

Hayes County Commissioners
August 11, 2026

A meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for August 11, 2026, at 1:00 P.M. in the Hayes County Courthouse, 505 Troth Street, Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, including the time and place, was given to each Commissioner, published in the *McCook Gazette* on August 6, 2026, and posted in accordance with law.

A current copy of the Open Meetings Act was available for review and was posted in the room where the meeting was being held. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman Christner called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M. Those present were board members: Wayne Christner, Kevin Fornoff and Barry Richards; Susan Messersmith, County Clerk; and D. Eugene Garner, County Attorney; Alec McKillip, Deputy Sheriff; Leon Kolbet, Zoning Administrator and Dan Miller.

Richards moved, seconded by Fornoff 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.

Richards moved, seconded by Fornoff to approve the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, Imprest Account and the minutes of July 14 & 29, 2026 meetings. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Dan Miller joined the meeting to discuss the 2026-2027 budget. The budget hearing will be September 8, 2026, at 1:30 P.M. with the final tax request hearing to follow. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards to approve claims in the amount of \$82,496.94. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Leon Kolbet, Zoning Administrator, met with the Board and gave updates on zoning issues. The Board acknowledged the resignation of Tim McKillip as District 2 Planning and Zoning Board member.

Fornoff moved, seconded by Richards, to appoint Tyler Messersmith as the District 2 Planning and Zoning Board member for the remainder of the current term which will expire on December 31, 2026. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, seconded by Richards to appoint J.D. Grimes as Board of Adjustment member for the remainder of the current term which will expire on October 31, 2028. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, seconded by Fornoff approve the Treasurer's Report. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following inventories: District 3 Road Department, Sign Tech, Commissioner and Superintendent Rooms, County Court, Extension Educator, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Zoning Administrator, Weed Superintendent, County Attorney, County Sheriff, Courthouse Custodian, Veterans Service Officer, and Emergency Manager.

Pursuant to publication requirements of § 23-122 the following is a list of Hayes County job titles and current salaries: Commissioners-\$23,219.23/Yr, Sheriff-\$56,965.65/Yr, Part-Time Law Enforcement \$35.00/Hr, Treasurer-\$56,965.65/Yr, Deputy Treasurer-\$37,757.28/Yr, Ex-Officio Clerk-\$56,965.65/Yr, Ex-Officio Deputy Clerk-\$49,245.00; Clerk Office Assistant-\$19.50-\$20.95/Hr, Extension Office-\$40,950.00/Yr, County Attorney-\$42,649.95/Yr, Co Attorney Secretary-\$19.00/Hr, Road Department Employees-\$17.00-\$25.00/Hr, Zoning Administrator-\$1,800.00/Yr, Highway Superintendent-\$6,000.00/Yr, Emergency Manager-\$12,000.00/Yr, Deputy Emergency Manager-\$5,400.00/Yr, Veterans Service Admin-\$2,100.00/Yr, Weed Superintendent-\$5,400.00/Yr, Economic Dev Coordinator-\$25.00/Hr, Courthouse Maintenance-\$3,300.00/Yr.

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

Chairman Christner adjourned the meeting at 4:48 P.M.

The next meeting will be on August 31, 2026, at 8:30 AM.

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman