

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
May 14, 2026

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on May 14, 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, Rob Bassett, Mel McDowell, Beth Bazyn Ferrell, Calli Edis, Brandy Groseth, Rich Burrious and Willy Hicks. 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 April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting were read aloud and approved. Crisp made a motion to approve the minutes, Kraye seconded. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

The claims on file were audited by the board. Emerson moved and 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. Rob Bassett spoke to the commissioners about an available used scraper. The commissioners are interested in purchasing the scraper. The clerk was asked to solicit bids for used scrapers with similar age and functions. Bids will be opened at the June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 county board meeting. The bridge inspection report was reviewed. A copy of work needed to be done will be provided to Mike Baum. Bridge is sound and passed inspection.

Road expenditures and budget were reviewed.

Sealed bids for the county owned real estate were opened at 4 p.m. Five bids were received. Crisp made a motion to accept the bid of \$143,500 from Rich Burrious. Emerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the request from John Howell to place an overhead sign over the county road at the entry of his North Creek Ranch property. John Copland, Highway Superintendent provided county road right-of-way information and George Vinton, County Attorney provided legal information. Crisp made a motion to deny the request from John Howell to erect an overhead sign on the county road. Kraye seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Blue Cross Blue Shield 2026-2027 rates were reviewed. Kraye motioned to accept the \$2600 deductible for employee & Spouse and the Dental PPO Plan. Crisp seconded the motion. Roll call vote, two ayes, one nay, motion carried.

Starlink was discussed. Crisp made a motion to approve Mullen Golf Club Inc.'s SDL application for June 27, 2026. Kraye seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Jessica Hampton reported on the Primary Election.

Beth Bazyn Ferrell, Legal Counsel for NACO, attended the meeting and provided a NACO update, informational handouts and legislative news. Crystal Hardy presented the treasurer's report. Kraye moved and Emerson seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Emerson made a motion to transfer \$15,477.29 from the General Fund to the Library Fund and \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Road Fund. Kraye seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Sheriff Todd Yost provided a sheriff's report.

Library budget worksheet was reviewed.

**CLAIMS**

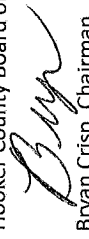
**GENERAL FUND**

Applied Connective Technologies	942.2	ROAD FUND	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	1312.3
Artis Hicks	60		Consolidated Telephone Company	118.58
AT&T Mobility	279		Daly Enterprises Shop	11.91
Beverly Uphoff	246.25		DAS State Acctg-Central Finance OCIO	44
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	12554.12		Dickinson Land Surveyors, Inc	750
Catherine A Sullivan	15		Dooley Oil Inc-Nebraska	220
Cheryl Sheets	195		Emerson Equipment	106.07
Consolidated Telephone Company	334.13		Floyd's Truck Center	565.36
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance OCIO	66		Handyman Hardware & Construction	22.19
DataShield Coporation	59.21		Kelly Supply Company	495.78
Dave Sullivan	210		Kwik Stop	396.11
Douglas Boyer	265		Macke's Grocery, Inc.	17.67
Election Systems & Software, LLC	2431.31		Michael Baum	26.17
First Concord Benefits Group	2588.96		Mullen Auto & Diesel LLC	6.36
Grant County Treasurer	691.57		Neal Oil	4138.85
Gworks	2626		NMC, Inc	345.17
Hooker County Clerk	14		O'Reilly Auto Parts	9.83
Hooker County Tribune	874.26		Oak Creek Engineering	969.75
Kwik Stop	940.02		Southwest Farm and Auto	120.57
Macke's Grocery, Inc.	85		Village of Mullen	174.34
Margaret Cavanaugh Boyer	36.75		Ameritas Life Insurance	761.47
Marsh & McLennan Agency, LLC	4023		Internal Revenue Service	1134.29
Mary Lou Harding	295		Payroll	\$ 14,927.22
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	20	<b>LIBRARY FUND</b>		
MIPS, Inc	1483.82		Brodart Co	261.75
Mullen Auto & Diesel LLC	268.81		Consolidated Telephone Company	113.88
Nebraska Association of County Officials	175		Junior Library Guild	276.08
Patty Wolfenden	210		Neal Oil	83.25
Quill Corporation	235.56		Village of Mullen	260.98
Region II Human Services	45.76		Ameritas Life Insurance	98.73
Sandhills Area Sheriff's Association	150		Internal Revenue Service	169.27
Teresa Hampton	17.14		Payroll	2212.6
Todd Yost	6.08	<b>LODGING TAX PROMO FUND</b>		
Village of Mullen	499.52		Commercial Club	717
Vision Service Plan	71.97		Hooker County Tribune	7.56
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	24.48		Hooker Motor Club	2000
Windstream of the Midwest, LLC (2)	32.88		Mullen Ranch Rodeo	20000
Ameritas Life Insurance	3778.36		Omaha Publications	3525
Internal Revenue Service	11380.88		Stephanie Nelsen	2000
Medical Air Services Association-B2B	62.5	<b>INSTITUTIONS FUND</b>		
NE Department of Revenue	1673.03		Region II Human Services	776.75
George Vinton	2250	<b>911 SURCHARGE FUND</b>		
Payroll	24878.7		Keith County Emergency Management	11270.03

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 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:

  
Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk

Hooker County Board of Commissioners  
  
Bryan Crisp, Chairman