

August 11, 2026

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, August 11, 2026, as advertised, Chairman Tiefenthaler called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Frederick and Nilson, Clerk Wentworth, Deputy Emergency Manager Wyrick present. Tiefenthaler led the pledge of allegiance and referenced the open meetings act posted for public.

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

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

General Business: Reminders for meetings next week, the commissioners will attend a meeting with KPCC on Monday the 17th at the Cherry County Courthouse at noon. The Commissioners will attend a budget planning session with Caleb Johnson at the courthouse in Springview on Wednesday, August 19th at 9:00 a.m.

The Commissioners received the library financial report.

T. Wyrick met with the commissioners to report that the fire department was awarded the slide-n-unit grant. Wyrick also discussed where the county is at in the process on the 2019 disaster. Wyrick received word back that more details are needed in the administrative cost recovery. Wyrick reported that he will discuss that further when FEMA is in the county to inspect the projects.

The commissioners discussed the invoice received from Rasmussen. Frederick read statute 23-1909, based on that information Frederick moved to deny the claim for Rasmussen at this time, Nilson seconded the motion. Voting: Frederick—yes, Nilson—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

CLAIMS
GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$ 15,485.29
Appeara	contract	\$ 146.52
Applied Connective	IT contract	\$ 1,527.72
BC&BS	ins prem	\$ 22,735.89
Catch All LLC	contract	\$ 750.00
Cook Tax Service	qtrly filing	\$ 75.00
Brandon Crawford	janitorial	\$ 825.00
Kristy Crawford	janitorial	\$ 825.00
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 1,025.27
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 1,137.67
MASA	premium	\$ 275.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	equip rental	\$ 71.00
Rosa Kienke	zoning admin	\$ 608.33
Office Products Center	service contract	\$ 35.00
Jim Ripley	fireworks donation	\$ 300.00
Eric Scott	clerical/phone	\$ 850.00
Springview Herald	publishing	\$ 486.23
Three River Telco	util	\$ 514.55
US Bank	equip/supplies	\$ 3,713.87
Village of Springview	util	\$ 780.32
WM Krotter Co.	epoxy	\$ 119.99
Timothy Wyrick	deputy em	\$ 833.33

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$ 13,030.42
ASAP	shipping	\$ 27.40

AKRS	repairs	\$ 1,221.65
Appeara	service contract	\$ 110.88
BC&BS	ins prem	\$ 13,318.31
Frontier Diesel	repairs	\$ 746.30
Homeland Grocery	supplies	\$ 20.85
J&J Sanitation	util	\$ 148.76
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$ 812.05
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$ 967.16
Outback Machine & Welding	repairs	\$ 93.17
Power Plan	parts	\$ 1,685.81
Three River Telco	util	\$ 116.00
Truck Center Companies	parts	\$ 90.92
US Bank	supplies	\$ 66.58
Village of Springview	util	\$ 33.20
WEED FUND		
Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$ 866.66
BC&BS	ins prem	\$ 1,600.95
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	\$ 58.05

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

E. Wilson with Wilson Mining, B. Beatty with KBR Public Power and M. Fritz with Niobrara Valley Power met with the commissioners to further discuss the bitcoin units that KBR plans to locate at the Burton substation, also present for the discussion A. Johnson, Springview Herald, R. Kienke, Zoning Administrator. Wilson informed those present that Bitcoin is not a data center, it is essentially a load center. Bitcoin doesn't collect any data, just uses power. The proposed location would be inside the footprint of the substation, Fritz and Beatty both recognize the benefit of placing bitcoin stations within the substations is to more effectively use the power loads and in turn make power less expensive to customers.

The Commissioners went to lunch.

J. Cook, road foreman met with the commissioners to update them on road projects. After a short discussion the commissioners instructed Cook to order a "pavement ends" sign on 902nd to prevent so much out of state traffic following GPS.

At 3:00 p.m the commissioners, J. Cook and Wentworth met the Rock County Commissioners and Highway Superintendent E. Yost at the new Carns bridge to view and discuss the project since it is nearing completion.

At 4:00 p.m. Chairman Tiefenthaler declared the meeting adjourned until the next meeting which will be a budget planning session scheduled Wednesday, August 19th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. and the next regular session scheduled for August 25th, 2026, 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

Anthony Tiefenthaler, Chairman

****These minutes are not yet approved and may be corrected****