper Tiger Shredding \$507.95 (Srv) Papillion Sanitation \$544.07 (Srv) Physicians Laboratory \$2,750.00 (Srv) City of Plattsmouth \$1,877.23 (Srv) Quill Corporation \$39.78 (Sup) Nick Rayer \$34.46 (Srv) Reckling Property Management \$315.00 (Srv) Region 6 Behavioral Health Care \$18,554.75 (Srv) Runge Law Office \$1,248.50 (Srv) Rural Water District #3 \$99.00 (Srv) Sam's Club \$33.23 (Srv) Sarpy County Sheriff \$18.00 (Srv) Sarpy County Treasurer \$3,534.92 (Srv) Sisu Law \$3,475.00 (Srv) Software Unlimited \$619.52 (Srv) Sorensen's Tree & Shrub Care \$485.00 (Srv) Robert Staben \$21.30 (Srv) Staples \$65.54 (Sup) Stop N Shop \$316.33 (Sup) Mike Stroy \$28.02 (Srv) Stryker Sales \$287.05 (Srv) Summit Food Service \$11,751.73 (Sup) Thomson Reuters \$1,651.14 (Srv) TK Elevator Corporation \$705.00 (Srv) Transunion Risk & Alternative \$75.00 (Srv) Turnkey Corrections \$93.23 (Srv) Unifirst Corporation \$189.07 (Srv) United Healthcare \$76,837.32 (Ins) United Healthcare Dental \$2,379.48 (Ins) US Bank Voyager \$9,780.23 (Srv) Verizon \$2,989.80 (Srv) Verizon Wireless \$3,491.01 (Srv) Windstream \$17,107.61 (Srv) Alexis Woodward \$125.00 (Srv) Zelle \$5,584.00 (Srv) CLAIMS: \$454,245.85 PAYROLL: \$429,918.77 TOTAL: \$884,164.62 ROADS: Beatrice Ready Mix \$19,230.00 (Srv) Frontier Cooperative \$2,525.27 (Sup) Hometown Leasing \$139.89 (Srv) Keckler Oil Company \$82.40 (Srv) Mainelli Wagner & Associates \$54,395.10 (Srv) Martin Marietta \$49,725.11 (Sup) Meeske Ace Hardware \$18.00 (Sup) Meeske Auto Parts \$632.31 (Sup) Midwest Petroleum Equipment \$573.00 (Srv) Mill Creek Auto Parts \$579.76 (Sup) Murphy Tractor & Equipment \$799.92 (Srv) Nebraska Generator Service \$31,725.00 (Srv) NMC \$367,838.55 (Srv) Nancy Phillips \$225.00 (Srv) Ready Mixed Concrete \$19,196.04 (Srv) Syracuse Iron Works \$154.80 (Srv) Truck Center Companies \$344.79 (Srv) US Bank Voyager \$1,531.31 (Srv) Whetrock \$59,019.81 (Sup) CLAIMS: \$608,736.06 PAYROLL: \$69,494.85 TOTAL: \$678,230.91 COMMUNICATION TOWER: The Center for Municipal Solutions \$2,125.00 (Srv) TOTAL: \$2,125.00 VISITOR PROMOTION: Carl Reichart \$277.20 (Reim) 4 Imprint \$1,059.10 (Srv) CLAIMS: \$1,336.30 PAYROLL: \$1,412.88 TOTAL: \$2,749.18 RECORD PRESERVATION: Hometown Leasing \$181.72 (Srv) TOTAL: \$181.72 E911: Language Line Services \$116.81 (Srv) TOTAL: \$116.81 OVERALL GRAND TOTAL: \$1,567,568.24

1. Regular Agenda:

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

2. Past Meetings Attended by Commissioners:

- Dasher: 9/18/25 Joint Public Hearing
- Boyle: Region 6
- DeGarmo: 9/18/25 Joint Public Hearing
- Stohlmann: 9/18/25 Joint Public Hearing
- Murdoch: 9/18/25 Joint Public Hearing

3. Public Hearing/Action (8:15am) none scheduled

4. Litigation & Legal Matters-Christopher Perrone, County Attorney: none scheduled

5. Road Matters-Lenny Thorne, Highway Superintendent:

5A. Discuss/Action- Award 2025 Salt and Sand Spreader Bid

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Stohlmann seconded to approve bid from Midwest Service and Sales cost \$26,248. Motion carried 5-0

6. New Business & Unfinished Business:

6A. Discuss/Action- Ed James, 2025 County Government Day

MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Dasher seconded to approve use of KENO funds up to \$1,200 for County Government Day lunches. Motion carried 5-0

6B. Discuss/Action- Cindy Fenton-Treasurer, 2025 Distress Warrant Report

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Boyle to seconded to authorize Treasurer to strike \$8,528.28 in uncollectable taxes from the tax rolls. Motion carried 5-0

6C. Discuss/Action- 2025-2026 FY Budgetary Items:

2025 Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Stohlmann seconded to set the 2025 cost of living raise at 3% . Motion carried 5-0

RES 2025-08 2025-2026 Adoption and Appropriations

MOTION: Dasher moved, Murdoch seconded to adopt Resolution 2025-08 as prepared. Motion carried 5-0

RES 2025-09 Setting Property Tax Request for 2025-2026

MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Murdoch seconded to adopt Resolution 2025-09 as prepared: approving the 2025-2026 budget, setting the property tax request at \$18,664,575.20 with a tax rate of 0.354316. Motion carried 5-0

Non-Action item:

Cindy Fenton-Treasurer, notification of Pledged Collateral change. Board acknowledges receiving notice.

Other Business Matters/Public Input & Comments: none

8:19am ADJOURN: MOTION: Murdoch moved, Stohlmann seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Gerri Draper

Cass County Clerk