

## Johnson County Board of Commissioners January 27, 2026

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The Johnson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday January 27, 2026, County Commissioners present were, Tim Weber District 2, Les Agena District 3.

David Borrenpohl District 1 was absent

Kathleen M. Nieveen County Clerk is recording the minutes.

Notice of the Johnson County Commissioner's meeting was sent to each post office in Johnson County; it was posted on the Johnson County Website at johnsoncounty.ne.gov and was sent to the Nemaha Valley Observer on January 23, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Agena at 9:00 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in the room.

Vice Chairman Agena acknowledged that the open meetings act was posted by the entrance of the Johnson County Board Room.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Weber, to approve the agenda. Yeas: Agena, Weber. Nays: none motion carried.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Weber to approve the minutes of January 13, 2026 , board meeting. Yeas: Agena, Weber, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Weber and was seconded by Agena to approve the claims as submitted. Yeas: Agena, Weber, Nays; none motion carried. The following is a list of claims that were paid on funds as follows:

**GENERAL FUND: Payroll: 50,386.22**

**Claims: \$ 53,445.67**

AFLAC – Insurance - 153.53, LES AGENA – Mileage - 267.40, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA & Federal Taxes - 16,029.85 AMERITAS – Deferred Comp - 75.00, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. – Vision Insurance - 136.90, ARRAY DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE, INC – Tower Rental - 525.60, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NE – Health Insurance - 14,016.77, DAVID A BORRENPOHL – Mileage - 263.20, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC.- Copiers - 1,598.20, ALLISON L CASPERS – Prior Service 96.00, CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS – HD Convertors - 8.75, DAS STATE ACCTING - CENTRAL FINANCE – Support, Computer Lease & Statewide Radio Usage - 280.00, DISTRICT COURT JOHNSON COUNTY – Filing Fees - 72.00, DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410526 – Jail Supplies - 33.00, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS – Paper - 65.99, ERIN M. MCCARTNEY – Garnishment - 264.00 FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Cafeteria Plan, Flex Spending & Buydown - 1,483.13, FOX FUNERAL HOME – Transfer - 521.50, DEBORAH GORACKE – Prior Service - 12.00, GREAT PLAINS UNIFORM, LLC – Uniforms - 271.81, HIDDEN GEM BISTRO Inmate Meals – 1/5-1/18 - 1,504.00, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – Black Hills Energy – Courthouse & Jail - 1,452.17 LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Life Insurance - 30.22, MORGAN T HOMOLKA – Special Prosecutor Fees - 1,087.40 MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURNACE CO. – Life Insurance - 101.02, STEVEN J MERCURE – Prior Service - 96.00, MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES – Courthouse Inspections – 2/1-4/30 - 297.66, NACO – 2 Registrations - 320.00, NACREC 2026 MEMBERSHIP Dues - 50.00, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE - State Taxes - 2,133.45, NEBRASKA FURNITURE MART, INC – Garnishment - 537.94

MARGARET A PARRISH – Prior Service - 96.00, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 8,201.91, VERIZON WIRELESS – Phones & Hot spots - 465.95, WINDSTREAM – Landline Phones - 528.32, KAREN ZUHLKE – Prior Service - 24.00, 911 CUSTOM – 3 Flashlights - 345.00

**ROAD FUND: Payroll: 17,724.43**

**Claims: \$ 77,347.08**

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA & Federal Taxes - 5,328.16, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. – Vision Insurance - 60.54 BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NE – Health Insurance - 10,375.75, CARD SERVICES – Shop Supplies - 506.73, GOTTULA PROPANE SERVICES, INC – Fuel - 8,787.80, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – Black Hills Energy/Barn & OPPD Cook Barn - 584.67 LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Life Insurance - 87.78, MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS – Rock - 46,795.53, RANDALL MOSS – Prior Service - 84.00, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CNTR - 23.08, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes 708.94, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER – Crab Orchard Utilities - 86.51, PROFESSIONAL CHOICE RECOVERY, INC – Garnishment - 231.84, JOHN RADEMACHER – Prior Service - 48.00, RAY J SANITATION – Trash Pickup - 73.00, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 2,706.97, ORVILLE SPECKMANN – Prior Service - 120.00, U.S. CELLULAR – Internet - 82.26, VERIZON WIRELESS – Tablets - 80.02, VILLAGE OF ELK CREEK – Utilities - 485.78, WINDSTREAM – Landline Phones - 89.72

**911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – OPPD 911 Tower - 42.76

**COURTHOUSE BUILDING BOND FUND**

KINGERY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY - Application #23 - 19,359.89

**AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND**

**Claims: \$ 1,115.49**

JOHNSON COUNTY HOSPITAL – Medical Supplies - 655.45, TECUMSEH RESCUE – Non-Emergency Transfers - 300.00, VERIZON WIRELESS – 4 I-Pads - 160.04

Emergency Manager Megan Buckley was present at the meeting to discuss with the board the Cross-Jurisdictional Memorandum of Understanding. A motion was made by Weber and was seconded by Agena to approve the Cross-Jurisdictional Memorandum of Understanding regarding the coordination and delivery of Alert, Warning and Notification Messages through FEMA’s Integrated Public Alert and Warning System. Yeas; Weber, Agena, Nays; none motion carried.

County Sheriff Lynn Lyon was present to review the new server room.

The board appointments were reviewed. A motion was made by Weber and was seconded by Agena to approve the board appointments as follows:  
for 2026 as follows:

NIRMA Kathleen M. Nieveen  
Region V: Les Agena  
SENDDS: Les Agena  
SENCA Tim Weber  
Economic Developer Doug Goracke  
Highway Supt. Matt Schaardt  
EMA Megan Buckley  
Ambulance Board David Borrenpohl  
Weed Superintendent/Zoning Mike Davison

SE District Health, Tim Weber, Gina Kerner, Stacey Goodrich  
Johnson County Planning Comm. Larry Kuhl, Wade Caspers, Gary Pietzyk, Bill Baum, Greg Krueger, Ed Ehmen  
Board of Zoning Adjustments, Arlin Beethe, Lavon Beethe, Mike Weber, Joel Dunekacke-Alternate, Vernon  
Kettelhake, Gary Pietzyk  
Blue Rivers Area on Aging David Borrenpohl  
Extension Board, Lisa Schuster, Judi Borrenpohl, Matt Weber, Linda Kuhlmann  
Visitors Committee, Vernon Kettelhake, Melissa Campbell, Judy Brinkman, Denise Wolff  
Veterans Service Board, Charlie Pierce, Mike Carman, Mike Wolken, Lavon Othmer, Shannon Nielsen

The board discussed the possible dates for the Scrap Tire Clean up. The Event will be in the month of July with the clerk to schedule.

At 9:30 A.M the fuel bids were opened and placed on file in the County Clerk's Office, only one bid was received from Gottula Propane Service Inc.

A motion was made by Weber and was seconded by Agena to approve the bid from Gottula Propane Service Inc. as follows:

Tecumseh Shop Unleaded with 10% Ethanol \$2.399, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 (On Road) \$3.499 Diesel Low Sulfur #2 (off Road) \$3.049

Cook, Crab Orchard, Elk Creek and Sterling Shops, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 (Off Road) \$3.199 Diesel Low Sulfur #2 (Off Rod) \$2.799

Yeas: Agena, Weber, Nays; none motion carried.

Highway Supt. Matt Schardt informed the board that the Motor Grader Training is a go, other counties are interested in attending, and the training will take place in February or March.

The board reviewed rock, Crab Orchard Road, Sterling Road Build up and sending letters to landowners about trees.

Greg Oliverius with MacQueen was present at the meeting to discuss the possible sale of a used snow blower. This was tabled until a later date.

Veterans Service Officer Ken Mandl was present at the meeting to inform the board about a legislative hearing that will be held Monday Feb 2, 2026 concerning Veterans Aid. Ken asked that the board contact their senators about their opposition to the bill.

The board adjourned the meeting at 9:50 A.M.

The board will meet again in regular session on Tuesday February 10, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. All board meetings are open to the public; the agenda is kept current and available at the County Clerk's Office.

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Les Agena Vice Chairman

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Kathleen M. Nieveen, County Clerk

