

The Rock County Board of Commissioners meeting was advertised in the Rock County Leader on August 12, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hollenbeck at 8:00 a.m. as posted. Roll call was taken. Present were Commissioners Wade Hollenbeck, Faye Smith & Colby Sybrant. Also present were Caleb Johnson, Budget preparer, Stacey, Sharina Ammon, RC Ag Society, Stacey Knox, Hospital Administrator, Daunitta Buoy, Clerk.

Hollenbeck stated the Clerk has a copy of the Open Meetings Law in the Commissioner's box.

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 minutes were presented to the Commissioners for the August 4, 2026 regular meeting, published August 12, 2026 & August 11, 2026 Special Meeting that will be published August 19, 2026. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to approve the minutes for the August 4, 2026 regular meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. Motion by Smith and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve the August 11, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes. Roll Call Vote: Hollenbeck – Yes Smith – Yes Sybrant – Abstained. Motion carried.

Sharina Ammon & JW Ogier, Ag Society met with the Commissioners with their 2026-2027 Budget. Caleb Johnson, Budget Preparer met with the Commissioners to discuss the 2026/2027 Rock County Budget. Also present were Stacey Knox, Hospital Administrator, TJ Ellermeier, Assessor, Lacey Friedrich, Treasurer, Ben Shelbourn, Sheriff, Jessica Pozehl, Emergency Manager Deputy & Waylon Reynolds, Road Foreman.

John Strelow met with the Commissioners to discuss road matters. Also present was Waylon Reynolds. Road 878 needs pulled up & with trees in the road ditches it can't be done. Statute 39-1812 states the responsibilities of tree removal is the land owners. Kurt Arganbright, County Attorney joined the discussion at 2:02 p.m.

Scott Erthum, Weed Superintendent left a report for the Commissioners on Weed & CWDG updates.

Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to surplus the 2006 Ambulance after all salvageable components are removed from it. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion Carried.

Annual Certification of Program Compliance & Signing Resolution was presented to the Commissioners. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to approve the Resolution for Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Commissioners called Jason Lehn, Department of Roads to discuss the Carn's bridge cracking. Elizabeth Yost, Highway Superintendent was also present by phone. Lincoln is researching the cracking issue & will give a recommendation if needed.

The NMC Lease was discussed. Motion by Smith and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve the Lease Agreement with Flatrock Group, LLC (NMC) for \$1000.00/month for the next year, October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

TJ Ellermeier, Assessor met with the Commissioners. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to go into Board of Equalization at 3:34 p.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. State Audit for 2023 were discussed. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to go out of Board of Equalization at 3:35 p.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to approve the 2023 State Auditor corrections. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. The Planning Commission asked TJ to address Data Centers & Crypto Mining with the Commissioners. Arganbright will work on a Resolution for a moratorium regarding them. TJ gave updates on the Comprehensive Plan. Appointment of a new zoning board member was discussed. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to appoint Bjarn Bearnson to the Planning Commission Board. Roll Call Vote. All For None Against. Motion carried.

Ben Shelbourn met with the Commissioners on the Sheriff's office's Mutual Law Enforcement Assistance Agreement (SRT). Discussion on two stolen vehicles was held. One was returned and one was found in a ditch West of Rock County Agronomy. Extensive damage was done to the vehicles. The County is looking in to installing cameras at the road shop viewable by the Sheriff's Office. Ben will look into a camera system like his.

Lacey Friedrich, Treasurer, TJ Ellermeier, Assessor & Daunitta Buoy, Clerk met with the Commissioners on extending Courthouse hours to accommodate the public & closing at noon on Fridays. The Clerk has to be open 5 days because of District Court accessibility. Everyone felt that all offices should operate with the same hours. The Courthouse hours will remain 9:00-12:00 & 1:00 - 5:00.

The following claims were audited:

	<u>GENERAL</u>	
Employees	Salaries	34658.07
Employees	Medical Reimb	22953.92
Ameritas	Matched Retire	2436.59
Applied Connective	IT Support	1898.16
AT&T	Cells/Hot Spots	169.80
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	145.95
BC/BS	Ins. Premium	1434.62
CashWa	Sr Ctr Support	1516.00
Charmex	Cot Mattresses	1392.56
City	Wtr/Swr/Trash/Rent	994.32
Colonial Life	Employer Share Life Ins.	28.92
Culligan	Water Cooler	110.00
DAS	Data Process	196.00
Fastwyre	Phone/Internet	
191.33		
Governmental Law	Legal Fees	6477.60
IRS	Matched SS	4277.55
J. Turpin(Turp's)	Battery	56.99
Kearney Holiday	Lodging	159.00
Kurt Arganbright	Registration	550.00
Microfilm	Equip. Rent	117.50
MIRA Safety	Tactical Supplies	499.90
MIPS	Supplies	204.00
NACO	Registration	30.00
NPPD	Sr Ctr Support	863.58
Office Products	Copy Machine	460.90
RC Senior Center	Natural Gas/Sr Ctr Sup.	113.62
Scott's	Fuel	1043.79
US Bank	Supplies/Postage	461.89
	<u>ROAD</u>	
Road Crew	Labor	9736.31
Road Crew	Medical Reimbursement	2869.24
Ameritas	Matched Retirement	657.20
B's	Culvert	8100.00
BC/BS	Ins. Premium	4303.86
Buckles	Supplies	118.82
Central Valley Ag	Fuel	12057.15
City	Wtr/Swr/Trash	247.78
Colonial Life Ins.	Employer Share Life Ins	8.00
GI Trailers	Repairs	5855.10
IRS	Matched SS	902.79
Jamie Turpin(Turp 's)	Supplies	73.98
KBR RPPD	Electricity	60.79
NMC	Repairs/Parts	2643.61
Pioneer	Snow Plow Sup	1107.38
RC Tire	Tires/8970	23.95
	<u>LIBRARY</u>	
Employees	Salaries	3059.27
Employees	Medical Reimbursement	2869.24
Ameritas	Matched Retirement	166.54
Colonial	Employer Share Life Ins	4.08
IRS	Matched SS	401.28
	<u>AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT</u>	
Rau Repair	Labor	478.50

Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Smith to approve August 18, 2026 claims. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to adjourn at 5:06 p.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against The next meeting will be a Special Meeting August 26, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss & act on Budget Resolutions due August 31, 2026 & the regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's room of the Rock County Courthouse.

S/Wade D. Hollenbeck, Chairman of the Board

Attest: S/Daunitta J. Buoy, County Clerk