

The Rock County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. as advertised in the Rock County Leader on May 14, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hollenbeck at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken. Present were Commissioners Wade Hollenbeck, Faye Smith & Colby Sybrant. Also present were Daunitta Buoy, Clerk & Kurt Arganbright, County Attorney.

Hollenbeck stated the Open Meeting Law is posted on the wall in the Commissioners room.

The minutes were presented to the Commissioners for the May 6, 2025, regular meeting, published May 14, 2025. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to approve the minutes for the May 6, 2025, regular meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

The agenda for the day was reviewed. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to approve the agenda as posted in the Clerk’s office. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

TJ Ellermeier, Assessor met with the Commissioners on the Counties increased valuation this year. Valuations are set by sales in the area. The assessed values for residential is 93%, the State mandates 92-100%. Ag land is assessed at 70% & the State mandates 69-75%. The County has to be in compliance, per State Statute. TJ also reminded the Commissioners of the next Zoning meeting, which will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 28, 2025 at the Courthouse.

Macey Lackaff, Library Director met with the Commissioners to present her 25/26 Library Budget proposal.

Waylon Reynolds, Road Foreman, Tyler Buoy, Josh & Melody Montgomery met with the Commissioners on unpaid holidays. Also present Crystal Sell, Deputy Clerk. After discussion with Kurt Arganbright, County Attorney on holiday pay, the holiday hours will be followed as in the handbook. Tyler discussed the 4/10 hour days worked with the Commissioners. Matter tabled until a later date. Ron Dearmont met with the Commissioners & road foreman on road issues by his house. Wade will contact Lloyd Smith to find the center of the road. Waylon discussed road updates. The 8970 tractor still needs repaired. The brakes aren’t working right. A tractor to replace the 8830 was discussed . Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to advertise for sealed bids for to be opened at 9:30 a.m. at the June 27, 2025 end of the fiscal year meeting for a 140-170 HP, Front wheel assist & less than 5000 hours. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Audrey Worthing a liaison from Congressman Adrian Smith’s Office with Washington updates.

Brittany Spieker/BKR Extension presented the Commissioners with the 25/26 Budget Proposal for the BKR Extension office.

Ed Uden, Hamilton Telephone met with the Commissioners to discuss Cloud hosted phones & fiber optic. Clerk will discuss this with the other offices & Ed will put a quote together for the cloud based phones. He will also check into getting us a better internet option & fiber optic.

Jacob Gardner, Deputy Sheriff met with the Commissioners. He requested a closed session to discuss a County Official. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to go into closed session at 11:52 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to go out of closed session at 12:04 p.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. No action taken.

Clerk Buoy presented the 25/26 budgets from Northeast NE Area Agency on Aging & Region 4 Behavioral Health System for the Commissioners to review.

Ben Shelbourn, Sheriff met with the Commissioners on updates for the Sheriff’s office. The pickup will go to Lincoln to be upfitted with the police package. He also reported that the Hi-band radio repeater quit. It will cost \$15,000 to replace the Hi-band repeater. Matter tabled until the next meeting. Ben also received an invoice from Region 26 for the license plate readers that will be reimbursed with grant money when received. Motion by Smith and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve to pay \$7537.40 for 2 license plate readers out of inheritance to be paid back to Inheritance when the grant is received. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

The following claims were audited:		<u>GENERAL</u>	
Employees	Salaries		32213.71
Employees	Medical Reimb		16556.68
BC/BS	Ins. Premium		3547.86
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas		412.74
Cash Wa	Sr Str Support		1416.00
CNEDD	Dues		1049.60

Colonial Life	Employer Share Life Ins.	28.30
DAS/OCIO	Data Process	213.75
M. Dean	Phone App	21.39
RC District Court	Court Fees	65.00
Fastwyre	Phone/Internet	201.70
KBRB	Zoning Survey Ads	195.00
RC Leader	VIN Books	150.00
Leon's	Jail Stool	136.98
Main Street Auto	Oil Change	129.60
NE Co. Assessors Assoc.	Dues	25.00
NPPD	Sr Ctr Support	406.77
Office Products	Copy Machine/Sup.	98.82
Region 2	Training	40.00
Ameritas	Matched Retire	2287.78
Road Fund	Inter Fund Transfer	978289.09
RC Senior Center	Sr Ctr Support/Nt'l Gas	243.95
Scott's	Fuel	791.62
IRS	Matched SS	3639.64
T&N Acquisition	Range Targets	249.50
Turp's	Repairs	41.47
US Bank	Postage/Sup.	1580.09
	<u>ROAD</u>	
Road Crew	Labor	12570.46
Road Crew	Medical Reimbursement	3547.86
BC/BS	Ins. Premium	3547.86
BKR Bridge Fund	Interfund Transfer	270000.00
Colonial Life Ins.	Employer Share Life Ins	10.00
CVA	Fuel	9248.77
KBR RPPD	Electricity	59.79
Ameritas	Matched Retirement	813.40
RC Tire	Tire/12M3	1858.00
Sandhill Equip	Repair 8970 Tractor	12967.31
IRS	Matched Social Security	1187.76
Stout Welding	Iron	87.20
Turp's	Supplies/Socket	101.52
US Bank	Supplies	191.60
Van Diest Supply	Road Chemical	9275.55
	<u>LIBRARY</u>	
Employees	Salaries	2420.71
Employees	Medical Reimbursement	2365.24
Colonial Life Ins.	Employer Share Life Ins	4.00
Ameritas	Matched Retirement	149.40
IRS	Matched SS	326.74
US Bank	Books	151.30
	<u>FEDERAL GRANT</u>	
General Fund	Interfund Transfer	32443.42
	<u>LOCAL ASSISTANCE & TRIBAL</u>	
Pro Electric	Upstairs Duct Work	5741.64
	<u>E911</u>	
OPTK	E911	617.18
	<u>OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>	
Inheritance Fund	Interfund Transfer	24010.10

Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to approve May 20, 2025 claims, with the exception of the Sandhill Equipment Claim. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to adjourn at p.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against The next meeting will be June 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners room of the Rock County Courthouse.

S/Wade D. Hollenbeck, Chairman of the Board

Attest: S/Daunitta J. Buoy, County Clerk