

Johnson County Board of Commissioners December 2, 2025

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday December 2, 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 November 19, 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 November 26, 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: 49,642.88

Claims: \$ 159,413.43

AFLAC - Insurance - 153.53, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – Federal & FICA Taxes - 15,486.76, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. Vision Insurance - 199.56, BEN BEETHE – Mileage - 116.90, PAM BENNETT – Mental Health Board - 100.00, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NE – Health Insurance - 15,271.87, BRITE – Vehicle & Body cam Storage - 6,072.00, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC. Copy machines - 1,201.24, CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS – Internet - 814.00, MIKE DAVISON – Mileage - 312.20, DETECTACHEM, INC – Multi drug testing kits - 88.88, ERIN M. MCCARTNEY – Garnishment - 264.00, FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Flex Spending - 57.69, FANKHAUSER, NELSEN, WERTS, ZISKEY & MERWIN – Public Defender - 5,000.00, GAGE COUNTY CLERK – Bailiff Expenses - 2,136.72, Jurors – Jury Fee & Mileage – 851.20, JERE GRAVATT – Mental Health Board - 100.00, HANDLEY LAW OFFICE – Mental Health Board & Training - 430.00, HAYES MECHANICAL – Geo-Thermal Repairs - 2,283.00, JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT. – Paper Service - 594.30, JOHNSON COUNTY TREASURER – Transfer to Road Department - 91,318.91, ANGELA JOHNSON – Mileage - 22.26, SARA KUHL – Mileage - 89.60, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Life Insurance - 30.22 MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. – Life Insurance - 121.00, MARY MELLAGE – Mental Health Board - 100.00 MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES – Courthouse Inspections 12/15-3/14 - 137.85, MIPS INC. – Support & Scanner/Reader - 1,116.32 NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 2,259.95, NEBRASKA FURNITURE MART – Garnishment - 403.79, NMMKS SECURITIES LLC – Repairs - 640.00, NSA/POAN CONFERENCE FUND – Membership Fees - 440.00, POSTMASTER - Stamps 780.00, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 8,022.40, RICHARDSON COUNTY JAIL – Inmate Housing - 390.00 KRISTINE RIEKENBERG – Transcripts - 120.65, ROCK ISLAND INN & SUITES – Hotel @ Conference - 99.00, TECUMSEH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – EM Rent & Utilities - 600.00, VERIZON WIRELESS –

Phones, Hot Spots & Internet - 450.33, BARRY WEBER – Mileage - 149.80, WINDSTREAM – Landline Phones- 474.06, WOLFE'S PRINTING – Checks - 113.44

ROAD FUND: Payroll: 18,126.65

Claims: \$ 144,982.55

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – Federal & FICA Taxes - 5,574.40, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. – Vision Insurance - 76.50 BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NE – Health Insurance - 10,375.75, GOTTULA PROPANE SERVICES, INC – Fuel - 9,065.14, JOHNSON COUNTY HOSPITAL – Pre-Employment Physical - 75.00, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – OPPD - 33.08, L & J MIDWAY FARMS INC. – Tracks - 550.00, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Life Insurance - 87.78, MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS Rock - 52,253.21, MEI MIDWEST ENGINEERING, INC – Consulting - 8,755.50, MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO – Sign Decals – 729.50, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CNTR - 23.08, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 808.43, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER – Crab Orchard - 32.63, NMC, LLC - Parts & Labor - 31,603.24, PROFESSIONAL CHOICE RECOVERY, INC – Garnishment - 223.91, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 2,789.56, SPEERS TRUCK REPAIR LLC – Parts & Labor - 10,170.82, TURNBULL AG TIRES – Tires/Repairs - 11,640.00, VERIZON WIRELESS – Tablets - 80.02, VILLAGE OF STERLING Utilities - 35.00

REGISTER DEEDS PRESERVATION & MOD. FUND:

MIPS INC. – Register of Deeds & Deeds Online - 289.76

INHERITANCE TAX FUND:

JOHNSON COUNTY TREASURER – Transfers - 325,000.00

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – OPPD/Tower - 42.66

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND

LUMEN – 911 Phones - 3,216.45

COURTHOUSE BOND FUND:

JOHNSON COUNTY TREASURER – Courthouse Bond Interest payment - 69,897.86

AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND:

Claims: \$ 953.84

JOHNSON COUNTY HOSPITAL – Medical Supplies - 793.80, VERIZON WIRELESS – 4 I-Pads - 160.04

Emergency Manager Megan Buckley informed the board that there was no word yet on the EMPG Grant, and a general update.

Motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Weber to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Johnson County and the Village of Sterling for the Outdoor warning sirens. Yeas: Agena, Weber, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

Sheriff Lynn Lyon was present to discuss claims that were presented, and general updates.

Riley Arms Superintendent of Sterling Public School was present at the meeting to see if the school district would purchase a fuel tank if they could install it at County Shop in Sterling. The board informed Riley that they should talk with their insurance carrier, and the County will talk with our insurance carrier for liability issues, another area discussed was additional electricity, room and rock.

Highway Supt. Matt Schardt, Jennifer Stehlik-Ladman Deputy County Attorney discussed the proposed agreements, also present was Nate Neujuahr Elk Creek Resources.

A motion was made by Weber and was seconded by Agena to approve the following agreements for the upgrade and improvement of portions of existing Johnson County Road 721 near the intersection of Johnson County Rod 721 and nearby portions Nebraska State Highway 50 in Elk Creek.

- Olsson’s Letter agreement for professional services
- Midwest Engineering Inc, Agreement for Professional Services-Construction Engineering
- Road Design Construction and Maintenance Agreement between Johnson County and Elk Creek Resources Corp.
- Escrow Agreement between Johnson County and Elk Creek Engineering
- Attached are the Exhibits A-H

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

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Weber to approve Directive Number 32 to Provide labor and materials to paint required additional copper to provide watertight seal at tower gable roofs and tower dome base as indicated on PCO 037 dated 10-24-2025.

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

A motion was made by Weber and was seconded by Agena to go into closed session to discuss wages for the next term of office at 10:40 A.M. Yeas: Weber, Agena, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Weber and was seconded by Agena to go out of closed session at 11:09 A.M. Yeas: Agena, Weber, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

The board adjourned the meeting at 11:12 A.M.

The board will meet again in regular session on Tuesday December 16, 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

