

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on September 11, 2025. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Crystal Hardy and Todd Yost.

Minutes from the August 14th, 2025 meeting were read aloud and approved. Thad Emerson 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. Julie Kraye moved and Thad Emerson 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. The one-and-six year road plan was discussed. Due to budgetary restraints in the 2024-2025 fiscal year the projected road projected was postponed until fiscal year 2025-2026. The board will use the 2024 approved one-and-six year road plan for 2025.

The board received Elizabeth Yost’s resume for review.

Bryan Crisp moved to adopt Resolution 2025-10 Final Allocation of Levy Authority to All Political Subdivisions Subject to County Levy Authority. Thad Emerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Bryan Crisp recessed the regular meeting at 3:45 p.m. for the budget hearing and tax request hearing. Meeting reconvened at 4:01 p.m.

Byran Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2025-11 Adoption & Appropriations Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to approve the SDL for Highway 2 Depot 10/4/2025 and for St. Mary’s Church and Missions 10/18/2025. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Julie Kraye made a motion and Bryan Crisp seconded the motion to sign the new national opioids secondary manufacturers settlements. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network Resolution 2025-13 was reviewed. After discussion it was decided to table the Resolution until the October meeting.

Correspondence was handed out to the commissioners for their review.

Clerk Jessica Hampton notified the board of the Joint Public Hearing to be held 9/17/2025 at 6:05 p.m.

Bryan Crisp moved to appoint Doug Boyer to the Lodging Tax Board. Boyer will be replacing Steve Boyer. Thad Emerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Crystal Hardy presented the treasurer’s report, provided an update on delinquent taxes and notified the board that reminders were sent 9/11/2025. 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 regarding the upcoming scheduled leave for the deputy and possibly the sheriff. Yost will do what he can to stagger the leave and have the sheriff’s office covered. The Village of Mullen contract with the Hooker County Sheriff’s Office was discussed. Library budget worksheet was reviewed.

George Vinton spoke to the board about the proposed Child Support Enforcement Agreement with the State of Nebraska. Vinton has determined it to be most beneficial to Hooker County to continue to handle child support enforcement through the county attorney and to not sign the agreement. The board agreed with his assessment.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND		NE Department of Revenue	
Applied Connective Technologies	\$853.70	Payroll	\$1,825.62
Artis Hicks	\$25.00	ROAD FUND	
AT&T Mobility	\$275.78	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$119.05
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	\$12,554.12	Custer Public Power District	\$94.63
Charles Erny	\$3,500.00	DAS State Acctg-Central Finance OCIO	\$44.00
Comfort Inn	\$259.90	Grant County Treasurer	\$691.75
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$346.74	Great Plains Health	\$170.00
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance OCIO	\$66.00	Hooker County Tribune	\$35.00
DataShield Coporation	\$59.21	Inland Truck Parts & Service	\$254.86
Douglas Boyer	\$200.00	Jerry Remus	\$267.50
First Concord Benefits Group	\$75.00	Kwik Stop	\$240.12
Government Forms & Supplies	\$899.43	Macke's Grocery, Inc.	\$10.61
Grant County Treasurer	\$691.75	Neal Oil	\$1,393.16
Handyman Hardware & Construction	\$13.35	Thedford Lumber & Supply	\$96.85
Hooker County Tribune	\$170.00	Village of Mullen	\$36.77
Jessica Hampton	\$879.58	WPCI	\$64.00
Kwik Stop	\$661.95	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$586.72
Lindemeier Law Office	\$62.50	Internal Revenue Service	\$833.25
Macke's Grocery, Inc.	\$3.45	Payroll	\$10,992.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$20.00	LIBRARY FUND	
MIPS, Inc	\$1,398.82	Brodart Co	\$261.75
Mullen Auto & Diesel LLC	\$78.99	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$114.35
Nebraska Association of County Officials	\$75.00	DEMCO	\$107.62
Nebraska Sheriffs' Association	\$245.00	Handyman Hardware & Construction	\$339.60
Quill Corporation	\$53.32	Macke's Grocery, Inc.	\$24.36
Region II Human Services	\$233.78	Village of Mullen	\$485.09
Robin Bullington	\$25.00	Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$3.31
Sandhill Fertilizer	\$462.66	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$87.77
Shanda Licking	\$210.00	Internal Revenue Service	\$131.90
Village of Mullen	\$821.24	Payroll	\$1,724.20
Vision Service Plan	\$62.35	911 SURCHARGE FUND	
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$24.16	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$343.16
Windstream of the Midwest, LLC (2)	\$33.71	LODGING TAX PROMO FUND	
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$4,036.82	Cox Johnson Corporation	\$830.00
George Vinton	\$2,250.00	Hooker County Tribune	\$15.12
Internal Revenue Service	\$11,744.19	Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition	\$1,655.16
Medical Air Services Association-B2B	\$75.00	LODGING TAX CAPITAL FUND	
		Village of Mullen	\$15,558.19

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, October 9th 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

HOOKER COUNTY BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

The Budget Hearing of Hooker County was held the 11th day of September, 2025 at 3:45 p.m. Notice of the budget hearing was published in the Hooker County Tribune newspaper on the 4th day of September, 2025.

Board Members Present: Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson, Julie Kraye. Absent: None.

Others Present: Clerk, Jessica Hampton, County Attorney George Vinton.

The budget hearing was opened at 3:45 p.m. Copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public.

Jessica Hampton made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget.

The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed budget statement. No members of the public were present, therefore no public comment was heard.

Motion by Bryan Crisp and seconded by Julie Kraye to close the budget hearing. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

The Budget Hearing was closed at 3:55 p.m.

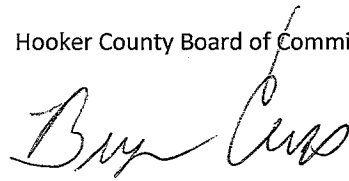
There being no further business, a motion was made by Thad Emerson and seconded by Julie Kraye to adjourn the budget hearing. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

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HOOKER COUNTY TAX REQUEST HEARING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

The Tax Request Hearing of Hooker County was held the 11th day of September, 2025 at 3:55 p.m. Notice of the tax request hearing was published in the Hooker County Tribune newspaper on the 4th day of September, 2025.

Board Members Present: Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson, Julie Kraye. Absent: None.

Others Present: Clerk, Jessica Hampton, County Attorney George Vinton.

The tax request hearing was opened at 3:55 p.m.

Motion by Bryan Crisp and seconded by Julie Kraye to adopt Resolution 2025-12 Setting the Property Tax Request. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

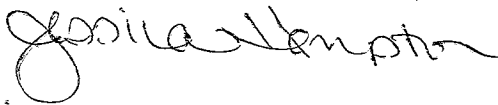
Motion by Julie Kraye and seconded by Thad Emerson to close the tax request hearing. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

The Tax Request Hearing was closed at 4:01 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Thad Emerson and seconded by Julie Kraye to adjourn the tax request hearing. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

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