

The Rock County Board of Commissioners meeting was advertised in the Rock County Leader on September 30, 2026. 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 was 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 September 15, 2026 regular meeting, published September 23, 2026 & the Special Meeting minutes for September 22, 2026, published September 30, 2026. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to approve the September 15, 2026 minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. Motion by Smith & seconded by Sybrant to approve the September 22, 2026 Special meeting minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Stacey Knox, Hospital Administrator met with the Commissioners on renewal of the hospital license. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to approve the Hospital Licensure renewal. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Chris Mather from the National Park Service met with the Commissioners to introduce himself. The uniqueness of the Niobrara Scenic River was discussed.

Trenton Gurnsey, Rock County Ambulance representative met with the Commissioners on the surplus ambulance. Trenton received 1 bid for removal of the bed & rail from Justin Teel for \$1800.00. Trenton will check with other counties & see if they would be interested in purchasing the cot & rail.

Ally Grant, NIRMA representative met with the Commissioners on the road shop & yard cameras. Commissioners visited with Guardian Security Systems & he will meet with the Commissioners October 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the road shop. Ally also discussed the airport claim for lightening damage to the gas pump. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to approve paying the deductible of \$2500.00 for the Airport Authority's lightening damage insurance claim. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Ben Shelbourn met with the Commissioners on his inventory & AT&T bill. Matters tabled until October 20, 2026 meeting.

Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to go into Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion Carried. D. Buoy, Clerk presented the 26/27 levies to the Commissioners. General – 0.319336 with a tax request of \$2,838,276.67, Library -0.016357 with a tax request of \$145,381.95, Hospital Maintenance -0.032720 for a tax request of \$290,817.23 & Ambulance Replacement -0.010000 with a tax request of \$88,880.57 with a total levy of 0.378413 & a total tax request of \$3,363,356.42. RC Airport -0.001378 with a tax request of \$12,247.74 RC Ag Society -0.005740 with a tax request of \$51,017.44 Rock Rural Fire District – 0.020000 with a tax request of \$110,022.67, Newport Rural Fire District -0.020000 with a tax request of \$42,472.38 Gracy Rural Fire District -0.020000 with a tax asking of \$17,007.60, City of Bassett -0.450046 with a tax request of \$173,374.66; Village of Newport -General 0.375157 with a tax request of \$10,386.88 & Rock County Public Schools -General 0.398029 with a tax request of \$3,518,173.28, Special Building Fund 0.034091 with a tax request of \$301,329.91 & QCPUF -0.022727 for a tax request of \$200,833.66 for a total levy of 0.454847 & total tax asking of \$4,020,386.85. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to go out of Board of Equalization at 11:10 a.m. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to certify levies for 2026/2027 budget year. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Scott Erthum joined the meeting at 11:45 a.m. He gave Control the Burn (CWDG) updates.

TJ Ellermeier, Assessor & Zoning Administrator met with the Commissioners to report the Planning Commissions recommendation on 2 special exception applications. The planning commission recommended approving the permit for Osentowski's to subdivide 40 acres into 8....5 acre lots & Marietta Farms, LLC for a 1000 head cattle confinement barn. A public hearing will be scheduled at a later date. He also reported on the updated Zoning Comp plan. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to approve the updated Rock County Zoning Comprehensive Plan. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Lacey Friedrich, Treasurer gave Commissioners the Delinquent Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Listing for 2025.

Commissioners reviewed Fee Reports. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to approve Clerk, Clerk of District Court & Sheriff Fees for September, 2026. Roll Call Vote:

The following claims were audited:

|                      |                                 |          |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
|                      | <b><u>GENERAL</u></b>           |          |
| Employees            | Salaries                        | 45576.42 |
| Ameritas             | Matched Retire                  | 3239.23  |
| IRS                  | Matched SS                      | 3413.65  |
| Applied Connective   | IT Support                      | 2023.16  |
| AT&T                 | Cells/Ipads                     | 174.06   |
| Borders Law          | Court Appt Atty                 | 1646.01  |
| Brown Co Treasurer   | 1 <sup>st</sup> ½ BKR Co. Share | 14850.00 |
| CashWa               | Sr Ctr Support                  | 3032.00  |
| City                 | Wtr/Swr/Trash/Rent              | 630.32   |
| Culligan             | Water Coolers                   | 110.00   |
| Dudley/Appeara       | Towel Service                   | 133.38   |
| ES&S                 | Election Exp                    | 2130.98  |
| Fairfield            | Lodging                         | 135.15   |
| Fastwyre             | Phone/Internet                  |          |
| 608.42               |                                 |          |
| K. Arganbright       | Contract Labor                  | 5396.07  |
| Loup Valley Lighting | Bulbs                           | 179.78   |
| Microfilm            | Equipment Rent                  | 117.50   |
| MIPS                 | Data Process                    | 2227.21  |
| NACO                 | LB644/Dues                      | 5537.06  |
| NPPD                 | Electricity                     | 344.76   |
| NPPD                 | Sr Ctr Support                  | 1648.99  |
| NWCA                 | Dues                            | 235.00   |
| Office Products      | Copy Machine                    | 83.42    |
| PrestoX              | Pest Control                    | 107.20   |
| Region 4             | Co. Share 1 <sup>st</sup> ½     | 2839.50  |
| Region IV            | Co. Share 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr   | 614.25   |
| RC Clerk             | DD Fee                          | 20.00    |
| RC Leader            | Publish                         | 1078.18  |
| RC Senior Center     | Sr Ctr Natural Gas              | 220.26   |
| Scott's              | Fuel                            | 46.00    |
| T. Gurnsey           | Tree Removal                    | 2500.00  |
| Main Street Auto     | Repairs                         | 216.36   |
| Verizon              | Cell Phones                     | 240.42   |
| Colonial Life        | Life Ins.                       | 15.93    |
|                      | <b><u>ROAD</u></b>              |          |
| Road Crew            | Labor                           | 16324.23 |
| Ameritas             | Matched Retirement              | 1101.89  |
| IRS                  | Matched SS                      | 1203.89  |
| Bomgaars             | Def                             | 602.20   |
| CVA                  | Fuel                            | 14925.85 |
| City                 | Wtr/Swr/Trash                   | 247.78   |
| Fastwyre             | Phone                           | 57.43    |
| Frontier Diesel      | Parts                           | 14.88    |
| GI Trailers          | Trailer Repairs                 | 4049.16  |
| KBR RRPD             | Electricity                     | 60.79    |
| Lloyd Smith          | Training                        | 123.72   |
| Medical Enterprises  | Drug Tests                      | 72.00    |
| NMC                  | Repairs                         | 2810.85  |
| NPPD                 | Electricity                     | 140.64   |
| NIRMA                | Safety Training                 | 135.00   |
| RC Agronomy          | Prepaid Propane                 | 5000.00  |
| RC Leader            | Publish/Print                   | 178.75   |
| Motor Fuels          | Fuel Tax                        | 335.00   |
| Colonial Life Ins.   | Employer Share Life Ins         | 5.00     |
| Jim Borg Trucking    | Dump Truck & Pup                | 53000.00 |
|                      | <b><u>LIBRARY</u></b>           |          |
| Employees            | Salaries                        | 4271.79  |
| Ameritas             | Matched Retirement              | 255.37   |
| IRS                  | Matched SS                      | 303.73   |
| Black Hills Energy   | Natural Gas                     | 49.56    |

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| City                         | Wtr/Swr/Trash           | 276.16 |
| Fastwyre                     | Phone/Internet          | 167.30 |
| G & V                        | Supplies                | 22.72  |
| Office Products              | Copy Machine            | 77.99  |
| PrestoX                      | Pest Control            | 71.51  |
| RC Leader                    | Notice                  | 5.82   |
| RC Public Library Foundation | Reimbursement           | 246.24 |
| Colonial                     | Employer Share Life Ins | 2.07   |
|                              | <b><u>E911</u></b>      |        |
| Fastwyre                     | E911                    | 54.00  |
| OPTK                         | E911                    | 617.18 |

Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve October 6, 2026 claims. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 p.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against The next meeting will be held in the Commissioner’s room October 20, 2026, 400 S State ST, Bassett NE

S/Wade D. Hollenbeck, Chairman of the Board

Attest: S/Daunitta J. Buoy, County Clerk

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