

Johnson County Board of Commissioners December 16, 2025

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday December 16, 2025, County Commissioners present were David Borrenpohl District 1, Tim Weber District 2, Les Agena District 3.

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 December 12, 2025.

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

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

Chairman Borrenpohl 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, Borrenpohl. Nays: none motion carried.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Weber to approve the minutes of December 2, 2025, board meeting. Yeas: Agena, Weber, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Weber and was seconded by Agena to approve the claims as presented. Yeas: Agena, Weber, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Payroll: 52,539.42

Claims: \$ 216,432.47

KERNER ACE HARDWARE – Supplies - 258.96, AFLAC – Insurance - 153.54, LES AGENA – Mileage - 186.90, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA & Federal Taxes - 17,155.86, AMERITAS – Deferred Comp - 75.00, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. – Vision Insurance - 140.36 ARRAY DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE, INC – Tower Rent - 525.60, BEAR GRAPHICS – Case File Folders - 150.63, BEN BEETHE – Reimbursement of Dues - 189.00, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NE – Health Insurance - 15,271.91, BRINKMAN BROTHERS INC.- Cruiser Repairs - 1,400.77 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS – Gold Fax - 72.00, CHIEF DRUG – Inmate Medical - 196.46, CITY OF PAWNEE CITY – Annual NRIN Operations Fee - 1,000.00, DAS STATE ACCTING - CENTRAL FINANCE – Support, Computer Lease, Statewide Radio Usage - 280.00, DISTRICT COURT JOHNSON COUNTY – Court costs - 584.00, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS – Supplies - 236.86, ERIN M. MCCARTNEY – Garnishment - 264.00 FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – December HRA, Cafeteria Plan & Flex Spending - 375.69, GOTTULA PROPANE – Annual Tank Rental 40.00, HASSELBALCH PHARMACY – Inmate Medical - 199.02, HIDDEN GEM BISTRO – Inmate Meals 11/17-12/7 - 2,104.00, MICHELLE HUTT Postage Reimbursement & Meals at Training - 75.02, IDEAL PURE WATER OF LINCOLN – Cooler Rental - 8.00, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – Courthouse & Jail Utilities, Trash Pickup - 2,006.73, JOHNSON COUNTY TREASURER – Transfer to Road - 91,318.91, ANGELA JOHNSON – Mileage - 44.24, LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF - Paper Service - 26.92, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Life Insurance - 30.22, MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS – Scanner Rental - 40.00, MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES – Sheriff's office monitoring 12/15-3/14 - 137.82, MORRISSEY, MORRISSEY & DALLUGE – Office Rent, 1/3 Utilities, ½ Phone & Internet, Secretarial - 1,679.54, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 2,535.96, NEBRASKA FURNITURE MART - Garnishment - 520.26, NEMAHA VALLEY OBSERVER – Publications - 226.14, NENA: THE 9-1-1 ASSOCIATION – Training Fee - 299.00, COUNTY OF OTOE – Everbridge Annual Fee - 3,704.00, PAWNEE COUNTY SHERIFF – 2024 Durango - 52,000.00,

PEPPERHILL VETERINARY SERVICES – Norra visits - 366.00, PERMAR SECURITY SYSTEMS – 6-month contract - 648.96, POSTMASTER – Veterans Services PO Box Rent - 106.00, PPCT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC – Manuals - 163.70, RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES P.C. – Inmate X-Rays - 35.00, REGION 5 SYSTEMS – Mental Health & Substance Abuse Contributions - 3,051.13, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement – 8,799.29, SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL – Pest Control - 56.00, FIBER PLATFORM, LLC – Internet - 1,105.96, SUN AUTO TIRE & SERVICE – Repairs -1,816.46, TECH LEGION - IT Support - 2,983.70, TECUMSEH CENTRAL MARKET – Inmate Groceries - 546.70, US BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS – Miscellaneous Purchases - 270.39, VILLAGE OF ELK CREEK - Annual NRIN Operations Fee - 900.00, WINDSTREAM – Elevator Phone - 69.86

ROAD FUND: Payroll: 18,142.78

Claims: \$ 97,527.71

A STREET AUTO PARTS, INC – Parts - 271.33, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA & Federal Taxes - 5,580.46, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. – Vision Insurance - 55.00, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NE - 10,375.79, BOYER RIDGE MANUFACTURING, INC – Parts - 1,068.75 CARD SERVICES – TSC Purchases - 58.68, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS – Supplies - 136.25, EGGERS BROTHERS INC. – Parts - 48.18, GOTTULA PROPANE SERVICES, INC – Fuel - 15,477.31, HH AUTO PARTS – Parts - 185.88, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – Barn Utilities – 309.20, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Life Insurance - 87.78, MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS – Rock - 53,236.03, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CNTR – Support - 23.08, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 809.54, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER – Utilities - 32.63, NEMAHA VALLEY OBSERVER – Publications - 14.08, POWERPLAN – Parts - 1,397.71, PROFESSIONAL CHOICE RECOVERY, INC – Garnishment - 223.74, RAY J SANITATION – Trash Pickup - 73.00, RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY – Parts - 406.99, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 2,789.56, SUN AUTO TIRE & SERVICE – Tires/Repairs - 129.99, TITAN MACHINERY – Shop Supplies, Parts & Labor - 3,902.59, TURNBULL AG TIRES – Tires/Repairs - 490.00, US BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS – Miscellaneous Purchases - 255.02, WINDSTREAM – Landline Phones - 89.14

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND:

Claims: \$6,634.95

LINCOLN CONCRETE SPECIALISTS – Sterling Rock & Screenings - 2,255.46, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC, OF OMAHA – Sterling Work – 4,379.49

COURTHOUSE BUILDING BOND FUND:

Claims: \$15,837.57

BERGGREN ARCHITECTS – Invoice #33 - 1,001.00, KINGERY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – Application #22 - 14,836.57

AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND:

Claims: \$ 3,207.96

BRINKMAN BROTHERS INC. – Ambulance Repairs - 577.90, CLARKSON COLLEGE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Training - 550.00, HMKB BILLING, LLC – Contract Billing - 1,052.02, STRYKER SALES CORPORATION – Batteries for Hydraulic Cots - 1,028.04

Megan Buckley Emergency Manager informed the board that the grant for Security Cameras in the Courthouse was approved. This is a 50/50 Grant. The cost of the Camera's is \$12,000.00 so the County will be responsible for \$6,000.00,

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Weber to approve the Security camera's and to pay for them out of Inheritance Tax. Yeas: Weber, Agena, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried

Megan is setting up a table top exercise for March 26th, 2026 in Sterling.

County Sheriff Lynn Lyon was present at the meeting to review the claims submitted by the Sheriff's Office, and to answer any questions.

At 10:00 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 \$2.349, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 (On Road) \$3.549 Diesel Low Sulfur #2 (off Road) \$2.949

Cook, Crab Orchard, Elk Creek and Sterling Shops, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 (Off Road) \$3.249 Diesel Low Sulfur #2 (Off Rod) \$2.649

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

Matt Schaardt Highway Supt. discussed the proposed fuel tank for Sterling Public School, and to inform the board that they were still working on the details.

At 10:00 A.M. Chairman Borrenpohl declared the public hearing open for Special Use Permit No. 1 Cell Tower. Applicant Name Vertical Bridge and Verizon Wireless, Legal Description of the Property W ½ of the SE ¼ Section 3-5-9 (Wentz). Zoning Administrator Mike Davision informed the board that the Public Notices, Signs, and letters to the landowners were all posted, and mailed as prescribed by law.

Pete McNally with Vertical Bridge offered his testimony. The tower will be 185' with no light, and that it mets all Federal Aviation Requirements, and no rezoning is required.

Tanya and Phillip Lebsock went over areas of concerns, and thought that #3 Not be detrimental to adjacent property and #4 Not tend to depreciate the value of the surrounding structures or property, were not in compliance.

Chairman Borrenpohl went over the requirements

1. Be compatible with and similar to the use permitted in the district. There are other towers in the district.
2. Not be a matter which should require re-zoning of the property. Not rezoned
3. Not be detrimental to adjacent property.
4. Not tend to depreciate the value of the surrounding structures or property. No study from SE Nebraska
5. Be compatible with the stated intended use of the district. No problems
6. Not change the character of the district. No problems
7. Be in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan. It is in accordance.

Chairman Borrenpohl asked Mike Davision for the report from the Zoning Board, Mike told the board that the Zoning board approve the Special Use Permit Members voting yes 4 Members voting no -0.

A motion was made by Borrenpohl and was seconded by Weber to approve Special Use Permit No. 1 Cell Tower Legal Description of the Property W ½ of the SE ¼ Section 3-5-9 (Wentz). Yeas: Weber, Agena, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion Carried.

Chairman Borrenpohl closed the hearing on Special Use permit #1

Chairman Borrenpohl declared the public hearing open for Special Use Permit No. 2 Cell Tower. Applicant Name SMJ International for US Cellular, Legal Description of the Property Pt NW ¼ NE ¼ Section 30-6-9 (Thies). Zoning Administrator Mike Davision informed the board that the Public Notices, Signs, and letters to the landowners were all posted, and mailed as prescribed by law.

Andy Bobrytzke was present to answer any questions from the board, he indicated that this town will be 190' with no light and that it met all Federal Aviation Requirements, and no rezoning is required. Also present was David Hale.

Chairman Borrenpohl went over the following requirements and that all were followed. Listed below are the requirements.

1. Be compatible with and similar to the use permitted in the district. There are other towers in the district.
2. Not be a matter which should require re-zoning of the property. No problem
3. Not be detrimental to adjacent property. No problem
4. Not tend to depreciate the value of the surrounding structures or property. No problems
5. Be compatible with the stated intended use of the district. No problems
6. Not change the character of the district. No problems
7. Be in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan. It is in accordance.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Weber to approve Special Use Permit No. 2 Cell Tower Legal Description of the Property Pt NW ¼ NE ¼ Section 30-6-9 (Thies). Yeas: Weber, Agena, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Weber and was seconded by Agena to approve Resolution 25-17 a resolution approving and authorizing the subdivision of a tract of land 5.44 acres in the North one-Half (N ½) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) Section Twenty-Six (26), Township Six (6), Range Ten (10) east of the 6th P.M. Yeas: Weber, Agena, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Weber and was seconded by Agena to approve Resolution No. 25-18 a Resolution for the signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2025. Yeas: Weber, Agena, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Weber and was seconded by Agena to approve Resolution No. 2025-19 a Resolution of the board establishing annual salaries for Elected Officials of Johnson County Nebraska commencing regular terms of Office in 2027 and thereafter. Yeas: Weber, Agena, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Weber and was seconded by Agena to authorize the County Clerk to sign the agreement between Johnson County and the Department of Water, Energy and Environment for Application #3742 the 2026 Scrap Tire Event grant in the amount of \$20,490.00. Yeas: Weber, Agena, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Weber and was seconded by Agena to designate the Nemaha Valley Observer as Johnson County Official County Newspaper for 2026. Yeas: Weber, Agena, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

The board discussed Holiday Hours for the Courthouse, The courthouse doors will close Wednesday December 24, 2025 at 12:30 P.M. Employees will use either comp or vacation hours for the remainder of the day on December 24th.

The board discussed the remainder of the term of Richard Roseneer to the Hospital Board since his passing, his term is set to expire on March 30, 2026. Tim said that he has talked to an individual willing to full fill the remainder of Richard Roseneer's Appointment to the Hospital Board, he will discuss this with the rest of the Hospital Board and it will be put on the next agenda.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time and all items on the agenda have been disposed of Chairman Borrenpohl adjourned the meeting at 10:36 A.M.

The board will meet again in regular session on Tuesday December 30, 2025, 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.

David Borrenpohl, Chairman

Kathleen M. Nieveen, County Clerk