

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
January 8, 2026

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on January 8, 2026. 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, and John Copland.

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 minutes of the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 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.

The claims on file were audited by the board. Thad Emerson 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. Organization of commissioners was decided with a motion from Julie Kraye that Bryan Crisp remain the Board Chairman. Seconded by Thad Emerson. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Thad Emerson made the motion to keep Julie Kraye as Vice Chair of the Board. Seconded by Bryan Crisp. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion that regular monthly meeting times remain at 3:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Hooker County Commissioners Room. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Julie Kraye made a motion and Bryan Crisp seconded the motion to designate the Hooker County Tribune as the official county newspaper and additionally allow meeting notices to be posted on the county website, [www.hookercountynegov](http://www.hookercountynegov) as necessary. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

A request from Dayspring Bank asking to be named depository bank was reviewed. Bryan Crisp moved and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2026-1 appointing Dayspring Bank the county depository bank and naming Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust and Dayspring Bank as excess funds depositories. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Hooker County Road Superintendent John Copland attended the meeting. Copland will prepare road bids for armor coating in September and prepare for the bridge inspection to be completed in March.

Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2026-2 appointing John Copland, qualified under license #S-1803 Class B, to the position of County Road Superintendent for the 2026 calendar year. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Thad Emerson moved and Bryan Crisp seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2026-3 appointing Ryan E. Dickinson, qualified under license LSS54, to the position of County Surveyor for the 2026 calendar year. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Roads were discussed and monthly expenses reviewed. The new dump truck had added expense, that expense will be paid from Inheritance Tax. Road wages for 2026 were discussed. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to leave the hourly rate at the current wage and after 5 years of employment to give the road employees 15 vacation days and after 10 year to give 17 vacation days. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to disconnect the electrical at 84231 S Hwy 97. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Julie Kraye motioned and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for 2026 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid under the leadership of Healing Hearts & Families. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Weed Superintendent Devan Polt presented his annual report and review from the Noxious Weed Board and provided an update on noxious weeds in Hooker County. Hooker County has four weeds on the current watch list. The web page [neweed.org](http://neweed.org) shows where Polt has been in Hooker County.

The commissioners signed the annual signatures report for the Secretary of State.

Jessica Hampton prepared a grant for a new van for Hooker County Transit.

Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion for the following board appointments for year 2026: Bryan Crisp—West Central District Health, Lexington Area Solid Waste; Thad Emerson—Region II Health & Social Services Agency, Sandhills RC&D Board; Julie Kraye—West Central Development District, Firstnet Broadband Initiative. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Crystal Hardy presented the treasurer's semi-annual report. Julie Kraye moved and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's semi-annual report. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Julie Kraye moved and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to approve the monthly treasurers report. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Hardy notified the board that tax collection in December covered December payroll and 25% of 2025 taxes have been receipted. Delinquent tax notices will be sent out the third week of January with tax sales occurring on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Sheriff Todd Yost had nothing new to report.

Library budget worksheet was reviewed.

The letter to the Mullen Hospital District was reviewed and approved. The letter will be mailed on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2026-4 that proposed the vacation of seven lots in Dismal River Subdivision III. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

**GENERAL FUND**

Applied Connective Technologies	941.7	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	1312.3
Artis Hicks	25	Comfort Inn	220
AT&T Mobility	557.24	Consolidated Telephone Company	119.23
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	12554.12	Custer Public Power District	71.59
Cardmember Service	1359	DAS State Acctg-Central Finance OCIO	44
Charles Erry	1600	Guyanan Machine & Steel, Inc	12592.34
Consolidated Telephone Company	347.75	Hooker County Treasurer	14
Crystal Hardy	235.2	John Copland	750
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance OCIO	66	Kwik Stop	290.34
DataShield Coporation	59.21	Macke's Grocery, Inc.	29.89
Douglas Boyer	190	Mark Hassett	46.21
Eakes Office Solutions	143.86	Michael Baum	59.28
First Concord Benefits Group	75	Neal Oil	1070.13
Grant County Treasurer	691.57	Nebraska Safety Center	210
Holiday Inn Kearney	374.85	NMC, Inc	8787.02
Horne2 Suites by Hilton	374.85	O'Reilly Auto Parts	453.53
Hooker County Tribune	191.33	Robert Bassett	33.41
Jessica Hampton	235.2	RS Hydraulic Solutions LLC	4071.74
Kwik Stop	674.57	Triple G RediMix LLC	2221.34
LB413164 Blues360 Media	107.95	Village of Mullen	114.82
Macke's Grocery, Inc.	40.02	Ameritas Life Insurance	738.78
Mary Lou Harding	25	Internal Revenue Service	1108.58
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	20	Payroll	\$ 14,591.22
Mid-States Organized Crime	100	<b>LIBRARY FUND</b>	
		Brodart Co	261.75

MIPS, Inc	1483.82	Collaborative Summer Library Program	120.15
Mullen Auto & Diesel LLC	85.16	Consolidated Telephone Company	114.53
Neal Oil	499.5	Neal Oil	333
Nebraska Association of County Assessors	100	Village of Mullen	384.59
Nebraska Association of County Officials	75	Ameritas Life Insurance	84.51
Nebraska District Court Clerks Assoc	50	Internal Revenue Service	135.32
Sandhill Oil Co., Inc	236	Payroll	1769.05
Thomas County Treasurer	6619.52	<b>911 SURCHARGE FUND</b>	
Verizon Wireless (2)	40.1	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 343.16
Village of Mullen	468.2	<b>LODGING TAX PROMO FUND</b>	
Vision Service Plan	71.97	Mullen Arts Center	2000
West Central District Assessor's Assoc	25	Sandhills Journey National Scenic Byway	2530
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	22.85	Sandhills RC&D	2627.5
Windstream of the Midwest, LLC (2)	36.54	<b>LODGING TAX CAPITAL FUND</b>	
Ameritas Life Insurance	4056.82	School Bond	9181.25
George Vinton	2250	Village of Mullen	1809.81
Internal Revenue Service	12035.2	<b>INSTITUTIONS FUND</b>	
Medical Air Services Association-B2B	75	Region II Services	768
NE Department of Revenue	1775.56	<b>INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	
Payroll	\$ 27,315.49	Guyana Machine & Steel, Inc	12592.34
<b>ROAD FUND</b>		RS Hydraulic Solutions LLC	4071.74

Meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. Additionally, the Hooker County Board of Equalization will meet for purposes of reviewing the permissive exemptions at 3:45 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