Hayes County Board of Commissioners
October 29, 2026

A meeting of the Hayes County Board of Equalization and Board of Commissioners was scheduled for October 29, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. in the Hayes County Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advance notice of the meeting, including time and place, was given to each Commissioner, published in the *McCook Gazette* on October 22, 2026, and posted in accordance with law.

Chairman Christner called the Commissioner meeting to order at 8:40 A.M. The Open Meetings Act was available for review, and the Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. All proceedings shown hereafter 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; Tammy Schwenk, County Treasurer; D. Eugene Garner, County Attorney; Kris Freeland, Superintendent of Schools and Travis Soundy, Transportation Director.

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

Chairman Christner requested comments from the audience. Kris Freeland and Travis Soundy met with the Commissioners to discuss storm routes.

Fornoff moved, seconded by Richards to approve payroll for $97,319.89, excluding road & bridge employees #35, #93 and #13. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, seconded by Fornoff to approve road and bridge employee #13 payroll for $1,568.38. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, abstain. Motion carried.

Christner moved, seconded by Richards to approve road and bridge employee #93 payroll for $2,828.03. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, abstain. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, seconded by Christner to approve road and bridge employee #35 payroll for $3,349.12. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, abstain. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, seconded by Christner to direct the Chairman to sign the Resolution 2026-15, a Resolution directing the County Treasurer to issue Tax Sale Certificates. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the claim received from Brian Tidyman.

Fornoff moved, seconded by Richards to adopt Resolution 2026-16, Signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for 2026. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Christner adjourned the meeting at 12:24 P.M.

The next meeting will be on November 10, 2026, at 1:00 P.M.

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Hayes County Clerk Board Chairman