

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 2025

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on August 14, 2025. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Crystal Hardy, Todd Yost, Devan Polt, Kylie Joyce, Gwen Books, Jon Cannon and Bill Haney.

Minutes from the July 10th, 2025 meeting, July 10th, 2025 Board of Equalization meeting and July 24th, 2025 budget meeting were read aloud and approved. Julie Kraye made a motion to approve the minutes, Bryan Crisp seconded. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Chairman Bryan Crisp announced the Public Meetings Law posted in the boardroom and copies of it and the agenda are available for the public.

The claims on file were audited by the board. Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion that the audited claims be allowed and warrants from the various county funds be issued for their payment. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Approved claims are listed below. Roads were discussed and monthly expenses reviewed. Bryan Crisp made a motion to surplus the 1993 International 9000 Series 9400 dump truck, Julie Kraye seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

A letter of resignation was received from Donald Pettigrew, Hooker County Highway Superintendent. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to accept Donald Pettigrew's resignation with regret, effective December 31, 2025. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Thad Emerson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-8, The County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025, Julie Kraye seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Jon Cannon, NACO Executive Director, attended the meeting to provide a NACO update regarding county resources available and legislation. Cannon encouraged the board and elected officials to attend the district meetings to continue to be informed of county and state issues. Cannon also spoke about county budget concerns and how the hard caps are detrimental to counties, reminded the board that elected officials' salary study would be released in October and spoke on BEAD money that is available to Hooker County to improve broadband access. A flyer created by NACO providing a profile of Hooker County was distributed.

Kylie Joyce, Region II Services Executive Director attended the meeting with Gwen Books, North Platte Opportunity Center Director of Services. Books updated the board regarding the programs and services the North Platte and Ogallala Opportunity Centers provide.

Devan Polt, Noxious Weed Supervisor provided a weed update for Hooker County. Polt presented an agreement between Sandhills Weed Management Area, Custer County and Hooker County, releasing Custer County of liability of equipment used by Devan Polt, Hooker County Noxious Weed Supervisor through Sandhills Weed Management Area. Bryan Crisp made a motion to sign the Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement between Sandhills Weed Management Area, Custer County and Hooker County, Thad Emerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Bill Haney spoke to the board regarding Muledeer Road. The road needs rebuilt and/or relocated. In the winter it drifts in with snow and is impassable.

Assessor Jessica Hampton presented the Board of Equalization the Three Year Plan of Assessment for Hooker County. Bryan Crisp made a motion to approve the Three Year Plan of Assessment, Thad Emerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Jessica Hampton spoke to the board regarding the budget. Cannon suggested speaking to Candace Meredith with NACO for a second opinion to make sure Hooker County is utilizing funds in the best manner possible. Hampton will reach out to Meredith with the budget. If new ideas are suggested the board will be contacted. If no new suggestions are presented the budget as presented at the August 14th meeting will be published. Crisp asked that Hampton reach out to Senator Mike Jacobsen about attending a commissioners meeting to express concerns regarding the current hard caps on county budgets.

County inventories were presented. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the presented inventories. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Bryan Crisp made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-9, Requesting a Preliminary Levy Allocation from County Board, Julie Kraye seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Julie Kraye made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to approve the SDL for Mullen Commercial Club 9/18-20/2025. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Propane bids from Neal Oil and Sandhill Oil were reviewed. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to accept Neal Oil's bid of \$1.11 starting October 1, 2025. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Hampton notified the board that the special hearing for the budget will be held Sept. 17th, 2025 at 6:05 p.m.

Correspondence was handed out to the commissioners for their review. The board asked that the NRIN correspondence be put on the September agenda.

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to designate MIPS to print postcards for the special hearing for the budget. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Crystal Hardy presented the treasurer's report, first half delinquent list and reminded the board that second half taxes are due August 31. Julie

Kraye made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Thad Emerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Sheriff Todd Yost provided a sheriff's report. Yost notified the board of hail damage to both cruisers.

Library budget worksheet was reviewed.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND					
Adelena Hampton	\$	60.00	Medical Air Services Association-B2B	\$	75.00
Applied Connective Technologies	\$	813.20	NE Department of Revenue	\$	1,789.99
Artis Hicks	\$	40.00	Payroll	\$	28,277.40
AT&T Mobility	\$	275.78	ROAD FUND		
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	\$	12,554.12	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$	119.05
Cardmember Service	\$	133.68	Custer Public Power District	\$	79.82
Charles Erny	\$	100.00	DAS State Actg-Central Finance OCIO	\$	44.00
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$	346.74	Grant County Treasurer	\$	691.57
DAS State Actg-Central Finance OCIO	\$	66.00	Handyman Hardware & Construction	\$	209.99
Datashield Coporation	\$	59.21	Hooker County Tribune	\$	70.00
Douglas Boyer	\$	175.19	Inland Truck Parts & Service	\$	13.05
First Concord Benefits Group	\$	75.00	Kwik Stop	\$	205.43
Grant County Treasurer	\$	691.57	Macke's Grocery, Inc.	\$	9.98
Hooker County Tribune	\$	173.44	NE Department of Transportation	\$	8,000.00
Kwik Stop	\$	606.08	Neal Oil	\$	4,739.49
Lincoln County Clerk	\$	948.24	NMC, Inc	\$	9,458.51
Macke's Grocery, Inc.	\$	37.49	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$	203.88
Mary Lou Harding	\$	45.00	Triple G RediMix LLC	\$	8,229.76
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$	20.00	Village of Mullen	\$	19.34
MIPS, Inc	\$	1,398.82	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$	483.05
Mullen Auto & Diesel LLC	\$	129.44	Internal Revenue Service	\$	715.76
Nebraska Association of County Officials	\$	25.00	Payroll	\$	9,406.25
Quill Corporation	\$	174.28	LIBRARY FUND		
Region II Human Services	\$	64.64	Brodart Co	\$	261.75
Robin Bullington	\$	65.00	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$	114.35
Thomas County Treasurer	\$	6,619.52	Frey's Heating and Air	\$	5,196.00
Village of Mullen	\$	722.22	Handyman Hardware & Construction	\$	255.50
Vision Service Plan	\$	62.35	Mebulbs	\$	386.37
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$	23.40	Village of Mullen	\$	437.87
Windstream of the Midwest, LLC (2)	\$	37.51	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$	96.47
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$	3,987.30	Internal Revenue Service	\$	145.99
George Vinton	\$	2,250.00	Payroll	\$	1,908.35
Internal Revenue Service	\$	11,468.84	911 SURCHARGE FUND		
			Consolidated Telephone Company	\$	343.16

Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, September 11th at 3:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the Commissioners Room and agendas for these meetings are kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the county clerk during normal business hours.

Attest:

Hooker County Board of Commissioners

Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk

Bryan Crisp, Chairman