

Hayes County Board of Commissioners
May 29, 2026

A meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for May 29, 2026, at 8:45 A.M. in the Hayes County Courthouse, 505 Troth Street, Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advance notice of the meeting, including the time and place was given to each Commissioner, published in the *McCook Gazette* on May 19, 2026, and posted in accordance with law.

Chairman Christner called the meeting to order at 8:45 A.M. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to public attendance.

Those present were board members Wayne Christner, Kevin Fornoff and Barry Richards; Susan Messersmith, County Clerk; D Eugene Garner, County Attorney and Alec McKillip, Deputy Sheriff.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the agenda. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Christner requested comments from the audience. There were none.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve payroll excluding Road & Bridge employees #35, #93 and #13, for \$84,071.49. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards to approve road and bridge employee #93 payroll for \$1,686.95. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, abstain; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve road and bridge employee #13 payroll for \$298.93. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, abstain; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Fornoff to approve road and bridge employee #35 payroll for \$3,486.30. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, abstain. Motion carried.

The commissioners revisited the installation of Great Plains fiber optics cable on county roads. The commissioners considered the adoption of a reasonable charge to parties placing underground cables, water lines, etc. across or on any part of the county road right-of-way.

Richards left the meeting at 9:15 A.M.

Fornoff moved, second by Christner to adopt the following fee structure to occupy county road right-of-way: \$100.00 for perpendicular/across county road right-of-way and \$500.00 per mile going parallel to the county road in any part of the right-of-way, effective June 1, 2026. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, absent; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Alec McKillip, Deputy Sheriff, spoke with the commissioners regarding requests received from residents, Road 353 on the East side of Hamlet, and a funding proposal for additional deputy hours.

Fornoff moved, second by Christner to designate the State Print Shop and Pitney Bowes for the printing and mailing of the Joint Public Hearing postcards if needed. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, absent; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Fornoff to adjourn the meeting. There being no further discussion. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Christner adjourned the meeting at 11:02 A.M.

The next meeting will be on June 9, 2026, at 1:00 P.M.

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman