

Greeley County Commissioner Minutes
May 28, 2025

The Greeley County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m. on the 28th day of May 2025 in the County Board Room, Greeley County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Cedar Valley News.

Answering present at Roll Call were Jordan Foltz, Joe Leslie, and Dennis Wadsworth. Also, present were County Attorney Cindy Bassett and Clerk Mindy Grossart. Chairman Foltz stated a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the east wall of the County Boardroom and copies were available for the public if requested. Everyone present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

New or unfinished business: Chad Engle, NIRMA Loss Prevention and Safety Specialist presented training to the Greeley County employees on Highway Department Loss Leaders, First Aid, Slips, Trips and Falls, Sprains & Strains Prevention and Fire Safety.

Motion was made by Leslie to waive the reading and approve the county board minutes from May 13, 2025, meeting, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

County payroll and vendor claims were reviewed by the board. Motion made by Leslie to approve payroll and claims, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. GENERAL: Bomgaars Supply postage 3.00, Country Market 5/28 safety meeting meal/supplies 301.10, Greeley County Clerk lodging reimb. 110.00, Mindy Grossart mileage reimbursement & supplies 330.72, NACO registration budget workshop 50.00, Connor Wood mileage reimb. 70.00, Angeline Wright mileage reimb. 24.36. ROAD: Country Market supplies 13.59, Greeley County Clerk filing fee road 20.00. ARPA: Curtis Stevens Masonry courthouse cement repair 5,000.00. NHERITANCE: Curtis Stevens Masonry veteran's wall repair 13,000.00. GENERAL FUND: Salaries, 34,790.07, EFTPS Matching SS, 2,661.47 Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 2,377.51, Blue Cross Blue Shield, 19,867.98, ROAD FUND: Salaries, 15,815.67, EFTPS Matching SS., 1,209.92, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 1,067.56.

A letter of engagement was received from Mueller & Honcik, P.C., regarding assisting with the preparation of the annual county budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026. Motion made by Leslie to approve the letter of engagement, seconded by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Sheriff Deaver requested to table the Stop Class discussion until the next meeting. Motion made by Wadsworth to table the Stop Class discussion until Jun 10th, seconded by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. No other updates.

Leslie moved to enter the Board of Equalization at 9:45 a.m., seconded by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Mary McGuire, Treasurer, presented an application for exemption for Cedar Hills Church, application is for a 2010 H&H utility trailer VIN#533SC121XAC200585. Motion made by Wadsworth to approve the exemption, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Gerri Behnk, Assessor presented tax list corrections # 1276, 1277 and 1278 on property ID 100001687 PP, Clerical error on personal property Tax District Correction from 105 to 65. Foltz moved to approve Tax List Correction #1276 original amount \$4,160.06, corrected amount \$2,361.52, second by Leslie.

Roll Call Vote: Foltz yes, Leslie yes, Wadsworth abstain, motion carried. Foltz moved to approve Tax List Correction #1277 original amount \$10,633.16, corrected amount \$5,896.16, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: Foltz yes, Leslie yes, Wadsworth abstain, motion carried. Foltz moved to approve Tax List Correction #1278 original amount \$7,625.84, corrected amount \$4,030.72, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: Foltz yes, Leslie yes, Wadsworth abstain, motion carried.

Chairman Foltz called for a recess at 9:48 a.m., reconvening at 9:56 a.m.

Gerri Behnk, Assessor & Bryan Hill, Lake Mac Assessment met with the County Board to give an update. Bryan stated new valuations will be sent out by June 1st, 2025. They reviewed and revalued the townships along Scotia and Wolbach and the townships north of Greeley and Spalding, Gerri and Connor revalued the Village of Scotia. Bryan explained to the board that there is 180 million in new value in Greeley County based on market adjustments, reviews and new construction. Gerri stated they are planning to send 3,000 out of 3,500 parcel valuation notices that will be changing value. Gerri explained that Market Area 1 increases were irrigated 15%, Dry 5% and grass 3-11%. Market Area 2 irrigated 25-33% increase, dry – no change and grass decrease 1-5%. Protest season will begin the month of June, any questions in regard to the valuation changes should be directed to the Greeley County Assessor, Gerri Behnk (308) 428-5310 or by email assessor@greeleycountyne.gov Protest Hearing dates are set for July 8th, 9th and 22nd if needed. Motion by Leslie to adjourn the Board of Equalization Meeting at 10:15 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Tyler Klabenes, General Manager with Twin Loups Reclamation/Irrigation District met with the Board to request consideration of a Resolution in support of their effort to obtain local ownership—through federal title transfer—of the water infrastructure facilities they currently manage under contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. He explained these facilities are critical to delivering irrigation water to over 56,000 acres across seven counties in central Nebraska. Title transfer would allow the district to manage this infrastructure with greater autonomy, reduce federal oversight costs, and more efficiently maintain and upgrade the system to meet local needs. After discussion, Leslie moved to approve Resolution 2025-7 In support of Twin Loups Reclamation District Title Transfer of Federal Facilities to Local Ownership, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Leslie moved to enter executive session at 10:32 a.m. for the purpose of discussing Courthouse security, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Commissions Foltz, Leslie, Wadsworth, and County Attorney Cindy Bassett were present. Wadsworth moved to exit executive session at 11:00 a.m., and return to regular session, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Leslie moved to enter executive session at 11:03 a.m., for the purpose of discussing possible litigation, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Commissions Foltz, Leslie, Wadsworth, and Chesney Ksionzek, Zelle HR Project Manager were present. Motion by Wadsworth to exit executive session at 11:20 a.m., and return to regular session, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Wadsworth moved to enter executive session at 11:23 a.m., for the purpose of discussing possible litigation, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Commissions Foltz, Leslie, Wadsworth, Chesney Ksionzek, Zelle HR Project Manager, Mindy Grossart Clerk, Gerri Behnk Assessor, Mary McGuire Treasurer, Paul Deaver Sheriff and Clerk Magistrate Michelle Soto were present. Motion by Wadsworth to exit executive session at 12:08 p.m., and return to regular session,

second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Leslie moved to enter executive session at 12:10 p.m., for the purpose of discussing possible litigation, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Commissions Foltz, Leslie, Wadsworth, Mindy Grossart Clerk, Paul Deaver Sheriff and Cindy Bassett County Attorney were present. Motion by Wadsworth to exit executive session at 12:34 p.m., and return to regular session, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Leslie to adjourn at 12:35 p.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Dated the 30th day of May 2025.

Jordan Foltz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mindy A. Grossart
Greeley County Clerk