

CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES (PENDING APPROVAL): September 9, 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.

8:00am OPEN PUBLIC HEARING-2025-2026 TAX REQUEST: Publication: Online Cass County webpage 9/2/25, Sarpy County Times 9/3/25. Members present: Dasher, Boyle, DeGarmo, Stohlmann and Murdoch. Others present: Gerri Draper-County Clerk.

Chairman DeGarmo opened the 2025-2026 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 prior year's budget.

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements 2023-2024 (1)	Actual Disbursements 2024-2025 (2)	Proposed Disbursements 2025-2026 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Real and Personal Property Tax Requirements (6)
GENERAL	21,717,131.17	22,450,669.99	28,756,164.17	7,000,000.00	17,091,588.97	18,664,575.20
ROAD	9,279,939.66	7,290,841.31	9,191,146.88	1,816.39	9,192,963.27	0.00
ROAD SINKING	162,711.28	0.00	46,334.58	0.00	46,334.58	0.00
HIWAY BUYBACK	708,978.79	0.00	2,366,842.60	0.00	2,366,842.60	0.00
JUVENILE DIVERSION	0.00	0.00	22,159.97	0.00	22,159.97	0.00
COMMUNICATION TOWER	47,600.91	31,450.00	174,155.67	0.00	174,155.67	0.00
VISITOR PROMOTION	97,220.29	102,666.52	352,000.00	26,943.11	378,943.11	0.00
VISITOR IMPROVEMENT	165,490.51	135,198.44	404,000.00	31,094.58	435,094.58	0.00
RECORD PRESERVATION	10,515.68	18,608.93	144,000.00	21,461.90	165,461.90	0.00
OPIOIDS	0.00	0.00	146,275.62	0.00	146,275.62	0.00
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT	0.00	0.00	15,003.47	0.00	15,003.47	0.00
FEMA	107,015.88	8,846.27	230,524.77	0.00	230,524.77	0.00
PRIVATE GRANTS	0.00	0.00	6,784.46	0.00	6,784.46	0.00
CERT & EMERG TEAMS GRANT	0.00	532.94	23,428.77	0.00	23,428.77	0.00
COVID-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	2,458,402.90	426,770.97	984,679.46	0.00	984,679.46	0.00
MAPA-CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE/RELIEF	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRIBAL	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00
INHERITANCE	1,001,054.83	2,610,370.06	4,844,319.98	0.00	4,844,319.98	0.00
KENO/LOTTERY	16,577.00	68,866.98	244,144.15	0.00	244,144.15	0.00
E911	39,926.42	6,957.44	186,612.93	0.00	186,612.93	0.00
E911 WIRELESS	37,822.43	155,929.25	389,920.85	0.00	389,920.85	0.00
GRAND TOTAL	35,860,387.75	33,307,709.10	48,628,498.33	7,081,315.98	37,045,239.11	18,664,575.20
Unused Property Tax Request Authority available for next year						27,004.87

Chairman DeGarmo noted at this time the financial committee has completed the budget process, hearing no further comments from the board, Chair then opened the floor for public input, hearing none. Chair reiterated the floor was open for public comment, all members of the public wishing to address the governing body 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.

8:01am Close Public Hearing: MOTION: Murdoch moved, Dasher seconded. Motion carried 5-0

CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/EQUALIZATION MEETING MINUTES: August 13, 2024
Publication: Sarpy County Times 9/3; Members Present: Dasher, Boyle, DeGarmo, Stohlmann and Murdoch. Others present: Thomas Brant- Deputy County Attorney, Gerri Draper- County Clerk

8:02am- 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 D. Highfield

Sasha Frye-Assessor appeared noting this property was added to the over assessed-under assessed list (July 2025), no permit was filed by the Village of Murdock, applicant had 30 days to file this protest after receiving notice. Assessed value is \$332,010.00 Daniel Highfield owner appeared and stated the construction began in the fall 2022 completed in January of 2023 permits were filed with the Village of Murdock. Chris Perrone, County Attorney recommended the board table this item to allow the Assessor to perform an onsite inspection. Frye noted the inspection is not a normal procedure for protests. MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Boyle seconded to table until 9/23 for further review. Motion carried 5-0
2. Discuss/Action- (Assessor) Form 458R (Hearing) filed by J. Schwartz- Appeal Notice of Reduction/Rejection of Homestead Exemption. Sasha Frye-Assessor recommended denial reason: applicant did not sign the 458L form as required. DeGarmo stated for the record that the state should have a remedy for this-a missing signature should not be grounds for full denial. MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Dasher seconded to deny rejection of homestead exemption reason: missing signature should not be a reason to deny. Motion carried 5-0
3. Discuss/Action- (Assessor) Form 458R (Hearing) filed by B. Vodehnal-Appeal Notice of Reduction/Rejection of Homestead Exemption. Sasha Frye-Assessor recommended denial reason: un-timely filed, questions were left un-answered (incomplete application) MOTION: Dasher moved, Murdoch seconded to deny reason: un-timely filed and incomplete application. Motion carried 5-0

8:15am CONVENE AS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CONSENT AGENDA: (1) Prior Meeting Minutes, (2) Claims, (3) Payroll/Time Balance Reports and (4) Fees Reported. Chris Perronne-County Attorney appeared to ask the board to process a claim for Laramie Construction. Board requested payment be submitted per normal procedures for the 9/23/25 meeting.

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

GENERAL: Amazon \$265.63 (Sup) American Heart Association \$1,102.36 (Sup) Ameritas Life Insurance \$33,212.94 (Ins) Benchmark Government Solutions \$161.35 (Srv) Kari Bennett \$107.94 (Reim) Black Hills Energy \$197.36 (Srv) Bomgaars \$233.95 (Sup) Brian Harvey Funeral Home \$300.00 (Srv) Cash-Wa Distributing \$125.70 (Sup) Cass County Historical Society \$3,333.33 (Srv) Cass County Public Defender \$1,563.82 (Srv) Cass County Refuse \$139.00 (Srv) Cass County Sheriff \$221.46 (Srv) Cass County Sheriff \$344.44 (Reim) Cedar Valley Corp \$34,069.50 (Srv) Jim Chappell \$120.00 (Reim) Chemsearch \$508.53 (Srv) Rob Church \$43.00 (Srv) Clerk of the District Court \$687.00 (Srv) Column Software \$2,065.81 (Srv) Jim Crofoot \$30.82 (Srv) Cummins Sales & Services \$958.62 (Srv) Danko Emergency Equipment \$165.82 (Srv) DAS Central Finance \$1,571.49 (Srv) Roger Dennis \$41.32 (Srv) Douglas County Constable \$16.00 (Srv) Douglas County Sheriff \$11.65 (Srv) Geri Draper \$60.00 (Reim) Eakes Office Solutions \$4,063.24 (Sup) Harold Ehmke \$15.00 (Reim) Village of Elmwood \$69.17 (Srv) Eugene Farris \$9.00 (Srv) First State Bank \$34,873.55 (Ins) Taylor Fleischman \$60.00 (Reim) Travis Frye \$60.00 (Reim) Grainger 715.02 (Srv) Great Plains Uniforms \$900.50 (Srv) Hayes Mechanical \$4,800.00 (Srv) Helget Home Care \$4.00 (Srv) Henry-Hobscheidt Service Center \$1,352.94 (Srv) Tammy Hetherington \$158.00 (Srv) Hometown Leasing \$993.33 (Srv) Julie Howard \$155.00 (Srv) Hy-Vee \$35.82 (Sup) Independent Auto Repair \$805.35 (Srv) Iowa Prison Industries \$183.27 (Srv) Johnson & Pekny \$483.06 (Srv) Jones Automotive \$155.69 (Srv) Keymasters \$36.00 (Srv) Sarah Kunkel \$88.00 (Reim) Lampe's Clean Air Specialists \$420.60 (Srv) Brandon McClane \$60.00 (Reim) Brook McConnaughey \$60.00 (Reim) Meeske Auto Parts \$185.68 (Sup) Menards \$23.98 (Sup) Metlife \$172.80 (Ins) MIPS \$2,870.84 (Srv) Alan Mueller \$27.18 (Srv) Mullenax Auto Supply \$38.77 (Sup) NACO \$40.00 (Srv) Nebraska Health & Human Services \$808.21 (Srv) NE Law Enforcement Training Center \$125.00 (Srv) NPPD \$15,526.03 (Srv) Todd O'Connor \$60.00 (Reim) OPPD \$889.27 (Srv) Omega Chemical \$1,009.47 (Srv) H.S.A \$2,050.00 (Ins) O'Reilly Auto Parts \$24.74 (Sup) Papillion Sanitation \$304.89 (Srv) City of Plattsmouth \$906.44 (Srv) Laura Pohlmeier \$60.00 (Reim) Polaris Law Group \$6,014.50 (Srv) Professional Heating & Air Conditioning \$532.00 (Srv) Quik Dump Refuse \$36.91 (Srv) Quill Corporation \$270.75 (Sup) Nick Rayer \$34.46 (Srv) Rural Water Dist #1 \$40.00 (Srv) Sarpy County Sheriff Dept \$14.26 (Srv) Robert Staben \$21.30 (Srv) Staples \$214.22 (Sup) Staples Business Advantage \$95.46 (Sup) William Sterrett \$60.00 (Reim) Daniel Stohlmann \$120.00 (Reim) Stop N Shop \$2,073.23 (Srv) Cassie Story \$60.00 (Reim) Summit Food Service \$6,069.31 (Sup) George Tesar Jr \$44.12 (Srv) Leonard Thorne \$60.00 (Reim) Bobie Touchstone \$12,975.00 (Srv) Uline \$714.22 (Sup) Unifirst Corporation \$96.01 (Srv) United Healthcare \$76,837.32 (Ins) United Healthcare Dental \$2,379.48 (Ins) US Bank \$2,859.07 (Srv) US Bank Voyager \$792.50 (Sup) Warren Wade \$19.00 (Reim) Alexis Woodard \$125.00 (Srv) 201 Main Street \$2,960.00 (Srv) CLAIMS: \$272,856.80 PAYROLL: \$408,668.26 TOTAL: \$681,525.06 ROADS: AKRS \$86.95 (Sup) Bobcat of Omaha \$598.28 (Srv) Bomgaars \$75.14 (Sup) Concrete Industries \$2,729.00 (Srv) Galvin Glass \$504.95 (Srv) Hometown Leasing \$187.86 (Srv) Keckler Oil Company \$704.72 (Srv) Logan Contractors Supply \$180.00 (Sup) Martin Marietta \$113,937.60 (Sup) Meeske Ace Hardware \$17.12 (Sup) Menards \$203.55 (Sup) Midwest Petroleum Equipment \$863.43 (Sup) Mill Creek Auto Parts \$899.80 (Sup) MIPS \$146.45 (Srv) Murphy Tractor & Equipment \$1,000.39 (Srv) Nebraska Snow Equipment \$7,081.04 (Sup) NMC \$1,925.08 (Srv) Pump's Tire Service \$6,125.08 (Srv) Safety-Kleen Systems \$196.57 (Srv) SAPP Bros \$16,149.53 (Srv) Shaffer Communications \$1,623.78 (Srv) Truck Center Companies \$178.81 (Srv) US Bank \$307.10 (Srv) Westover Rock & Sand \$58,010.62 (Sup) CLAIMS: \$213,732.77 PAYROLL: \$68,000.14 TOTAL: \$281,732.91 COMMUNICATION TOWER: Cass County Treasurer \$1,500.00 (Srv) The Center for Municipal Solutions \$5,375.00 (Srv) TOTAL: \$6,875.00 VISITOR PROMOTION: Carl Reichart \$540.40 (Reim) CLAIMS: \$540.40 PAYROLL: \$1,412.88 TOTAL: \$1,953.28 RECORD PRESERVATION: MIPS \$799.58 (Srv) TOTAL: \$799.58 FEMA: Voice Products \$5,957.50 (Sup) TOTAL: \$5957.50 COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: Anderson Ford \$97,118.00 (Sup) TOTAL: \$97,118.00 KENO/LOTTERY: Nebraska Department of Revenue \$791.00 (Srv) TOTAL: \$791.00 E911 WIRELESS: CenturyLink \$4,313.73 (Srv) TOTAL: \$4,313.73 OVERALL GRAND TOTAL: \$1,081,066.06

1. Regular Agenda:

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

2. Past Meetings Attended by Commissioners:

- Dasher: none
- Boyle: none
- DeGarmo: Lincoln Water 2.0
- Stohlmann: Planning Commission
- Murdoch: none

3. Public Hearing/Action (8:25am) MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Dasher seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Published: Omaha World Herald 8/29. Others present: Jim Chappell-Zoning Administrator, Dan Derun property owner

3A. Public Hearing- Event Center CU-2025-0004 Parcel 130096733-Owner David A.D. Homes Inc.; SE corner of 226th Street and Church Rd; Legal: W ½ & NW ¼ EXC Co Rd. & Hwy 3-11-9

Chappell stated the Planning Commission recommended denial reason: application did not meet zoning regulations (Venue would have occupancy of up to 400-500 the large event center would require 40 acres – current plan is for 30 acres). Derun answered questions by the board concerning water, liquor license and security of venue. Chair asked for comments from audience hearing none, chair asked for motion to close public hearing.

8:37am CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Murdoch seconded Motion carried 5-0

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MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Boyle seconded to deny CU-2025-0004 as presented. Motion carried 5-0

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

5. Road Matters-Lenny Thorne, Highway Superintendent: none scheduled

6. New Business & Unfinished Business:

6A. Discuss/Action- 2025 Audit Engagement letter (Hayes & Associates), chairman's signature required

MOTION: Boyle moved, Murdoch seconded to authorize chair to sign as presented. Motion carried 5-0

6B. Discuss/Action- Election Commissioner, precinct (polling locations) updates. Update given no action required.
Tipton (#1 Eagle)- Location change to the Eagle Fire & Rescue Department building. Liberty (#15 Union)- Location change to the Union Admin Office/Nehawka Fire District #2. Mount Pleasant (#12) merging with West Rock Bluff (#18 Murray) Location change to Murray Town Hall Building. North Weeping Water (#21) merging with South Weeping Water (#22) no location change. City of Plattsmouth -The city recently amended their ordinance eliminating precincts within each ward. Polling locations for First United Methodist Church, Church of the Holy Spirit and Plattsmouth School District Administration Building will be merged into: 1st Ward- Plattsmouth Library; 2nd Ward-Plattsmouth Community Center; 3rd Ward-Living Water Church; 4th Ward-Presbyterian Church. We estimate a cost savings between \$7,000- \$8,000 per election.

6C. Discuss/Action- Chad Korte-EMA Director, AED replacements for county buildings
MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Murdoch seconded to replace 4 AED's using inheritance funds. Motion carried 5-0

6D. Discuss/Action- County Burial Assistance (CBA) 2025-08
MOTION: Dasher moved, Murdoch seconded to approve request, authorize Clerk to pay \$1,000. Motion carried 5-0

6E. Discuss/Action- 2025-2026 Budgetary items.
Estimated budget cuts for Cass County \$695,000 from County General and \$1.78 million from the Roads Department.
Board members designated Alex DeGarmo to represent Cass County at the Joint Public Hearing scheduled for September 18th at 6:30pm at the Plattsmouth Community Center, entities required to attend are Cass County, City of Louisville, City of Plattsmouth and the Plattsmouth Public Schools. *It has been brought to our attention that the phone number listed for Cass County on the post card notice was incorrect - the correct phone number is 402-949-0232.

Other Business Matters/Public Input & Comments: none

8:58am ADJOURN: MOTION: Murdoch moved, Stohlmann seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Gerri Draper
Cass County Clerk