

The Rock County Board of Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. as advertised in the Rock County Leader on January 14, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hollenbeck at 1:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Present were Commissioners Wade Hollenbeck, Faye Smith & Colby Sybrant. Also present were Cathy Doke, RC Leader & Daunitta Buoy, Clerk.

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

The minutes were presented to the Commissioners for the December 30, 2025 regular meeting, which were published January 7, 2026. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to approve the minutes for the December 30, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

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

The Annual Reorganization meeting was held. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to nominate Hollenbeck for Chairman & Sybrant for Vice Chairman. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to declare the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month as their regular meeting date, with the exception of June & December, which will have 3 meetings. January & July there will only be 1 meeting the 3rd Tuesday. Such meetings May – October will start at 9:00 a.m. & November – April will start at 1:00 p.m. Notices to be published on Wednesday prior to the noticed meeting & minutes to be published within 10 days of regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Motion carried.

County holidays to be observed will be New Year's Day, MLK Jr. Day, President's Day, Arbor Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, 4th of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving & Christmas. If President or Nebraska Governor declares a workday as a holiday, Rock County will observe it as such.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to approve the Rock County Leader as the official newspaper of the county. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to also designate the county website rockcountyne.gov as an additional method of providing notice of Board meetings. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve Hollenbeck, Smith & Sybrant as approved signatories of the imprest checking account at The Tri-County Bank. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Applications for investment of funds were received from Sandhills State Bank, The Tri-County Bank, NPAIT & NFIT (Union Bank & Trust). Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to approve Resolutions declaring the Sandhills State Bank (Resolution 2026-1), The Tri County Bank (Resolution 2026-2, NPAIT of Lincoln (Resolution 2026-3) & NFIT (Union Bank & Trust - Resolution 2026-4) as County Depositories. Roll call vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Clerk, Register of Deeds, Clerk of the District Court, Library Fees & Fines & Sheriff Fees were discussed. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Smith to approve the fee report as presented, with the exception that if the mileage rate changes the county will follow the mileage rate approved by the State Auditor & IRS. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Rock County is in an Interlocal with Brown & Keya Paha Counties for the Veteran's Service Officer. Emergency Manager is shared with Brown County per an interlocal.

The Weed Superintendent appointment was tabled until February 3, 2026 meeting.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Hollenbeck to appoint Elizabeth Yost as Rock County Superintendent for 2026. Roll Call Vote.: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Lloyd C. Smith was appointed as the County Surveyor for 2023-2026 at the 2023 re-organization meeting.

Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to appoint TJ Ellermeier as the Zoning Administrator for 2026. Roll Call Vote.: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to appoint Daunitta Buoy, Clerk as the Budget Official. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

County Road Department Wage Scale for 2026 was tabled until the February 3, 2026 meeting.

Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to appoint Hollenbeck to the Niobrara Council & North Central Health Boards; Smith to NE Area on Aging Governing & Region IV Mental Health Boards & Sybrant to Central NE Community Services Board, Emergency Management Designee & NCDC Board. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against.

Ally Grant, NIRMA Representative met with the Commissioners on a claim to the County for the damage to the Ambulance Barn by an ambulance driver. Per State Statute the City had not filed a timely tort claim against the County & NIRMA's recommendation is for the County not to pay the claim. Matter tabled until the City & County can meet together & discuss this claim.

TJ Ellermeier, Assessor/Zoning Administrator met with the Commissioners on extending the Zoning Moratorium & Appraisal Contract from Lake Mac Appraisal. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to extend the Zoning Moratorium to July 1, 2026. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to approve Lake Mac's \$1600.00 contract for appraisal services for 2026. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Mona Davis, Treasurer presented the Commissioners with the 6th Month Semi-Annual Fund Report, published in the RC Leader January 7, 2026 & the Road's Expenditure & Revenue Report.

Waylon Reynolds, Road Foreman & Elizabeth Yost, Highway Superintendent met with the Commissioners. Waylon gave road updates. He presented a quote to fix the spare maintainer for \$12,560.65. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to accept NMC's quote for \$12,560.65 to fix the 140H Maintainer. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. Waylon reported that the payloader in Newport has water in the oil & the 2006 F150 has transmission problems.

The Weed Plan was discussed. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to approve the 2025 Rock County Weed Plan. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. A copy is located in the Clerk's office for public viewing.

Monthly Fee reports were presented to the Commissioners. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Smith to approve the Clerk, Clerk of the District Court & Sheriff Fee Reports. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Larry Buell met with the Commissioners to discuss the Beef sign project & MOU between Rock County Growth & Rock County. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County & Rock County Growth on the BEEF Signs located at the County lines. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. Clerk received from the County Visitors Committee a grant application from Rock County Growth for \$9500.00 for the Beef County Signs. Motion by Smith and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve the grant application from Rock County Growth for \$9500.00 to be paid from the Visitor's Improvement Fund. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

An approval of Subdivision was presented to the Commissioners. Motion by Smith and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve the Application for a subdivision of a tract in the NE4, Section 13, Township 25N, Range 18 & a tract in the SE4 of Section 18, Township 25N, Range 17, West of the 6th P.M., Rock Co., NE.. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

The Commissioners met with Ben Shelbourn, Sheriff & Kurt Arganbright, Attorney to discuss the Coroner position & working together.

Weed Superintendent applications were discussed. Interviews were held with Tyler Buoy of Rock County & Scott Erthum of Brown County December 30, 2025. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to offer the Weed Superintendent position to Scott Erthum. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

The following claims were audited:

	<u>GENERAL</u>	
Employees	Salaries	44228.78
Employees	Medical Reimbursement	19622.70
Mark Albin	Court Appt Atty	318.75
Appeara	Towel Service	66.69
Co Assessors Assoc.	Dues	100.00
BC/BS	Insurance Premium	1308.18
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	1508.88
Borders & Furrow	Court Appt Atty	925.26
Brown Co. Treasurer	Em Mgmt Co. Share/2025	63768.29
Candlewood Suites	Lodging	2249.10
CashWa	Sr Ctr Support	1516.00
City	Wtr/Swr/Trash/Rent	453.46
Colonial Life	Life Ins.	28.30
DAS/OCIO	Data Process	213.75
Fastwyre	Phone/Internet	445.67
Fastwyre	Phone	191.54
Fed Ex	Mail Pickup	32.92
First Concord	Admin Fees	7.50
Governmental Law	MSJM/Atty Fees	2580.68
A Gurnsey	Prior Service/Retirement	96.00
Krotters	Supplies	4.98
RC Leader	Notices/Ads	144.72
Main Street Auto	Oil Change	713.01
L. May	Prior Service/Retirement	36.00

Microfilm	Equipment Rent	117.50
MIPS	Data Process	1778.10
NACO	Dues/Treasurer	75.00
NE Sheriff's Assoc.	Dues/Treasurer	265.00
NPPD	Electricity	321.05
Office Products	Copier/Supplies	105.14
Physician's Lab	Autopsy	2360.00
Ameritas	Matched Retirement	3134.81
RC Senior Center	Sr Ctr Support	324.74
Scott's	Fuel	715.83
Seven Springs	Cooler Rent	15.50
IRS	Matched SS	4763.89
J. Stahl	Prior Service Retire.	204.00
Turp's	Suplies	2.56
US Bank	Postage/Supplies	970.30
Verizon	Cell Phone/Hot Spot	240.45
L. Wegener	Prior Service Retire.	72.00
NACO Planning & Zoning	Dues	40.00
	<u>ROAD</u>	
Road Crew	Labor	16870.64
Road Crew	Medical Reimbursement	3924.54
Appeara	Towel Service	40.17
BC/BS	Insurance Premium	3924.54
Buckles	Parts	118.00
Candlewood Suites	Lodging	374.85
City	Wtr/Swr/Trash	245.11
Colonial Life Ins.	Employer Share Life Ins	9.00
CVA	Fuel	9040.85
Fastwyre	Phone	57.43
Frontier Diesel	Tree Removal	250.00
KBR RPPD	Electricity	2175.18
Krotters	Supplies	93.40
M. Kuchera	Tree Removal/Culverts	1800.00
NE Motor Fuel	Fuel Tax	205.00
Murphy Tractor	644K Repairs	20445.14
NMC	Parts/Repairs	3839.16
Ameritas	Matched Retirement	1107.05
Sandhill Equipment	8970 Repairs	620.51
IRS	Matched Social Security	1534.10
Turp's	Supplies/Tools	1401.15
US Bank	Meal/Tools	459.66
	<u>PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION</u>	
MIPS	ROD Program	354.82
	<u>LIBRARY</u>	
Employees	Salaries	3665.78
Medical Reimbursement	Medical Reimbursement	2616.36
Colonial Life & Accident	Life Insurance	4.00
Ameritas	Matched Retirement	238.55
IRS	Matched SS	441.21
US Bank	Book	16.94
	<u>E911</u>	
Fastwyre	E911	54.00

Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to approve January 20,2026 claims. Roll Call Vote: All For None
Against Motion carried.

Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against
The next meeting will be February 3, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

S/Wade D. Hollenbeck, Chairman of the Board

Attest: S/Daunitta J. Buoy, County Clerk
