

January 14, 2025

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CLAIMS

GENERAL CLAIMS

Salaries & Ins. Reimb		\$29,162.94
DAS State Accting	data process.	\$349.75
Keya Paha Co. Payroll W-H Acct	co-share ret	\$1,019.32
Keya Paha Co. Treasurer	transfers	\$254,478.7
Keya Paha Co. Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$1,268.82
MASA	misc.	\$237.50
Neb. Assoc. County Treasurers	dues	\$75.00

Barb Nilson	dispatch	\$708.33
Office Products Center	supplies	\$7.07
Olson's Pest Technicians	maintenance	\$75.00
Anne Jeanette Painter	med reimb	\$1,000.00
Lloyd C Smith	hwy superint.	\$750.00
Springview Implement	supplies	\$98.58

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins. Reimb		\$11,206.39
Bomgaars	supplies	\$141.47
C & S Truck Sales & Salvage	repairs	\$398.11
Grossenberg Implement	lease	\$1,007.50
Keya Paha Co. Payroll W-H Acct	co-share ret	\$655.18
Keya Paha Co. Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$111.91
Springview Implement	misc.	\$281.70

EMERGENCY ROAD FUND

Keya Paha Co. Treasurer	transfer	\$100,000.0
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WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins. Reimb		\$833.33
Keya Paha Co. Payroll W-H Acct	co-share ret	\$56.25
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Nilson made the motion to pay the above claims, Frederick seconded. Voting: Nilson-yes, Frederick-yes, Tiefenthaler-yes. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Commissioners and E. Scott went to lunch.

J. Coyle and T. Wyrick met with the Commissioners regarding the Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement, Dispatch, the updates for the East tower and the cost for Cherry County to upgrade their equipment to take on all our dispatch work. No final decisions were made, J. Coyle will be in contact with the Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed handbook updates with newly elected Commissioner Tiefenthaler. It was decided to table handbook update until next meeting, so Tiefenthaler has time to review the handbook.

Discussion was had regarding Olsson coming to look at the courthouse, an agreement was sent to Frederick and after review commissioners had a question regarding the amount that Olsson's were requesting. Nilson made a motion for Chairman Frederick to sign the Letter Agreement for Professional Services being provided by Olsson pending the reply from Olsson's representative, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick-yes,

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Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

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LB612 was discussed at length, the commissioners jointly signed a letter opposing to the judicial committee.

LB216 pertains to county and districts courts, ex-officio offices such as Keya Paha County, district court would become a state position and joined with county court with no in person office available in the county.

The BKR Extension office update agenda item was rescheduled due to illness.

C. Johnson met with commissioners to give them a brief update on legislature changes and timelines for upcoming budget season. After review, Nilson moved to adopt Resolution #25-02 which transfers money from emergency road to the inheritance fund, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Frederick reported that the engineer with Olsson's inspected the courthouse, there are things he suggested to monitor cracks. At this time there are no structural issues and the sagging in the floors is directly related to the subfloors.

J. Cook met with the commissioners to give them his road department update. Cook discussed the maintenance projects that are completed and the ones that are still being worked on. When the weather permits the equipment will be ready to go. Discussion was held on a cost-of-living wage increase to the road department, no decision was made.

At 11:30 the commissioners had invited Gary Connot, Holt and Boyd County Highway Superintendent to discuss Keya Paha Counties needs. Connot had met with J. Cook earlier that day and was shown around the county. After discussion, Connot respectfully declined the position.

The 11:45 agenda item was tabled until a later date.

The Commissioners went to lunch.

T. Wyrick met with the Commissioners to discuss the ongoing hurdles to obtain the FEMA funds obligated to the County after the 2019 Bomb Cyclone disaster. Frederick gathered information on the process to inform Senator Fischer's office, to see if there is an avenue that can be used to assist with the process.

The dispatch position was discussed, B. Nilson is waiting to retire until an agreement with Cherry County can be obtained. The Clerk suggested getting on the agenda for a conference call with the Cherry County Commissioners at the next meeting.

Tiefenthaler reported that he had attended the KPCC meeting and there was a shortage in their funds of \$11,803.70 and the request from Keya Paha County is 15% of that. Frederick moved for Keya Paha County to pay %15 of the shortage for \$1770.56 to pay Cherry County for reimbursement of the shortage for KPCC, Nilson seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

CLAIMS GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	16,367.22
Appeara	serv	\$	140.51
Applied Connective	contract	\$	1,492.70
BC&BS	ins prem	\$	20,616.40
Cook Tax Service	annual tax filing	\$	431.00
Heart City Dreg	prisoner meds	\$	21.95
Heartland Fire Protection	serv	\$	414.25
Hespe Auto Center	vehicle service	\$	189.68
KBR Power	util	\$	784.95
Keya Paha Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	953.17

Keya Paha County Court	fees	\$	17.00
Keya Paha Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,210.99
MASA	premium	\$	237.50
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	data processing	\$	88.00
MIPS Inc	data processing	\$	3,488.83
NE Assn Co Clerk, ROD, ECom	dues	\$	50.00
Barbara Nilson	dispatch	\$	708.33
Office Products Center	supplies	\$	164.13
Powertech	generator service	\$	1,125.00
Eric Scott	clerical/phone	\$	850.00
Springview Herald	publishing	\$	611.47
Three River Telco	util	\$	585.52
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	537.41
US Bank	supplies/conference hotel	\$	1,134.02
Viaero	sheriff dept	\$	175.48
Village of Springview	util	\$	131.29

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	10,498.00
Appeara	service	\$	105.60
BC&BS	ins prem	\$	8,742.69
Bomgaars	snow fence	\$	839.88
Buckles Automotive	repairs/supplies	\$	2,004.82
C&H Truck Parts	parts	\$	398.11
Heartland Fire Protection	road dept	\$	935.17
Hespe Auto Center	repairs/supplies	\$	746.44
Homeland Grocery	supplies	\$	10.64
Inland Truck Parts	parts	\$	7,700.00
J&J Sanitation	util	\$	135.73
KBR Power	util	\$	286.24
Keya Paha Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	607.36
Keya Paha Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	788.90
Schrantz Welding	repairs/supplies	\$	1,311.89
Three River Telco	util	\$	125.92
US Bank	supplies	\$	417.70
Viaero	road dept	\$	40.84
Village of Springview	util	\$	33.20
CVA	fuel	\$	833.54

WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	833.33
BC&BS	ins prem	\$	1,451.70
Keya Paha Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	56.25
Keya Paha Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	61.05
Three River Telco	util	\$	57.64

Nilson moved to approve the above claims, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Frederick moved to give the road and weed department employees a 4% cost of living increase in wages effectively immediately, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Commissioners went over some of the handbook and will discuss more on the next meetings agenda.

At 3:25 Chairman Frederick declared the meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting to be held on the Tuesday the 25th of February at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the clerks office and available online at: <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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February 25, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 25, 2025. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 with Commissioners Tiefenthaler and Nilson, Co. Attorney Scott and Clerk Wentworth. Frederick led the pledge of allegiance and noted the open meetings act posted for the public.

The Keya Paha County Employee Handbook was gone over with some minor corrections made. The Clerk will make the correction and put the handbook on the next agenda.

B. Nilson, dispatcher for Keya Paha County met with the commissioners to see if there is progress being made for the dispatch to taken over to enable her to move forward with her retirement. The Commissioners let Nilson know that they have a conference call with the Cherry County Commissioners later in the day and assured her that they are working on it.

The retirement audit was discussed and Scott prepared contracts for the part time positions of zoning administrator, deputy emergency manager and the custodians. The Commissioners reviewed the contract, these contracts will move these positions to contract labor, there will be no taxes withheld. Nilson moved to approve the contracts and move forward presenting them to the individuals holding those positions, Tiefenthaler seconded the motion. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

A short discussion was held on the comprehensive plan and all agreed that it was premature to begin the update.

The Commissioners reviewed the Request to Occupy County Right of Way from Niobrara Valley Electric. Nilson moved, Frederick seconded to approve the request. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Commissioners and Scott went to lunch.

CLAIMS

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Barbara Nilson	dispatch/electricity	\$	1,408.33
Olson's Pest Techs	contract	\$	75.00
Lloyd Smith	contract	\$	750.00
Anthony Tiefenthaler	mileage	\$	451.50

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	10,875.99
Bomgaars	supplies	\$	23.78
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share ret	\$	632.88
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	817.80
Sandhill Equipment	key	\$	5.88

ROAD BOND FUND

Keya Paha Co Treasurer	trans reso 25-02	\$	12,000.00
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WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	866.66
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share ret	\$	58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	63.61

Nilson moved to approve the above claims, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 1:00 J. Cook updated the commissioners on the road department projects.

T. Wyrick met with the commissioners to update them on the continued request from FEMA for more information from the 2019 flood.

At 2:00 the Commissioners participated in a conference call with the Cherry County Commissioners to discuss the need for dispatch for Keya Paha County. Cherry County currently handles all 911 calls for Keya Paha County. Cherry County also covers everything when our dispatcher is unavailable. Cherry County reported that there will need to be a \$7,500.00 update to a communications tower and \$2,500 annually for recording storage to handle dispatch for Keya Paha County. The Cherry County dispatch manager suggested an additional \$20,000 annually from Keya Paha, since that is what we budget now. Frederick pointed out that the \$20,000 budget includes other things such as electricity, repairs to the towers, and supplies. The current salary was also set to cover dispatching for the road department, which is now handled by our road supervisor. The Keya Paha County Commissioners offered to pay the additional costs to the tower and storage and \$6,000 annually, noting that the current dispatcher reports about 35 calls a month on the sheriff non-emergency line and minimal radio traffic. No agreement was made, this agenda item was tabled and will be discussed at the next meeting with Cherry County.

At 2:45 Chairman Frederick declared the meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 11th 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the clerks office and available online at <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

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Nilson moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Frederick seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried

After review, Frederick moved to accept the Treasurer, Clerk and District Court Clerks monthly reports, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Under General business Tiefenthaler reported that the Niobrara Council is losing funding after DOGE cuts and only has fund through the end of June.

Audrey Worthing, a Community Liaison with Representative Adrian Smith's office met with the commissioners to discuss with what Smith is doing while serving on the ways and means committee and chairing the trade subcommittee.

S. Melinek, with Colonial Life stopped in to hello to the commissioners.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$	15,950.55
Appeara	supplies	\$	139.86
Applied Connective Tech	services	\$	1,492.70
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	premiums	\$	20,616.40
Brown County Treasurer	judicial budget	\$	33.46
Cherry County Treasurer	emergency management contract	\$	15,000.00
John Frederick	mileage	\$	102.90
Hespe Auto	sheriff vehicle rep	\$	271.14
Andrew C Johnson	crt appt counsel	\$	597.80
KBR Power	util	\$	985.87
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Springview Herald	publishing	\$	526.50
Three River Telco	util	\$	581.23
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	564.38
US Bank	supplies	\$	516.13
Viaero Wireless	sheriff cells	\$	172.48
Village of Springview	util	\$	131.29
Timothy Wyrick	deputy em	\$	833.33

ROAD FUND

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Blue Cross & Blue Shield	ins prem	\$	8,742.69
Buckles Automotive	repairs	\$	947.10
CVA	fuel	\$	1,111.17
Frontier Diesel	repairs	\$	805.54
Hespe Auto	supplies	\$	87.14
J&J Sanitation	util	\$	135.73
KBR Power	util	\$	40.44
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Kurtis Mizner	mileage/lodging	\$	686.90
Three River Telco	util	\$	57.64

Nilson moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to approve the above claims. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

D. Kienke met with the commissioners to discuss the details of her contract. After discussion, Kienke signed her contract.

The Commissioners went to lunch.

Amy Hallock representing the Community Betterment Committee met with the commissioners to request their support in the county wide clean up day that is scheduled in May with a tentative date of the 17th. After a short discussion Nilson moved to sponsor two of the dumpsters and for the road department to come and compact the dumpsters before they are picked up, Frederick seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

J. Cook updated the commissioners on road projects, plowing snow went well last friday. Cook reported that he put the transmission in the truck since they hadn't heard from the company that was going to do it. Cook will order some speed limit signs for Norden.

T. Wyrick met with the commissioners to let them know that the additional information that FEMA requested and he is waiting to hear back.

At 2:45 a video conference to discuss Keya Paha dispatching with Cherry County was held, T. Wyrick, Deputy Linse, B. Nilson, K. McGee were also present. Those participating in Cherry County were the Cherry County Commissioners, M. DeNaeyer, M. McConaughy and N. Nelson, Cherry/Keya Paha Emergency Manager J. Coyle, Justice Administrator S. Hesse, and others were present. At the previous meeting, during the conference call with Cherry County, Keya Paha County had offered a \$6,000, considering Keya Paha committed to paying the one time cost to update the tower of \$7,500 and the additional \$2500 for recording storage, which will be annually, to keep the dispatch budget the same,

Cherry County requested \$20,000. Keya Paha requested documentation showing what the \$20,000 was based on considering the low call volume that would be coming from Keya Paha. During this meeting Hesse's proposal was emailed for the commissioners to review. Coyle stated that Logan County pays Keith County for dispatching at the rate of 1% of the Logan County Certification of Taxes Levied. The Keya Paha Clerks office had also researched what Boyd County pays the Boyd-Holt County Dispatch Center, which is based on population, paying \$58/person. After brief discussion the Commissioners decided that the county is ready to commit to the \$20,000 annually for dispatching. Nilson moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to contract with Cherry County for dispatching for \$20,000 annually. Voting Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor. Wyrick stated that although the additional work and cost involved is minimal for Keya Paha's dispatching that there is a market set by surrounding counties. Tiefenthaler moved to have Coyle move forward with the needed equipment on the tower, Frederick seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried. The phone call was made to Coyle to start the tower update. E. Scott the county attorney for both counties will prepare the dispatching contract and have it available for the next regular meeting for approval.

At 3:40 Chairman Frederick declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 25th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Keya Paha County Courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is available in the clerks office and available online at: <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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March 25, 2025

The Keya Paha County commissioners met Tuesday, March 25th, 2025, as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and all recited the pledge of allegiance. Frederick noted the open meetings act posted for the public. Those present were Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler, Clerk Wentworth, Deputy Linse, L. Smith and Co. Attorney Scott.

After review, Frederick moved and Nilson seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

M. McCall presented the BKR Extension office annual report to the commissioners and updated them on the employees at the extension office.

The commissioners tabled the handbook until the road department updates are completed.

T. Wyrick was present when the Commissioners discussed an updated Emergency Management interlocal agreement between Keya Paha and Cherry Counties. The current interlocal was compared to the updated document. The commissioners will have Scott discuss the agreement with Cherry County. The Commissioners are in favor of continuing with the current agreement.

The commissioners tabled the library and the concerns of the auditors. Scott will review the options and report back at a later meeting with recommendations.

After a brief discussion the board decided to participate in the Colonial Life Insurance program for the employees with Nilson making the motion, Tiefenthaler seconding. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Commissioners and Scott took a lunch break.

J. Cook met with the Commissioners to discuss the road department and equipment. Cook reported that he had located a 2006 Freightliner for sale and was going to go look at the truck. After discussion Nilson moved to authorize Cook to spend up to \$30,000.00 on a used truck, Frederick seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

L. Smith was present for the discussion on the 1-6 year road plan, Cook had the prior 1-6 map updated for review. The hearing will be set for April 22nd at 11:00 a.m. The Commissioners asked Smith about some outstanding requests and also asked for itemization regarding the bill that Smith submitted for Niobrara Valley Consultants.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	15,951.55
Brown Co Treasurer	4th qtr vet serv	\$	2,625.87
Cherry Co Treasurer	KPCC reimb	\$	1,770.56
DAS State Accounting	data processing	\$	699.50
John Frederick	mileage/supplies reimb	\$	609.00
Melvin Gibson	tower shed repair	\$	3,180.45
Heart City Drug	medication	\$	82.15
Holiday Inn Express	treasurer wrkshp	\$	110.00
Intoximeters	supplies-sheriff	\$	223.92
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	953.17
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,179.12
Rosa Kienke	mileage/supplies reimb	\$	85.40
MASA	premiums	\$	275.00
MIPS Inc	supplies	\$	68.00
Mundorf Refrigeration	library furnace	\$	2,360.00
NE Assoc of Co Treasurers	cont ed	\$	175.00
Barbara Nilson	dispatch	\$	583.33
Niobrara Valley Consultants	misc/mileage	\$	1,176.02
Office Products Center	supplies	\$	117.54

AnneJeanette Painter	mileage/supplies reimb	\$	215.60
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	4th qrtr vet serv	\$	1,153.00
ROAD FUND			
Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	13,531.79
B'S Enterprises	signs	\$	659.46
Inland Truck Parts	repairs	\$	352.47
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	812.15
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,020.98
Little Falls Machine Inc	repairs	\$	168.39
Mr Automotive	repairs/supp	\$	379.72
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	364.83
WEED FUND			
Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	866.66
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	63.61

Nilson made a motion to approve the above claims, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Kienke and B Arrowsmith met with the commissioners to discuss Hay Valley Rd and those hauling on it. The comprehensive plan update was also discussed. No decisions were made.

At 2:15 the Commissioners hosted a video conference with Cherry County to discuss the dispatch agreement. A short discussion was held and all agreed to the terms of the interlocal agreement presented by E. Scott. Nilson moved to adopt the Cherry/Keya Paha Dispatch Interlocal Agreement and to authorize the chairman to sign the document, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried. Emergency Manager Coyle reported that the tower is not updated yet, she will send updates on progress when available.

At 3:00 p.m. the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the clerks office and available online at: <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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April 8, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler, Clerk Wentworth and Deputy Linse present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, Frederick referenced the open meetings act posted for the public.

After review, Frederick moved, Nilson seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Nilson moved to accept the Clerk, District Court Clerk and Treasurers monthly reports and the Sheriffs quarterly report, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Linse presented the sheriff's department monthly report in person. [OBJ]

General Business: Chairman Frederick signed the annual weed report from the state showing there were no deficiencies for Keya Paha County.

Treasurer Painter presented information on correspondence she had received concerning the bond arbitrage yield restriction. The matter was tabled until the next meeting when County Attorney Scott will be available, and Painter has more information.

Frederick moved to approve the regular annual liquor license for the Keya Paha County Ag Society, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

J. Cook met with the commissioners to update them on the road department. Cook reported that he had viewed and agreed to purchase a 2006 Freightliner in South Dakota. The Banks on the Niobrara River by Meadville bridge are having some issues. Tiefenthaler made a motion to move forward with hiring an additional road maintenance employee and advertise for the position, Nilson seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried. The Clerk will prepare an ad and get the position advertised for 3 weeks, applications are due to the clerks office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday May 9th. Interviews will be scheduled for Tuesday May 13th at the regular commissioners meeting. All questions and inquiries about the position will be directed to J. Cook.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$ 14,846.39
Appeara	contract	\$ 139.86
Applied Connective Technologies	fees	\$ 1,492.70
BC&BS	premiums	\$ 20,616.40
Brandon Crawford	janitorial contract	\$ 825.00
Kristy Crawford	janitorial contract	\$ 825.00
Government Forms & Supplies	mortgage record book	\$ 333.17
Hespe Auto	repairs/service	\$ 136.42
Intoximeters	supplies	\$ 223.92
KBR Power	utilities	\$ 459.39
Keya Paha County Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 953.17
Keya Paha County Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 1,094.64
Rosa Kienke	zoning admin	\$ 603.33
MASA	premiums	\$ 250.00
MIPS	data processing	\$ 1,342.51
Barbara Nilson	dispatch	\$ 708.33
Office Products	supplies	\$ 13.32
Olsson	bldg maintenance	\$ 2,800.00

Region IV, Inc	qrtly	\$ 1,055.50
Eric Scott	clerical/phone	\$ 850.00
Lloyd C. Smith	contract	\$ 750.00
Springview Herald	publishing	\$ 192.37
Three River Telco	phones/internet	\$ 579.64
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$ 520.76
Viaero	sheriff dept. cells	\$ 172.48
Village of Springview	utilities	\$ 131.29
Timothy Wyrick	deputy em	\$ 833.33

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$ 11,274.91
AKRS Equipment	parts	\$ 51.18
Allard Precast	auto gates	\$ 3,540.00
Appeara	services	\$ 106.20
BC&BS	ins prem	\$ 8,742.69
Buckles Automotive Inc	supplies	\$ 367.27
CVA	fuel	\$ 3,412.07
Lee Dougan	2006 Freightliner	\$ 30,000.00
Emme Sand & Gravel Inc	gravel	\$ 1,423.40
Frontier Diesel, Inc	repairs	\$ 498.03
Hespe Auto	tire rep/supplies	\$ 321.09
Homeland Grocery	supplies	\$ 30.56
J&J Sanitation	services	\$ 135.73
KBR Power	utilities	\$ 226.40
Keya Paha County Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 659.80
Keya Paha County Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 848.32
Outback Machine & Welding	labor	\$ 75.00
Three River Telco	phones/internet	\$ 115.69
Viaero	road dept cell	\$ 115.69
Village of Springview	utilities	\$ 33.20
1st Class Auto	supplies	\$ 69.75

WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$ 866.66
BC&BS	premium	\$ 1,451.70
Keya Paha County Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 58.50
Keya Paha County Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 63.61
Three River Telco	phone	\$ 57.68

Frederick moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to approve the above claims. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Commissioners went to lunch.

The Commissioners and Cook went to view what progress is being made on the Carns bridge project.

At 3:00 p.m. the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the clerks office and available online at: <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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April 22, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, April 2025 as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler and Clerk Wentworth present. The pledge was recited and Frederick directed attention to the open meeting's act posted for the public.

Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

K. Stenka with CVA discussed fuel contracts with the commissioners, the contracts will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Under general business: the chairman signed a letter to be sent to a few landowners on a road issue.

A. Painter discussed the bond arbitrage in depth with the commissioners, before the conference call at 11:30 with the Gilmore & Bell representative.

T. Wyrick met with the commissioners to discuss ongoing 2019 disaster funding with FEMA. Self certifications have been submitted, the Cub Creek project has deobligated.

At 11:00 Nilson moved to open the 1-6 Road Hearing, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Projects were gone over that were on the map that L. Smith brought to the meeting. 902nd Road was added to the project map. Smith will provide an updated map for the county records.

Nilson moved to close the road hearing at 11:30, Frederick seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Frederick moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to adopt 1-6 Year Road Plan Resolution #25-04. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

A zoom call was held with M. Rogers representing Gilmore & Bell, to give more information on the bond arbitrage. If the county revisits money spent on road projects since the flooding, there may be some adjustment to the amount of interest that was earned over the allowable amount. This information needs to be gathered prior to September when the interest earned on the road bond will be recalculated and it will be known what amount will be due to the IRS.

The commissioners went to lunch.

J. Cook met with the Commissioners to discuss the road department activity. The handbook updates were discussed briefly. It was mentioned that at this time there is only one application in for the advertised road department position.

K. Bruns stopped to discuss the possibility of closing a road. After discussion Nilson moved to begin the process, directing L. Smith to do a study for a road vacation or abandonment of a road east of HWY 183 in Section 2-32-21 going southeast and instruct Smith to prepare the findings within 30 days, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$14,846.39
Brown Co Treasurer	2nd half ext. pmt	\$10,580.00
Cherry Co Hospital	inmate medical	\$1,021.30
John Frederick	ins reimb	\$500.00
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$953.17
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$1,094.64
MC's Tees	misc	\$34.00
Nebraska Sheriff's Assoc	dues	\$235.00
Barbara Nilson	dispatch	\$708.33
Office Products Center	supplies	\$37.32
Olson's Pest Tech's	contract/spring service	\$395.00
Painter Electric	wiring	\$199.49
Region 4 Behavioral Health	opioid reimb	\$34.09

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$11,395.28
Jeff Cook	mileage	\$166.60
Inland Truck Parts	repairs	\$2,298.48

Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$667.92
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$857.53
Keya Paha Co Treasurer	title/inspection	\$20.00
WEED FUND		
Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$866.66
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$63.61

Nilson moved, Frederick seconded to approve the claims above. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

After review, Nilson moved to accept the auditors draft copy, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

At 3:20 p.m. the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 13th, 2025, at 10:00 at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the courthouse and will be available online at <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

May 13, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 13th, 2025, as advertised, Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler and Clerk Wentworth present. Frederick led the pledge of allegiance and noted the open meetings act posted for the public.

Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Nilson seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

After review, Tiefenthaler moved to accept the monthly reports for the Clerk, District Court Clerk and Treasurer, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Tiefenthaler forwarded the information he had received at the Niobrara Council meeting to the fellow commissioners regarding the legislative resolution.

K. Stenka with CVA met with the Commissioners to present fuel contracts. After discussion, Frederick moved to contract 6000 gallons of diesel fuel at \$2.81 with CVA and revisit the cost in July, Nilson seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

B. Rutar met with the commissioners to discuss closing the section line located in 5-33-21. The commissioners will request L. Smith to do a study on the section line.

T. Wyrick met with the commissioners to discuss the representatives from NEMA and Deloitte that were in the courthouse on May 7th and 8th auditing the culverts project. The representatives were in the county for 2 days rather than the scheduled 3 and found the files in good order. It was suggested that the county have a procurement policy in place.

Springview Fire Chief S. Hallock met with the commissioners to discuss the statewide fire ban. With the Governors' order in place the commissioners will be the entity that needs to establish a ban on fire rings in the county. The commissioners will revisit this agenda item later.

B. Spieker from BKR Extension office presented the 2025/2026 BKR budget proposal. Frederick moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to accept the proposed budget. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Commissioners took a break for lunch.

B. Hall met with the commissioners to discuss the condition of the Norden Rd with all the truck traffic to the fields and bin site.

The commissioners and J. Cook held an interview for the road maintenance position that was advertised.

J. Cook discussed the activities of the road department. The new road maintenance position was discussed. Nilson moved to hire Tanner Kirsch, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried. Kirsch will start with the county on June 2nd.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	15,413.39
Appeara	supply contract	\$	140.51
Applied Connective Tech.	services/equip	\$	3,336.65
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	premiums	\$	20,616.40
Cherry Co Justice Center	dispatch	\$	3,333.34
Contryman Associates	final 23/24 fiscal audit	\$	18,800.00
Cook Tax Service	qrtly reports	\$	65.00
Brandon Crawford	janitorial contract	\$	825.00
Kristy Crawford	janitorial contract	\$	825.00
DAS State Accounting	data processing	\$	699.50
John Frederick	mileage	\$	110.60
Gworks	annual gis contracts	\$	10,516.00
Hespe Auto Center	repairs	\$	518.97
Homeland Grocery	supplies	\$	29.14
KBR Public Power	utilities	\$	453.36

Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	1,002.78
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,138.03
Rosa Kienke	zoning admin	\$	603.33
MASA	premiums	\$	250.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	monthly rental fee	\$	88.00
MIPS, Inc	data processing	\$	1,342.51
Barbara Nilson	electricity reimb	\$	800.00
Office Products Center	supplies	\$	274.27
Region 4 Behavior Health	qrtly	\$	1,040.00
Eric Smith	clerical/phone	\$	850.00
Lloyd Smith	contract	\$	750.00
Heidi Snyder	ins reimb	\$	500.00
Springview Herald	publishing	\$	297.93
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	125.67
Three River Telco	utilities	\$	580.22
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	687.36
US Bank	supplies/equip	\$	594.27
US Post Office	box rental	\$	380.00
Viaero Wireless	utilities	\$	172.62
Village of Springview	utilities	\$	201.29
West Plains Bank	safety deposit box rental	\$	80.00
WM Krotter Co	supplies	\$	163.90
Timothy Wyrick	deputy emergency manager	\$	833.33

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	15,093.22
Allard Precast	auto gate sills	\$	820.00
Appeara	supplies/contract	\$	106.20
Atteberry Construction	surfacing	\$	20,907.38
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	premiums	\$	8,742.69
Bomgaars Supply, Inc	supplies	\$	34.96
Buckles Automotive	repairs	\$	40.96
Central Valley Ag	fuel/supplies	\$	7,293.23
Emme Sand & Gravel Inc	surfacing	\$	2,356.11
Frontier Diesel, Inc	repairs	\$	114.42
Gworks	annual gis contracts	\$	3,356.00
Hespe Auto Center	tires/repairs	\$	7,029.71
J&J Sanitation	utilities	\$	135.73
KBR Public Power	utilities	\$	223.38
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	917.54
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,140.42
Mr Automotive	supplies	\$	35.96
Thomas Munk	mileage	\$	72.80
Nebraska Dept of Revenue--Compliance Div	levy	\$	1,386.88
O'Neill Shopper	advertisement	\$	13.00
Outback Machine & Welding	repairs	\$	1,865.22

Springview Herald	advertisement	\$	194.47
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	70.81
Three River Telco	utilities	\$	115.90
US Bank	fuel/postage	\$	225.71
Viaero Wireless	cell	\$	43.84
Village of Springview	utilities	\$	33.20

EMERGENCY ROAD FUND

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	project overpayment	\$	27,278.40
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ROAD BOND FUND

West Plains Bank	bond payment	\$	16,090.00
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WEED DEPT

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	866.66
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	premium	\$	1,451.70
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	63.61
Springview Herald	publish notice	\$	137.50
Three River Telco	utilities	\$	57.68

Nilson moved to approve the above claims, Tiefenthaler seconded the motion. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Rachel Ferguson, representing the library board, met with the commissioners to discuss requests from the auditors. Ferguson reported that the library board consists of: L. Mundorf, J. Cronk, R. Ferguson, L. Kienke and F. Wyrick. Mundorf's position will be up for reappointment in January of 2026. Ferguson will turn in itemized expense reports quarterly to the commissioners.

At 3:40 p.m. the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on May 27th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is available in the clerk's office and will be published on the county website when final.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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May 27, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 27th 2025 as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler, County Attorney Scott and Clerk Wentworth present. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance and made reference to the open meetings act posted for the public.

After review Frederick moved to approve the minutes as presented, Nilson seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Nilson moved to approve the Requests to Occupy County Right-Of-Way for Rock County Telephone to bury fiber on the Newport and Bassett projects, Tiefenthaler seconded the motion. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Frederick moved to approve a Request to Occupy County Right -Of-Way from Patrick Heerten, Nilson seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

CLAIMS
GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$	14,846.39
Central NE Economic Development	dues	\$	832.00
Carl Chase	lawn care	\$	840.00
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	953.17
Keya Paha Co Clerk	postage	\$	1,450.00
Keya Paha Co Historical Society	annual commitment	\$	5,000.00
Keya Paha Co Library	annual commitment	\$	9,000.00
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,064.64
Keya Paha Co Treasurer	postage	\$	533.00
Rosa Kienke	mileage	\$	102.90
Midwest Radar & Equipment	radar certification	\$	80.00
MIPS Inc	data processing	\$	1,342.51
NE State Patrol Int. Billing	licensing	\$	180.75
Olson's Pest Technicians	contract	\$	75.00

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$	11,820.12
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	696.62
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	890.05

WEED FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$	866.66
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	63.61
Region II Weed Control	recertification	\$	40.00

Tiefenthaler made a motion to approve the above claims, Nilson seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Commissioners and Scott took a break for lunch.

J. Cook met with the commissioners to update them on the road department. Cook reported that the bridges have been inspected and there were two minor issues found that were corrected that day. A sign was put up and some brush was cleared. After discussion it was decided to advertise for crack sealing on 902 Rd. Nilson moved, Frederick seconded to advertise seeking bids for crack sealing on 902nd Rd. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried. Bids will need to be in the clerks office by June 20th at 5:00 p.m. and will be opened at the June 24th board meeting.

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on /Tuesday, June 10th 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the clerks office and online at <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, County Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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June 10, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, June 10th 2025 as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler and Clerk Wentworth present, noted the open meetings act posted for the public and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

After review, Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Nilson seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Tiefenthaler moved to accept the monthly reports for the Clerk, District Court Clerk and Treasurer, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Nilson moved to adopt the letter of engagement with Contryman & Associates for the 2024-2025 audit and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

T. Ripley met with the commissioners to discuss the community 4th of July celebration and request a donation for the fireworks display. After a short discussion Tiefenthaler moved, Nilson seconded to donate \$200 to the firework fund. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Commissioners reviewed a Request to Occupy Right of Way permit from Brad Kramer. After review, Nilson moved to approve the request, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

T. Wyrick met with the commissioners to update them on the progress with the disaster money.

The handbook resolution agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

The Commissioners went to lunch.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	14,846.39
Appeara	service contract	\$	141.16
Applied Connective Tech	service contract	\$	1,503.70
BC&BS	premiums	\$	20,616.40
Cherry Co Justice Center	prisoner board	\$	12,310.00
Brandon Crawford	janitorial contract	\$	825.00
Krisity Crawford	janitorial contract	\$	825.00
Hespe Auto Center	vehicle service	\$	198.96
KBR Power	util	\$	447.46
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	953.17
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,124.64
Rosa Kienke	zoning contract	\$	603.33
MASA	premiums	\$	250.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	contractual	\$	88.00
NIRMA	insurance premium	\$	18,756.40
North Central RC&D	dues	\$	200.00
Office Product Center	supplies	\$	35.00
AnneJeanette Painter	reimb supplies	\$	17.64
Eric A. Scott	clerical/phone	\$	850.00
Lloyd Smith	contractual	\$	750.00
Springview Herald	publishing	\$	183.66
Three River Telco	util	\$	480.28
US Bank	equipment/supplies	\$	4,472.26
Viaero	sheriff dept	\$	172.62
Village of Springview	util	\$	263.29

Timothy Wyrick	deputy em	\$	833.33
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ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	11,668.32
Appeara	service contract	\$	105.90
BC&BS	insurance premium	\$	8,742.69
Buckles Automotive	parts	\$	821.68
CVA	fuel	\$	5,602.74
Emme Sand & Gravel Inc	gravel	\$	1,539.63
Frontier Diesel	repairs	\$	1,197.81
Hespe Auto Center	tires/repairs	\$	6,637.36
J&J Sanitation	util	\$	135.73
Jeffres Sand & Gravel	gravel	\$	1,633.80
KBR Power	util	\$	211.93
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	686.35
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	878.41
NIRMA	insurance premium	\$	28,134.60
O'Neill Shopper	advertisement	\$	12.50
Platte Valley Communications	repairs	\$	1,125.55
Premier Parts	repairs	\$	577.42
Springview Herald	publishing	\$	46.88
Thad Davis	27 loads	\$	3,240.00
Three River Telco	util	\$	115.90
Truck Center Co	repairs	\$	289.19
US Bank	repairs	\$	1,184.62
Viaero	road dept	\$	43.84
Village of Springview	util	\$	33.20

WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	866.66
BC&BS	insurance premium	\$	1,451.70
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	63.61
Three River Telco	util	\$	57.68
Warne Chemical Equipment	repairs/supplies	\$	277.83

J. Cook met with the commissioners to update them on equipment and road department activity.

Nilson moved to approve the above claims, Tiefenthaler seconded the motion. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Frederick declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 24th 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the courthouse meeting roon. A current agenda is on file in the clerks office and available online at <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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June 24, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, June 24, 2025, as advertised. The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler, Co. Attorney Scott, L. Smith and Clerk Wentworth present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and open meetings act is posted for the public.

After review, Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Nilson seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

After discussion of the updated county handbook, Nilson moved to sign the joint resolution to accept the updated county handbook, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried. The clerk will get the new handbook printed and distributed to all the current employees for their signatures.

R. Richey, representing the Keya Paha County foundation, met with the commissioners to discuss the avenue to be able to donate funds to different entities. The county is willing to accept a donation specified for fire works from the foundation to be donated to Ripley's fireworks display.

The Commissioners took a break for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. those present for a lengthy discussion without resolution on the section road line item on the agenda included: R. Palmer, M. James, C. James, N. Platt, S. Platt and D. Deterding.

J. Cook was present to update the commissioners on the road department and a couple issues on the river road and culverts.

Cook presented the bids he had received on the crack seal project. After review Nilson moved, Frederick seconded to accept the bid from Baders Highway and Street. Cook will contact them to get the project scheduled and started.

Nilson moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to approve the above claims. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

CLAIMS
GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$ 14,846.39
Business Radio Licensing	renewal	\$ 125.00
Cardinal Assessment Group. LLC	appraisal	\$ 3,300.00
DAS State Accounting	data processing	\$ 349.75
Holt County Treasurer	probation fees	\$ 290.87
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 953.17
Keya Paha Co Clerk	postage	\$ 150.00
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 1,094.64
Kyle Linse	ins reimb	\$ 500.00
Courtyard By Marriott	treasurer conference	\$ 278.00
Thomas Munk	ins reimb	\$ 1,000.00
NACO	fees	\$ 1,164.67
Nebraska UC Fund	1st qtr	\$ 171.54
Office Products Center	supplies	\$ 118.00
Olson's Pest Techs	service	\$ 75.00
Todd Painter	equipment	\$ 600.00
AnneJeanette Painter	mileage/supplies	\$ 521.62
Region 4 Behavioral Health	opioid settlement	\$ 105.52
Sennett, Duncan, Jenkins & Wickham	attorney fees	\$ 3,595.27
Shaffer Communications	equipment	\$ 5,712.96
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$ 774.80
US Bank	equipment/supplies	\$ 538.72
Jim Ripley	fireworks donation	\$ 200.00

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$ 12,989.11
Atteberry Construction Inc	road material/grinding	\$ 10,996.90
Bomgaars Supply Inc	shipping	\$ 6.00
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 682.29
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 979.46
NMC Exchange LLC	repairs	\$ 3,462.72
Outback Machine & Welding	repairs	\$ 1,161.02
Sioux City Truck Sales, Inc	repairs	\$ 615.02
Springview Implement	supplies	\$ 205.47

HIGHWAY BUYBACK FUND

Baders Highway & Street	1/2 crack seal project	\$ 39,848.00
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WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$ 866.66
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 63.61
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$ 137.52
Van Diest Supply Co	chemical	\$ 24,686.85

T. Wyrick met with the commissioner to discuss the license renewal for the radio tower and to discuss the procurement policy. Wyrick will contact K. Euter to discuss the procurement policy further, this item is tabled until a meeting in July when Euter is available for a video conference.

At 4:00 p.m. the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 8th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in clerks office and available online at www.keyapahacountyne.gov.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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July 8, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, July 8th, 2025, as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 with Commissioner Tiefenthaler, Clerk Wentworth, L. Smith and C. Meredith with NACO present. Frederick noted the open meetings act posted for the public and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Nilson arrived at 10:20.

After review, Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—absent, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, motion carried.

Tiefenthaler moved to accept the clerk and clerk of the district court monthly reports, the treasurers semiannual report and the sheriffs quarterly report, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—absent, motion carried.

Candace Meredith with NACO met with the commissioners to give them an update on changes this year for the budget process for counties this year. Rather than using a lid as in the past there will be a cap that will be based on SLICE which for this year is 5.17% and the growth within the county.

Ashley Leonard, Aflac representative, met with the commissioners to thank them for their business and give them a synopsis of what the county has saved by participating in what Aflac offers.

L. Smith was present to check with the board to see if there were any armor coat projects they would need done, he is putting together a bid package for another county. The county did not.

At 11:00 Nilson moved to open as the County Board of Equalization, Frederick seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

The assessor presented the one protest that she had received. The individual was not present, the protest form stated that the property valuation was too high. The assessor stated that the valuations are set at 69% of market value according state statute.

At 11:30 Nilson moved to close the county board of equalization hearing, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Nilson moved to deny protest 25-01, based on the assessment being fair equal and following state statute guidelines of 69% to 75% of market value based on a 3-year sales study, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Commissioners talked to C. Johnson via conference call to discuss the budget process.

The Commissioners took a break for lunch.

J. Cook, county road supervisor, met with the commissioners to discuss the road department and equipment. Cook presented information on a trailer he had found to purchase. Frederick moved to purchase the 2013 CPS belly dump trailer for \$23,500 if everything checks out, Nilson seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

The county handbook policy regarding road department holidays was tabled until the next meeting.

D. Kienke and B. Arrowsmith were present for the discussion of the Niobrara Council agenda item. Letters of support were tabled.

D. Kienke and B. Arrowsmith discussed the zoning comprehensive plan, no decisions were made.

D. Kienke and K. Olson were present to discuss the counties membership in the NCDC and all that is available to the county.

CLAIMS
GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	15,069.14
Appeara	services	\$	140.51
Applied Connective Technolgies	services	\$	1,509.37
Brandon Crawford	janitorial	\$	825.00

Kristy Crawford	janitorial	\$	825.00
KBR Public Power	utilities	\$	496.92
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	972.67
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,211.68
Keya Paha Co Treasurer	postage	\$	5.58
Rosa Kienke	zoning contract	\$	603.33
MASA	premium	\$	275.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	fees	\$	88.00
MIPS Inc	annual processing	\$	18,290.39
Office Products Center	supplies	\$	182.00
Platte Valley Comm	tower upgrade	\$	7,360.66
Eric A. Scott	clerical/phone	\$	850.00
Lloyd Smith	contract	\$	750.00
Springview Herald	publishing	\$	127.60
Three River Telco	services	\$	468.90
Timothy Wyrick	deputy em	\$	833.33

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	13,327.92
AKRS	supplies	\$	315.60
Appeara	services	\$	105.60
Buckles Auto	supplies	\$	190.71
Community Truck Sales	weigh tickets	\$	7.00
Hespe Auto	tires/repairs	\$	2,977.56
J&J Sanitation	services	\$	135.73
KBR Power	utilities	\$	164.74
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	798.39
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,005.38
Outback Machine & Welding	repairs	\$	696.24
Power Plan	repairs	\$	1,027.61
Springview Herald	publishing	\$	10.41
Three River Telco	services	\$	115.53
Truck Center Companies	repairs	\$	28.88
Zamarripa Trucking LLC	trailer	\$	23,500.00

WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	866.66
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	63.61
NE Weed Control Assoc	registration	\$	150.00
Three River Telco	services	\$	57.58
VanDiest Supply Co	chemical	\$	5,068.90

Nilson moved to approve the above claims, Tiefenthaler seconded the motion. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 4:20 the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting that will be held on Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda will be on file in the clerks office and available online at: <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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July 22, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, July 22, 2025 as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:05 with commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler, Clerk Wentworth and L. Smith present. Frederick noted the open meetings act and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Under general business the commissioners asked Smith for updates on specific projects that have been requested. The commissioners expressed concerns on the invoices that the county received.

Tiefenthaler gave an update from the meeting he attended for the KPCC, and the issues being faced on funding for the facility.

At 10:30 the commissioners participated in a Webex meeting with K. Euter and K. Foster both with NEMA. The commissioners requested information on when the county could expect the money from the completed projects that have been turned in for a couple of years. Foster reached out to someone to get information and will get back to the commissioners with what she finds out. The procurement policy was discussed, Euster suggested using the state procurement policy as a template and removing the parts that don't pertain to the county and keep it simple.

The Commissioners discussed the request for a letter of support for the department of transportation to change the names of the highways running through Keya Paha County. The changes that were discussed in the correspondence would be to change Highway 7 that goes east at the 2 mile corner south of Springview south and east to the Niobrara River to HWY 183 and to change HWY 183 going south at the same two-mile corner to Brown County to HWY 7. After discussion the commissioners requested the Clerk to create a letter not supporting the project because of costs and time, and there not being an evident benefit to change the numbers.

Tiefenthaler reported that he attended the Niobrara Council meeting, the county tabled the agenda item until the council has a clearer plan.

J Ruther and K Ruther met with the commissioners to present a special designated liquor license application for the ag society for the fair weekend. After discussion Frederick moved to approve the Keya Paha County Ag Society Special Designated Liquor License to enlarge the beer garden for the 2025 fair, Nilson seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The commissioners took a lunch break.

J Cook met with the commissioners to get them updated on the road department activity since the last meeting. Cook reported that they started tilling on the Norden Road that morning. Cook also reported that the crack sealing project will get started in the next couple of weeks. Cook viewed a new pit north of Leavens bridge and the material is similar to the Serr pit. Old iron and a culvert that was in the county yard was cleaned up and hauled on the rainy days that they weren't able to work on roads.

The Commissioners and Cook reviewed the Application to Occupy the Right Of Way from Van Epps Livestock LLC, Frederick moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to approve the application. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Nilson moved to declare the 1980 Kenworth W900 surplus and sell it on Auction Time, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion approved. Cook will meet with L. Leonard to put it on the auction, the clerk will get it advertised in the local paper.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	15,197.39
BC&BS	premiums	\$	21,719.37
Brown Co Treasurer	3rd qtr vet serv	\$	2,658.62
Colonial Life	premiums	\$	30.00
Cook Tax Service	2nd qtr filing	\$	65.00
DAS State Accounting	data processing	\$	349.75
J&J Sanitation	service	\$	467.58
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	983.88
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,107.54

Office Products	supplies	\$	186.71
Olson's Pest Control	service	\$	75.00
Region IV	qtr;y	\$	1,055.50
Sennett, Duncan, Jenkins & Wickham	fees	\$	193.76
Heidi Snyder	supplies reimb	\$	67.46
Anthony Tiefenthaler	ins reimb	\$	1,000.00
Turbine Mart	fuel/supplies	\$	547.50
Viaero Wireless	sheriff dept	\$	172.62
Village of Springview	utilities	\$	685.29

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	14,053.25
BC&BS	premiums	\$	9,210.42
CVA	fuel	\$	5,860.84
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	847.34
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,056.39
Keya Paha Co Treasurer	title/registration	\$	20.00
Viaero Wireless	road dept	\$	43.84
Village of Springview	utilities	\$	33.20

WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	866.66
BC&BS	premiums	\$	1,529.37
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	62.43
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	175.48

Those present for the 2:00 agenda item included: T. Krueger, D. Brannon and J Mundorf to discuss the condition of the roads for mowing ditches in their area.

The commissioners went over the remaining budget categories so the clerk can forward them to C. Johnson.

At 5:30 pm the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on August 12th 2025 at 10:00 am at the Keya Paha County courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the clerks office and available online at <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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August 12, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 12th, 2025, as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler, Clerk Wentworth, L. Smith and K. Linse present. Frederick led the pledge of allegiance and noted the open meetings act posted for the public.

Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with one correction: the claim for insurance reimbursement for Tiefenthaler was for \$1,000 not \$10,000, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Nilson moved to accept the clerk, district court clerk and the treasurer's monthly reports, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Commissioners had a zoom call with Marvin Associates regarding the comprehensive plan and how the process would be.

Carla Stagmeyer with RC&D visited with the commissioners regarding a tire amnesty in 2026. Nilson made a motion to allow Carla to start the application for a tire amnesty in Keya Paha County, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes, and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Assessor 3-year plan was presented to the commissioners. After review, Nilson made a motion to approve the Assessors 3-year plan, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes, and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the fiscal year 2025 inventories from the Clerk/Assessor/District Court/Election, Treasurer, Sheriff, County Court, County Attorney offices and road department. Nilson made a motion to approve the inventories, Frederick seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes, and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

CLAIMS
GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	15,035.39
Appeara	contract serv	\$	212.00
Applied Connective	it services	\$	1,503.70
BC&BS	premiums	\$	21,719.37
Brandon Crawford	janitorial	\$	835.00
Kristy Crawford	janitorial	\$	835.00
KBR Public Power	util	\$	637.75
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	969.71
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,103.87
Rosa Kienke	zoning contract	\$	733.53
MASA	premiums	\$	275.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	fee	\$	88.00
NE Assoc of Co Assessors	dues	\$	25.00
North Central Dist Health Dept	miles of smiles	\$	160.00
Office Products Center	supplies	\$	255.75
Region 4 Behavioral Health Systems	opioid settlement	\$	302.21
Eric Scott	clerical/phone	\$	850.00
Sennett, Duncan, Jenkins & Wickham	court costs	\$	93.78
Lloyd C. Smith	contract serv	\$	750.00
Springview Herald	publishing	\$	410.39

Three River Telco	util	\$	505.50
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	288.98
US Bank	supplies/equipment	\$	1,423.98
Viaero	sheriff dept	\$	388.46
Village of Springview	util	\$	677.29
Timothy Wyrick	deputy em	\$	833.33
Lloyd C. Smith	misc projects	\$	2,999.70

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	17,975.75
AKRS Equipment	repairs	\$	157.98
Appeara	supplies	\$	159.35
B's Enterprises	signs	\$	1,304.00
BC&BS	ins prem	\$	9,210.42
Buckles Automotive	repairs	\$	588.16
CVA	fuel	\$	11,590.52
Community Truck Scales	fees	\$	21.00
Frontier Diesel Inc	repairs	\$	301.73
Hespe Auto	tire rep/repairs	\$	764.84
J&J Sanitation	util	\$	135.73
Jeffres Sand & Gravel	road material	\$	7,919.10
KBR Public Power	util	\$	121.64
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	1,112.11
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,359.50
Three River Telco	util	\$	115.64
Truck Center Co	repairs	\$	24.62
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	6.80
US Bank	repairs	\$	30.00
Viaero	cell	\$	43.84
Village of Springview	util	\$	33.20

WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	866.66
BC&BS	ins prem	\$	1,529.37
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	63.61
Munger Motorsports	repairs	\$	206.37
Three River Telco	util	\$	57.58
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	121.38
VanDiest Supply	chemical	\$	15,865.60

Nilson moved to approve the above claims, Tiefenthaler seconded. Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes, and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

K. Mizner met with the commissioners about shared weed equipment. Commissioners tabled it so they could have E. Scott review and look it over.

Commissioners and L. Smith went to lunch.

J. Cook visited with the commissioners regarding Shepperd Hill and one of the trucks needing some repairs.

C. Johnson and commissioners went over the budget. After much discussion, Nilson made a motion to approve 25-4 Petty Cash Resolution, Tiefenthaler seconded. Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes, and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

At 6:07pm Chairman Frederick declared the meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting to be held on the Tuesday the 26th day of August, at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the clerk's office and available online at: <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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August 26, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, August 26th 2025 as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler, Co. Attorney Scott, L. Smith and Clerk Wentworth present. Frederick noted the open meetings act posted for the public and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After review, Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Nilson seconded.

Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Under General Business discussion was held on the renaming of Highways 183 and 7 that go through the county. The letter stating the commissioners were not in favor had been sent to the NDOT.

The contract with Marvin Associates was tabled until a later date.

Weed Superintendent K. Mizner met with the commissioners to discuss the Wavier and Release with SWMA for the use of the equipment purchased with a grant for the district. The release was tabled and put on the agenda for the second meeting in September.

B. Speck met with the commissioners to request an approval of the amended budget BKR Extension office. This budget is less than the budget previously submitted. Frederick moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to approve the amended budget request. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The payment for the Carns Bridge was discussed at length. The Clerk's office received an invoice from the Rock County Clerk July 16th with a due date of July 1st with the total being due \$1.23 million for our 10% share. Prior to this email, the County had not received any documentation on changes for the amount. At last falls joint meeting in Rock County, the information the county received was that the billing would be done in increments over the time period the bridge was being constructed. The bid accepted by Rock County for the bridge would have made the county's 10% share \$940,000, with the change in cost and the timing of the bill, the county will need to utilize a loan from West Plains Bank for a portion of the invoice. The increase in the cost is not the only concern the county has regarding the Carns bridge, a loan wouldn't have been necessary if the FEMA funds that the county is still waiting for had been received. When the county receives the FEMA funds the loan will be paid off in full. The bill was tabled until the next meeting to prepare a resolution for the loan with the bank.

The Commissioners went to lunch.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	14,846.39
DAS State Accounting	data processing	\$	349.75
John Frederick	mileage	\$	130.20
Heartland Radar	certification	\$	80.00
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	953.17
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,089.41
Office Products Center	service cont	\$	35.00
Olson's Pest Technicians	service cont	\$	75.00

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	13,173.04
Atteberry Construction Inc	surfacing	\$	36,852.30
Bomgaars	supplies	\$	284.92
Grossenburg Implement	supplies	\$	3,982.53
Hespe Auto	tires	\$	2,239.14
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	787.93
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	992.08
Kenneth Sharp	surfacing	\$	331.00

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK PROGRAM FUND

Baders Highway & Street	crack sealing	\$	39,848.00
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WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	866.66
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	63.61
Kurtis Mizner	reimb hotel/mileage	\$	617.26

Tiefenthaler moved to pay the above claims, Nilson seconded. All voted in favor, motion carried. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes.

J. Cook met with the commissioners to give them a report from the road department.

The county handbook policy on paid holidays and work week schedules, no changes were made.

At 3:00 the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 9th 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the clerks office and available online at <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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September 9, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, September 9, 2025 as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler, L. Smith, and R. Richey and Clerk Wentworth present. Frederick led the pledge of allegiance and noted the open meetings posted for the public.

After review Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Nilson moved to accept the monthly reports for the Clerk, Treasurer and District Court Clerk, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Under general business the LB644 post cards were discussed with the joint public hearing with Keya Paha County schools being held on September 16th 2025 at 7 and 8 respectively. The post cards were sent to the printers and mailed out over the weekend, however the school contacted the clerks office on Monday afternoon after finding an error in the information they presented to the clerks office for the postcard. The total valuation was in error however the tax request was correct. With the late notification the corrected valuation will be posted locally and on social media and presented at the hearing.

At 10:15 R. Carr met with the commissioners to discuss prairie dogs in land adjacent to his that are out of control. Carr is requesting the county form a committee to control the prairie dogs in the county.

After discussion Tiefenthaler moved to adopt Resolution 25-05 which transfers \$200,000 from the Inheritance Fund to the Emergency Road Fund for funding the Carns Bridge payment, Nilson seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

R. Richey, West Plains Bank, met with the commissioners with the documents for a loan to. Nilson moved to sign the loan papers for a \$400,000.00 loan to be used to help pay the Carns Bridge bill, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried. The loan can be paid in full when the FEMA money is received without penalty.

Nilson moved to pay the Keya Paha county portion of the bill for the Carns Bridge to Rock County, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried. The Keya Paha County portion of the bill is \$1,230,568.69.

Nilson moved to adopt the 2025 revision of the County handbook, Tiefenthaler seconded the motion. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

L. Smith was present when Nilson moved to authorize the chairman to sign the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications And Standard 2025, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Nilson moved to adopt Resolution 25-06 The Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025, Frederick seconded. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Commissioners discussed outstanding projects and road closures with Smith. Smith stated that he has the fieldwork finished and has sent the information to E Scott.

The Commissioners took a lunch break.

J. Cook met with the Commissioners to discuss road department projects. M. Wenger, Springview Village board member was also present. Wenger presented plans the Middle NRD has for improvements at Cub Creek Rec Area. Wenger was seeking support from the county in the project, the commissioners needed to know the extent monetarily of what was being asked of them.

CLAIMS GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$ 14,846.39
Applied Connective Technologies	service	\$ 1,479.70
BC&BS	premiums	\$ 21,719.37
Brandon Crawford	janitorial	\$ 825.00
Kristy Crawford	janitorial	\$ 825.00
Hespe Auto Center	sheriff dept serv	\$ 198.44
KBR Power	utilities	\$ 596.71

Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 953.17
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 1,089.41
Rosa Kienke	zoning contract	\$ 603.33
Kyle Linse	meal reimb	\$ 22.18
MASA	fees	\$ 275.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	fees	\$ 88.00
Office Products	supplies	\$ 60.60
Region 4 Behavioral Health	qrtly	\$ 1,040.00
Eric Scott	clerical/phone	\$ 850.00
Lloyd C Smith	contract	\$ 750.00
Springview Herald	publishing	\$ 328.12
Three River Telco	courthouse phone lines	\$ 510.42
US Bank	supplies	\$ 619.54
Village of Springview	utilities	\$ 653.29
Timothy Wyrick	deputy em	\$ 833.33

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$ 13,024.99
Atteberry Construction Inc	96 tons road material	\$ 576.00
Backstreet Repair	repairs	\$ 1,076.95
BC&BS	ins prem	\$ 9,210.42
Buckles Automotive	parts	\$ 586.05
CVA	fuel	\$ 6,013.51
Community Truck Scales	fees	\$ 14.00
Frontier Diesel Inc	parts	\$ 465.46
Hespe Auto Center	repairs/tire rep	\$ 1,336.23
J&J Sanitation	utilities	\$ 135.73
KBR Power	utilities	\$ 118.62
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 777.94
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 980.77
MIPS, Inc	timeclock cards	\$ 58.09
Power Plan	repairs	\$ 321.95
Kenneth Sharp	96 tons road material	\$ 96.00
Three River Telco	utilities	\$ 115.53
Village of Springview	utilities	\$ 33.20

EMERGENCY ROAD FUND

Rock Co Treasurer	carns bridge	\$ 1,230,568.69
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INHERITANCE FUND

Keya Paha Co Treasurer	transfer to emergency road	\$ 200,000.00
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WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$ 866.66
BC&BS	ins prem	\$ 1,529.37
Hespe Auto Center	supplies	\$ 6.06
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 63.61
Three River Telco	service	\$ 57.58

Nilson moved to approve the above claims, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 2:45 the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 23rd 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Keya Paha County courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the clerks office and available online at: keyapahacountyne.gov.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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September 16, 2025

Pursuant to LB 644, Neb. Rev. Stat. 77-1633, a Joint Public Hearing was required to be held for Keya Paha County School and Keya Paha County.

The Hearing was held on Monday, September 16th, 2025, at the Activity Center, 122 N. Main St., Springview, Nebraska.

Notice of the Joint Public Hearing was provided by:

1. Postcard mailed to all affected property taxpayers by the County Assessor via a third party on September 5th, 2025.
2. Publication in the Springview Herald newspaper on September 9th, 2025.

Representing the Keya Paha County Clerk's office, Suzy Wentworth Clerk and Emily Kinney, Deputy Clerk. At 7:01 pm the hearing was opened.

Clerk Wentworth started the meeting apologizing for the postcards not being received in a timely manner. The cost of the postcards are paid by whoever is having the hearings, in our case this year the costs will be split between the county and school, either way it's county money. The Vendor who printed and mailed the postcards gave us a quote for a price that was cheaper than we could do it out of office, to save money we chose that route. We have a phone call out to that vendor to discuss it, but we all know how the USPS has been. Clerk Wentworth also was required to let everyone know that the wrong valuation total was reported by the school, the postcards total valuation was \$600,009,954 when it should have been \$710,119,694.

Ron Heerten did express his concern and frustration with the late postcards.

School superintendent Henry Eggert presented to the public the school budget, with a real growth value of \$839,250, with a proposed real growth percentage increase of 2.14%. The Keya Paha County school is seeking to increase their budget by \$403,209.09 over the allowable LB 644 2% growth percentage.

Those present for Keya Paha Schools Board of Regents:

School Superintendent Henry Eggert, 242 N Linden St, Springview, NE 68778

Linnea Steinhauser, 202 E Viola Ave., Springview, NE 68778

Anne Marie Kepler, 89801 St HWY 137, Newport, NE 68759

Members of the public who spoke their opinions and asked questions:

Ron Heerten, 42763 State Hwy 12, Springview, NE 68778

Reagan Wiebelhaus, 330 W Rose Ave, Springview, NE 68778

Beth Rutar, 43351 State Hwy 12, Springview, NE 68778

Ryan Richey, 89248 Meadville Circle, Ainsworth, NE 68778

6 other members of the public attended but did not speak during the school hearing.

At 8:00 pm a small break was had.

Keya Paha County Clerk Suzy Wentworth, John Frederick, Corey Nilson and Anthony Tiefenthaler all presented and talked to the public about the proposed budget, with a real growth value of \$839,250, with a proposed real growth percentage increase of 2.15%. Keya Paha County is seeking to increase their budget by \$34,270.18 over the allowable LB 644 2% growth percentage.

Those present for Keya Paha County:

Corey Nilson, 90401 US Hwy 183, Springview, NE 68778

John Frederick, 45263 State Hwy 12, Mills, NE 68753

Anthony Tiefentahler, 90550 426th Ave, Springview, NE 68778

Members of the public who spoke their opinions and asked questions:

Beth Rutar, 43351 State Hwy 12, Springview, NE 68778

9 other members of the public attended but did not speak during the County hearing.

After all members of the public were given a reasonable amount of time to provide their input on the proposed property tax requests, the hearing was closed at 8:32 p.m.

Suzy Wentworth

Keya Paha County Clerk

October 14, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, October 14th, 2025, as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler and Clerk Wentworth present. Frederick noted the open meetings act posted for the public and led the pledge of allegiance.

After review, Frederick moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Nilson moved to accept the sheriffs quarterly report, the treasurer, clerk and district court clerk monthly reports, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Under General Business: Frederick reported that with the government shutdown he hasn't received any other information from Ricketts office about the FEMA funds.

S. Hallock was present with an application to Occupy the ROW, the commissioners reviewed the application and will make the decision at the next meeting with it on the agenda at 10:15 a.m.

The Niobrara Scenic River update put on the agenda for 10:15 by Susan Cook was not discussed, Cook was not present.

At 10:30 the commissioners reviewed the levies presented by Wentworth for each entity: Keya Paha County: General--0.142355, Road Bond—0.031791, Ag Society—0.002572, Keya Paha Rural Fire District—0.006427, Sinking—0.002677, Village of Springview—0.495555, Keya Paha County Schools—0.397109, Sinking—0.010668, NE Community College—0.02000, ESU #17—0.015000, Middle NRD—0.037891, Sinking—0.001238, Lower NRD—0.032914. The total district levy for District 100 Middle NRD is 0.66773, District 100 Lower NRD is 0.66151 and District 100 Village is 1.15707. Frederick moved to approve the 2025 levies, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

K. Mizner discussed with the board that there is not really any new update for the agreement with the Sandhill Weed Management group concerning the equipment purchased with the grant funds that is housed in Burwell. The commissioners did not sign the agreement.

J. Cook met with the commissioners to update them of the activities of the road department. Cook informed the board that the bridge inspections went well with just some signage and branch removal to correct. Cook reported that his county pick-up is broke down and waiting for information on diagnosis. Cook has discussed the Hanson pit with the landowner who is wanting to close the pit down.

L. Smith, K. Bruns, R. Kienke and Mr. & Mrs. J. Bishop were present when the 11:30 agenda item of road closure. Smith reported that he has done the study and would recommend closing the road that Bruns has requested to be closed. Discussion was held and questions were answered, the commissioners instructed Smith to proceed with the process and do the notifications of those adjoining landowners and set the hearing for the second meeting in November. Smith also reported that he has done the fieldwork for another road closer and will get his recommendation to the board.

Nilson moved to sign the contract with Marvin and Associates, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—no and Tiefenthaler—yes. Motion carried.

The commissioners took a lunch break.

The 1:00 agenda item to discuss prairie dogs with Ryan Powers, USDA was cancelled. Powers called earlier in the day, due to the governmental shut down he was unable to travel. He will reschedule when he is able.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$	15,089.39
Appeara	services	\$	141.68
Applied Connective	contract	\$	1,541.70
BC&BS	ins preim	\$	21,719.37

Brandon Crawford	custodial contract	\$	825.00
Kristy Crawford	custodial contract	\$	825.00
Hespe Auto	tires/rep	\$	1,115.00
Intoximeters	equip	\$	690.00
KBR Power	util	\$	543.68
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	1,108.00
Keya Paha Co Court	court costs	\$	75.00
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,108.00
Rosa Kienke	zoning contract	\$	684.53
Kyle Linse	medical reimb	\$	500.00
MASA	premiums	\$	275.00
Microfilm Imaging Services	rental fees	\$	88.00
Olson's Pest Techs	services	\$	395.00
Platt Valley Communications	repairs to repeater	\$	279.50
Region IV Inc	2nd qrtr	\$	1,055.50
Schrantz Welding & Repair	repairs & labor	\$	720.18
Eric A. Scott	clerical/phone reimb	\$	850.00
Secretary of State/Elections	conference fees	\$	50.00
Sennett, Duncan, Jenkins & Wickham	court costs	\$	93.76
Lloyd Smith	contract	\$	750.00
Three River Telco	util	\$	512.58
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	596.72
US Bank	mtgs exp/supplies/conference	\$	766.80
Viaero	sheriff dept.	\$	171.38
Village of Springview	util	\$	303.29
Timothy Wyrick	deputy em	\$	833.33

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$	17,465.79
AKRS Equipment	repairs	\$	2,803.99
Appeara	services	\$	107.21
BC&BS	ins preim	\$	12,722.85
CVA	fuel	\$	6,512.28
Hespe Auto	supplies/tire rep	\$	128.02
J&J Sanitation	utilities	\$	135.73
KBR Power	utilities	\$	125.86
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	1,077.70
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,320.48
Schrantz Welding & Repair	labor/supplies	\$	713.60
Three River Telco	utilities	\$	115.82
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	64.56
Viaero	road dept	\$	43.84
Village of Springview	utilities	\$	33.20

WEED FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$	866.66
BC&BS	ins preim	\$	1,529.37
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	63.61
Three River Telco	weed dept	\$	57.87

Nilson moved to approve the above claims. Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

At 2:30 p.m. the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the clerks office and available online at: <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

October 28, 2025

The Keya Paha County commissioners met Tuesday, October 28, 2025 as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler, Co Attorney Scott, L. Smith and Co. Clerk Wentworth present. Frederick noted the open meetings act posted for the public and led the pledge of allegiance.

After review, Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Nilson seconded the motion. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Tiefenthaler moved to approve the Occupy ROW Permit for Hallocks, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

S. Hansen met with the commissioners to discuss the gravel pit the county has been using for over 20 years. There will be a lot of fees involved in keeping it open, Hanson requested the county do the work to reclaim it. The commissioners thanked him for coming and will investigate it.

R. Gierau and B. Orton met with the commissioners to discuss the cabinet that stores the flags for the avenue of flags and the rifles. The legion has sold the building and needs somewhere to store the cabinet and are requesting it be stored at the courthouse in the main hallway. The cabinet is very large, approximately 8 ft tall and 10 ft wide. The commissioners and Orton went to view the cabinet. The board told Gierau and Orton they will let them know what the decide.

J. Cook met with the commissioners to update them on the road department. The estimate to fix the road department pick up is approximately \$10,000 and with used motor and transmission and the pickup has 300,000 miles on it. After discussion the board told Cook to check out a vehicle in Winner SD.

The Commissioners and Scott went to lunch.

CLAIMS
GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	15,440.39
Brown Co Treasurer	vet serv qrtly	\$	2,802.65
Cook Tax Service	qrtly filing	\$	75.00
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	1,005.15
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,134.85
Office Products Center	supplies	\$	32.60
Olson's Pest Technicians	service	\$	75.00

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	13,029.10
Bomgaars Supply	supplies	\$	68.96
Fastenal Co	asphalt repair	\$	930.95
Lyle Forgey	guard rail	\$	120.00
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	778.22
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	981.06

WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	200.00
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	13.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	12.61

Nilson moved to approve the above claims, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tienfenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

At 2:00 the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting which due to Veterans Day falling on the first Tuesday of the month will be Wednesday November 12th 2025 at 10:00 am at the courthouse meeting room, A current agenda is on file in the clerks office and available online at:

<https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

November 12, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Wednesday, November 12, 2025, as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler and Clerk Wentworth present. Frederick led the pledge of allegiance and referenced the open meetings act posted for the public.

After review Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Tiefenthaler moved to accept the monthly reports for the Treasurer, Clerk and District Court Clerk, Nilson seconded the motion. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

AnneJeanette Painter, Keya Paha County Treasurer discussed the arbitrage and bond payment process with the commissioners.

The installation of a single lift chair was held. H. Snyder Safety Chairman will get quotes and gather more information of different options for the limited space in the east entrance.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$ 14,846.39
Appeara	services	\$ 143.00
Applied Connective	it services	\$ 1,515.70
BC&BS	premiums	\$ 21,719.37
CVA	fuel	\$ 210.32
Cherry Co Justice Center	2 qrters	\$ 10,000.00
Brandon Crawford	janitorial contract	\$ 825.00
Kristy Krawford	janitorial contract	\$ 825.00
KBR Pulbic Power	utilities	\$ 489.69
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 953.17
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 1,089.41
Rosa Kienke	zoning admin contract	\$ 603.33
MASA	premiums	\$ 275.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	rental fees	\$ 88.00
Office Products Center	supplies	\$ 147.00
Precision Auto Body	repairs	\$ 554.35
Region 4 Behavioral Health	opioid settlement	\$ 2.61
Eric A. Scott	clerical/phone	\$ 850.00
Lloyd Smith	contract	\$ 750.00
Springview Fire & Rescue	reimbursed expense for tower	\$ 279.50
Springview Herald	publishing	\$ 338.46
Three River Telco	utilies	\$ 528.33
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$ 550.33
US Bank	equip/supp/mtg exp/repairs	\$ 1,290.89
Viaero Wireless	sheriff dept	\$ 171.86
Village of Springview	utilities	\$ 477.29
Timothy Wyrick	deputy em contract	\$ 833.33
US Treasury	overpayment of interest earned	\$ 17,383.11

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$ 12,899.92
AKRS Equipment	repairs	\$ 606.66
Appeara	services	\$ 107.52
BC&BS	premiums	\$ 12,722.85
Buckles Automotive	repairs	\$ 1,204.95
CVA	fuel	\$ 8,008.19
Dennis Cullison	mileage	\$ 35.70
Hespe Auto Center	repairs	\$ 933.82
KBR Pulbic Power	util	\$ 157.07
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 769.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 971.21
Myron Nilson	mileage	\$ 35.00
Power & Performance	part	\$ 16.60
Power Plan	repairs	\$ 621.60
Three River Telco	util	\$ 115.82
US Bank	parts	\$ 922.29
Viaero Wireless	foreman	\$ 43.84
Village of Springview	util	\$ 33.20
1st Class Auto Repair	parts	\$ 96.29
Frontier Motors	15 RAM pickup	\$ 19,186.00

WEED FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$ 200.00
BC&BS	premiums	\$ 1,529.37
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 13.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 12.61
Three River Telco	util	\$ 57.87
US Bank	office supplies	\$ 252.47

Nilson moved to approve the above claims with the exception of claim #25110019, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried. The clerk removed 25110019.

The Commissioners went to lunch.

J. Cook and K. Linse discussed information on pick ups. Linse reported that the state bid dodge pick up is approximately \$44,000 and would be several months out before it would be available. Cook reported on a 2015 Dodge 2500 Tradesman in winner for \$19,186. After discussion and considering the road department is down to the old 1983 brown pick up Frederick moved to purchase a 2015 2500 Dodge Tradesman for \$19,186 Nilson seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried. Frederick moved to authorize Jeff Cook to sign the documentation for the purchase of the pick up, Nilson seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 3:30 pm the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 25th at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda will be on file in the clerks office and available online at <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>. This meeting will also be county government day with the senior class present. The introductions and information will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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November 25, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, November 25, 2025, as advertised. The Keya Paha County Schools senior class were at the courthouse for county government day. The students, officials and staff gathered in the courtroom for introductions and information on the different departments. The students then broke into small groups to shadow officials and staff.

Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler, Clerk Wentworth and students present. Frederick noted the open meetings act posted for the public and led the pledge of allegiance. After review, Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed a form 457 from the Burton Assembly of God church for the exemption of the church van. Nilson moved to approve the form 457 for the Burton Assembly of God church, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was held on the possibility of a chairlift or ramp at the courthouse and the issue of where to put it. This has been put on hold for now to gather more information.

The Clerk presented the resolutions to finalize the budgeted transfers for the 2025/2026 budget that was previously adopted. Nilson moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to adopt Resolution 20-09, Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to Road/Bridge Fund. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried. Frederick moved, Nilson seconded to adopt Resolution 25-10 Transfer of Fund from County General/Misc General to Noxious Weed & Ambulance Funds. Voting Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Tiefenthaler moved, Frederick seconded to adopt Resolution 25-11, Transfer of Funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund 2700 to the Road Bond Fund 340. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m. Nilson moved to open the Road Closure Request Hearing, Frederick seconded the motion. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried. L. Smith and Mr. & Mrs. Bishop. The closure was discussed, Bishops stated they did not receive notice of the hearing but did see it advertised in the paper. Smith stated he sent certified letters to all the landowners that would be affected. Frederick contacted one of the other landowners that were not present by text message and that landowner had not received any notice of the hearing. Frederick moved to table the road closure hearing, rescheduling it for January 13th so that all involved can be notified, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Frederick moved to close the hearing at 11:30, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

D. Brannon and M. Brannon were on the agenda to discuss a section line near them. A neighbor has blocked the section line and made it impossible to pass. Tiefenthaler asked Smith if he had researched the section line yet, this section line was brought into question in early 2025. Smith had not looked but assured the commissioners he will look before he left for the day to see if it is an open section line. Before leaving Smith informed the commissioners that it is an open section line.

The commissioners, county officials and employees ate lunch with the students and sponsor Mrs. King.

J. Cook updated the commissioners on the road department activities and projects.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$	14,846.39
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	fee	\$	411.87
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	953.17
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,089.41
MC Tee's & More	uniform patches	\$	17.00
MIPS Inc	JPH postcards	\$	1,561.16
NE Dept of Labor	fees	\$	174.46
Office Products Center	supplies	\$	67.60
Powertech	service generators	\$	1,797.19
Jim Ripley	foundation donation for fireworks	\$	250.00
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	73.76

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$	12,923.37
B's Enterprises	signs	\$	1,187.86
Bomgaars	tools	\$	289.99
Dennis Cullison	CDL fee reimbursement	\$	60.00
J&J Sanitation	utilities	\$	135.73
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	771.07
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	973.01
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	118.10

WEED FUND

Salaries & Insurance Reimb		\$	200.00
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	13.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	12.61
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	14.00

Nilson moved to pay the above claims, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

D. Kienke met with the commissioners to discuss the Niobrara Council. After a discussion Frederick moved to authorize D. Kienke to send a short letter in support of the interim study to T. Storer's office, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 2:30 p.m. the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the Clerk's office and available online at <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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December 9, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, December 9th 2025 as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler and Clerk Wentworth present. Frederick let the pledge of allegiance and noted the open meetings act for the public.

After review, Nilson moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Frederick seconded.

Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes.

Tiefenthaler moved to accept the Clerk, Treasurer and District Court monthly reports, Frederick seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

B. Speiker, BKR Extension office met with the board to get approval of the new Keya Paha County board member. Frederick moved to accept Ellen Trahan to fill the Keya Paha County open position on the BKR Extension board, Nilson seconded the motion. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Zoning Admin Kienke met with the commissioners the cell tower hearing is now scheduled for January 27th at 10:30.

J. Cook, Road foreman and Elizabeth Yost stopped in for Yost to get acquainted with the board members.

T. Wyrick stopped to give the commissioners a quick update.

After review, Nilson moved to adopt Resolution 25-12, Signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2025, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried. Tiefenthaler moved, Nilson seconded to authorize the chairman to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent, Nilson seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Commissioners went to lunch.

J. Cook met with the commissioners to discuss the road department happenings.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	14,846.39
BC&BS	prem	\$	10,394.88
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	fee	\$	411.87
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	953.17
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,089.41
MC Tees & More	uniform cost	\$	17.00
MIPS Inc	jph postcards exp	\$	1,561.16
NE Dept of Labor	fee	\$	174.46
Office Products Center	supplies	\$	67.60
Powertech	generator service	\$	1,797.19
Jim Ripley	foundation donation	\$	250.00
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	73.76

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	13,913.76
B's Enterprises Inc	signs	\$	1,187.86
Bomgaars	tool	\$	289.99
Dennis Cullison	CDL reimb	\$	60.00
J & J Sanitation	util	\$	135.73
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	771.07

Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	973.01
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	118.10
WEED FUND			
Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	200.00
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	13.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	12.61
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	14.00

Nilson moved, Tiefenthaler seconded to approve the above claims. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Frederick declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 13th at 10: am at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the clerks office and available online at <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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December 23rd, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, December 23, 2025, as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:02 am, Commissioner Tiefenthaler, Deputy Clerk Kinney present with Commissioner Nilson and County Attorney E. Scott joining later. Frederick noted the open meetings act posted for the public and led the pledge of allegiance.

CLAIMS
GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$ 14,846.39
DAS State Accounting	data processing	\$ 960.25
J13 Enterprises, LLC	budget expense	\$ 2,831.71
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 953.17
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 1,089.41
MC Tees and More	supplies	\$ 80.00
Olson's Pest Technicians	contract	\$ 75.00
Three River Telco	phones/internet	\$ 528.89
Niobrara Valley Consultants LLC	services	\$ 3,245.18

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$ 13,001.50
Bomgaars Supply, Inc	supplies	\$ 63.44
Frontier Diesel, Inc	parts/repairs	\$ 32.74
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 776.35
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 978.98
Three River Telco	phone/internet	\$ 115.82

WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$ 866.66
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 63.61
Three River Telco	phone	\$ 57.87

Nilson made a motion to approve the above claims, Frederick seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Fiscal Audit was tabled till the afternoon.

D. Painter met with the commissioners asking about road access through the school land he leases to the land he owns above it in section 9. S. Hamilton, field rep for Nebraska Board of Education Land and Trust, was in attendance stating that he was interested in what the commissioners would do and said that he and D. Painter have talked about

easements, however easements do come with a cost. The commissioners will research to see where the county road ends and get back to D. Painter.

With L. Smith in attendance Commissioner Frederick made a motion that the county does not renew the contract with Lloyd Smith and Niobrara Valley Consultants in 2026 for the Highway Superintendent Position, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2027-2030 Salaries for the Elected Officials were discussed and tabled for the afternoon.

A Painter and T. Wyrick stopped by to give the commissioners an update on FEMA and NEMA payments. The County received payment regarding Wyman's bridge and have been told that another portion has been closed, we will see payment sometime after the first of the year.

Commissioners and E. Scott went to lunch.

J. Cook stopped and gave an update regarding the road department.

After reviewing the audit, Frederick made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Fiscal Audit report, Nilson seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

At 2:40 p.m. the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the clerk's office and available online at: <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

Emily Kinney, Deputy Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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