

Colby Sybrant & Wade Hollenbeck met at the County Road Shop at 7:00 a.m. with road employees Josh Montgomery, Jeff Reynolds, Mike Turpin, Tony Stahl & Jacob Walton. The Twin Lake culvert project was discussed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 a.m.

The Rock County Board of Commissioners meeting was advertised in the Rock County Leader on July15, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hollenbeck at 9:00 a.m. as posted. Roll call was taken. Present were Commissioners Wade Hollenbeck & Colby Sybrant. Absent Faye Smith. Also present were Kurt Arganbright, County Attorney & Daunitta Buoy, Clerk.

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

The agenda for the day was reviewed. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve the agenda as posted in the Clerk’s office. Roll Call Vote: Sybrant - Yes Hollenbeck – Yes Absent Smith. Motion carried.

The minutes were presented to the Commissioners for the June 29, 2026 regular meeting, published July 8, 2026. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to amend the minutes to show Ally Grant presented a letter to the Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: Sybrant - Yes Hollenbeck – Yes Absent Smith. Motion carried. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to approve the minutes as amended for the June29, 2026 regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Sybrant - Yes Hollenbeck - Yes Absent Smith. Motion carried.

T J Ellermeier, Assessor met with the Commissioners on a property tax protest. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to go into Board of Equalization at 9:14 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Sybrant - Yes Hollenbeck – Yes Absent Smith. Motion carried. One protest on parcel #750003745 was received from Gray Bros. Holdings, LLC. (Dollar General). Ellermeier is recommending no change to the valuation. The protestor was not present & did not present any additional information. Ellermeier also presented under/over report. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to go out of Board of Equalization at 9:36 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Sybrant - Yes Hollenbeck – Yes Absent Smith. Motion carried. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve Assessors recommendation of no change to valuation on parcel 750003745. Roll Call Vote: Sybrant - Yes Hollenbeck – Yes Absent Smith. Motion carried. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to approve the under/over report presented by Ellermeier. Roll Call Vote: Sybrant - Yes Hollenbeck – Yes Absent Smith. Motion carried. Ellermeier also presented the Commissioners with a plan of assessment.

Scott Erthum, Weed Supervisor & CWDG contact person had a report on Weed Management, CWDG & a resignation letter for Rock County to resign from Sandhills Weed Management.

Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve the engagement letter from the state auditors for 25/26 Audit. Roll Call Vote: Sybrant - Yes Hollenbeck – Yes Absent Smith. Motion carried.

Elizabeth Yost, Highway Superintendent met with the Commissioners. Road Employee raises were tabled until the August 4, 2026 meeting. Fenced section lines, excessive cracking of the decking on the Carns bridge, culvert projects on Antelope Road & Twin Lakes were discussed. Kurt will get the Clerk an application for road mowing & it will be noticed in the paper.

Jim Nelson, Rock County Airport Authority met with the Commissioners on the Lease Agreement for the Ambulance. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to approve the lease with the Rock County Airport Authority. Roll Call Vote: Sybrant - Yes Hollenbeck – Yes Absent Smith. Motion carried. Jim also reported that there has been curb damage by snow removal that needs fixed. Commissioners requested that the curbs be marked so when they gets buried with snow, the plows will know where they are.

Lacey Friedrich, Treasurer & Clerk Buoy discussed with the Commissioners changing the County Website. Both Friedrich & Buoy would like to see the website be maintained by MIPS. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to approve MIPS to do the County Website. Roll Call Vote: Sybrant - Yes Hollenbeck – Yes Absent Smith. Motion carried.

Mowers were discussed. Three bids were received for a 48” deck zero turn mower. AKRS - \$4600 with trade Cherry Co. Imp. – \$9250.00 (no trade) Sandhill Equipment - \$6500.00 with trade. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to approve the bid from Sandhill Equipment with trade for \$6500.00. Roll Call Vote: Sybrant - Yes Hollenbeck – Yes Absent Smith. Motion carried.

Fee reports were given to the Commissioners for the month of June. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve the Clerk, Clerk of District Court & Sheriff Fee reports for June. Roll Call Vote: Sybrant - Yes Hollenbeck – Yes Absent Smith. Motion carried.

Budget requests from Rock County Airport (\$12,300.00), Rock County Ag Society (\$75000.00), Rock Rural, Newport & Gracy Rural Fire Departments (.02 per \$100 of Departments valuation less 2 cents for Treasurer Commission) were received. They will be reviewed at the Budget Workshop, which will be held August 18th, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Daniel Weyer & Traci Custard from NPPD met with the Commissioners with updates on the Transmission Line from Brown County to Rock County.

Lacey Friedrich, Treasurer & Ben Shelbourn, Sheriff met with the Commissioners with a distress warrant report. All warrants have been collected.

Trenton Gurnsey, Ambulance Association & Stacey Knox, Hospital Administrator met with the Commissioners to discuss keeping the 3rd ambulance. Matter tabled until August 4, 2026 when all Commissioners are available for the decision.

The Sheriff’s Office gave the Clerk a report of unpaid 25/26 charges in the amount of \$76.00 to the Commissioners.

The MOU for the Special Response Team (Sheriff’s Office) was tabled until August 18, 2026 meeting, when all Commissioners will be present.

The following claims were audited:

	<u>GENERAL</u>	
Employees	Salaries	46262.61
Employees	Medical Reimbursement	21519.30
Applied Connective	IT Service/Fiber	1898.16
Kurt Arganbright	Contract Labor	5396.07
AT&T	Ipads/Phones	169.76
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance Premium	1434.62
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	155.63

CashWa	Sr. Ctr. Support	1516.00
City	Wtr/Swr/Trash/Rent	882.32
RC Clerk	DD Fee	20.00
Culligan	Water Cooler	289.33
DAS OCIO	Data Process	196.00
Dale Davis Law	Court Appt Atty	425.00
Fastwyre	Phone/Internet	956.67
First Concord	Admin Fee	15.00
Lee Franklin	Mileage/EMS	208.80
G & V	Supplies	6.15
J & J	County Clean Up	2464.85
KBRB	Want Ads	100.00
Krotters	Supplies	87.97
Leader	Ads/Notices	371.47
Leon’s	Water Cooler	155.27
Main Street Auto	Auto Repair	161.38
Microfilm	Equip Rent	117.50
MIPS	Data Process	1999.05
Morisson Underground	Sprinkler Rep.	565.75
NPPD	Electricity/Sr Ctr	1011.24
Allen’s Precision	Deductible	1000.00
Region IV	Co. Share 1 st Qtr 26/27	614.25
Region 26 Council	Subscription	2000.00
RC Senior Center	Natural Gas/Ctr Support	129.26
Scotts	Fuel	1239.05
Stout Welding	Labor	266.00
Verizon	Phone	278.52
Colonial Life	Employer Share Life Ins.	29.00
Ameritas	Matched Retire	3289.05
IRS	Matched SS	5063.59
	<u>ROAD</u>	
Road Crew	Labor	17042.29
Road Crew	Medical Reimbursement	1434.62
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Ins. Premium	4303.86
City	Wtr/Swr/Trash	247.78
CVA	Fuel	7425.14
Fastwyre	Phone	57.42
Hometown Rep.	2012 Ram 2013 F150	267.42
KBR RPPD	Electricity	60.79
Krotters	Supplies	41.33
Leader	Want Ads	61.75
Medical Enterprises	Drug Tests	72.00
NMC	Parts/Repairs	8568.55
Northeast Glass	640 K Loader	225.00
NPPD	Electricity	110.53
Rock County Tire	Western Star Brakes	2235.00
Sandhill Equipment	Parts	250.15
Turp’s	Supplies/Tools	176.15
Colonial Life Ins.	Employer Share Life Ins	6.00
Ameritas	Matched Retirement	1150.35
IRS	Matched Social Security	1370.75
	<u>PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION</u>	
MIPS	ROD Program	228.16
	<u>LIBRARY</u>	
Employees	Salaries	4511.47
Employees	Medical Reimbursement	2869.24
Colonial Life	Employer Share Life Ins.	4.00
Ameritas	Matched Retirement	240.51
IRS	Matched SS	525.25
	<u>INHERTANCE</u>	
Duff Cemetery	Upkeep	200.00
Judy Keck	Upkeep	250.00
Rose Hill	Upkeep	200.00
Sybrant	Upkeep	200.00
Thurman	Upkeep	200.00
Willowdale	Upkeep	200.00
	<u>EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT</u>	
Fastwyre	E911	54.00
GeoComm	E911	11263.34
OPTK	E911	617.18
Solacom	E911	10570.99
	<u>AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT</u>	
Rau Repair	F550 Bumper	2442.00

Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve July 21, 2026 claims. Roll Call Vote: Sybrant - Yes Hollenbeck - Yes
Absent Smith. Motion carried.

Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to adjourn at 2:34 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Roll Call Vote: Sybrant - Yes Hollenbeck - Yes
Absent Smith. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held August 4,2026 at 9:00 a.m., at 400 S State ST, Bassett NE.