

Greeley County Commissioner Minutes

January 13, 2026

The Greeley County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m. on the 13th day of January 2026 in the Boardroom, 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 Joe McNally, Interim County Attorney and County Clerk Mindy Grossart. Commissioner Foltz stated a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the east wall of the boardroom and copies are available for the public if requested. Everyone present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was then turned over to the County Clerk. Mindy Grossart, County Clerk acting as temporary Chairman asked for nominations for a 2026 County Board Chairman. Wadsworth moved to nominate Jordan Foltz as Chairman for 2026, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: Wadsworth yes, Leslie yes, Foltz abstain, motion carried. Jordan Foltz, Chairman asked for nominations for a Vice Chairman for 2026, Wadsworth nominated Joe Leslie for Vice Chairman for 2026, second by Foltz. Roll Call Vote: Wadsworth yes, Foltz yes, Leslie abstain, motion carried.

Wadsworth moved to set the county board meetings for the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise advertised, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion by Wadsworth to designate Cedar Valley News as the Official County newspaper for 2026, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. The Greeley County website (www.greeleycounty.ne.gov) is declared as an official means of publication. Motion was made by Wadsworth, second by Leslie to approve the Board Appointments that Greeley County is associated with for 2026. Jordan: Mid Nebraska Individual Services, Region III Governing Board, CNEED and Region 26, Joe: South Central Nebraska Agency on Aging, CCC Governing Advisory Council, and Loup Basin Regional Health Department, Dennis: Loup Central Landfill, Mid Plains Center for Behavioral Health and CNCAP. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Leslie to appoint Josh Grummert, RLS, as the Greeley County Surveyor, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Leslie moved to appoint Staci Rother Greeley County Fair Assistant, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion by Leslie to appoint Lance Harter as Highway Superintendent, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion by Leslie to appoint Trevor Nekoliczak as Planning & Zoning Administrator, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Leslie moved to appoint Jeremy Straka as Weed Superintendent, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Leslie moved to appoint Bill McManus as Emergency Manager, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

The following banks were reviewed as depositories for the year 2026: First National Bank, State Bank of Scotia, Citizen's State Bank, Homestead Bank, Henderson State Bank, Cedar Rapids State Bank, NPAIT, NFIT, Premier Bank, and Midwest Independent Bank. Leslie moved to approve the 2026 depositories: First National Bank, State Bank of Scotia, Citizen's State Bank, Homestead Bank, Henderson State Bank, Cedar Rapids State Bank and NPAIT and authorized the County Treasurer to invest idle funds appropriately second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Leslie moved to approve the County Mileage reimbursement rate at \$0.725 according to Section 81-1176 effective January 1, 2026, subject to change if the government adjusts the rate, second by Wadsworth. The Sheriff's Department is entitled to charge an additional 3¢ if serving papers. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Leslie moved to approve a physician from the Howard County Medical Center to remain as the County Doctor, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Leslie to set the County burial policy as follows: the County will pay \$1,000.00 for cremation, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. All resources such as savings and checking accounts, cash on hand, insurance, and any funeral benefit through Social Security or other sources are to be applied against the county funeral allowance.

Motion made by Leslie, all contractors will file proof of liability insurance with the County Clerk prior to any work being done, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

The County Officials rate salary was set in Resolution dated December 28, 2021. County Assessor Deputy, Clerk Deputy, Treasurer Deputy are set at 75% and Sheriff Deputy 65%-85% of the official's salary. After a short discussion, motion by Wadsworth to approve 5% increases for all hourly employees, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Leslie moved to approve the 2026 official holidays as set by State Statute 25-2221, second by Wadsworth. Additional days off approved for 2026 are August 11, 2026, afternoon for the Greeley County Fair, April 3, 2026, afternoon for Good Friday and December 24, 2026, Christmas Eve. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. All days declared by law or proclamation of the President &/or Governor to be a holiday. Motion made by Leslie to approve Courthouse Hours 8-4, except holidays, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

After a short discussion, Wadsworth moved to table the County Board appointments to the Planning & Zoning Board Members, Veterans Service Board Members and Greeley County Safety Committee until January 27, 2026, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Leslie to waive the reading and approve the county board minutes from December 23, 2025, board meeting, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Monthly reports were reviewed from the Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, Sheriff, and Treasurer. Motion made by Wadsworth, second by Leslie to approve the monthly reports. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

County payroll and vendor claims were reviewed by the board. Motion made by Wadsworth to approve claims & payroll, seconded by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. GENERAL: Antelope County Sheriff inmate medical 135., Appearal janitorial 142.32, Applied Connective Technologies IT services 2,890.98, B & D Storage rent 715., Patty Bauer prior service 11.54, Gerri Behnk mileage 133., Black Hills Energy service 1,965.40, Blauhorn Law court. appt. attorney 2,250., Central Nebraska Attorneys court appt. attorney 225., Cintas first aid supplies 15.06, Clearly internet/phone 761.27, Country Partners fuel 169.54, DAS State Acctg. – Central Finance data processing 183., Paul Deaver postage 1.90, Eakes Office Solutions copy lease/office supplies 749.73, Fairfield Inn & Suites lodging 1,499.40, First Concord Benefits Group insurance fees 458.17, First National Bank ach fees 33.60, Margaret Freeman prior service 13., Great Plains Communications internet 250., Greeley Country Market food/janitor supply 490.65, Greeley County Clerk postage/supplies 223.48,

Greeley County Court court cost 49., Greeley County Treasurer transfer general to inheritance 30,000., Mindy Grossart mileage 119., Harouff Law court appt. attorney 1,387.50, Hometown Leasing copier leases 284.48, Howard County district court expenses 1,794.98, Howard/Greeley RPPD service 263.94, Justice Data Solutions software 4,200., LB413164-Blue 360 Media law manuals 508.25, Marvin Planning Consultants comprehensive plan consulting 2,350., Charles Maser prior service 80.78, Charles McManus prior service 10., Joseph McNally legal services 7,057.56, Microfilm Imaging Systems scanning 40., Mid-Nebraska Disposal service 770., Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center dues 100., MIPS data processing 2,383.17, Charlotte Murphy prior service 21., NACO dues/registration/dues 250., National Sheriff's Association dues 125., National Association of County Assessors dues 100., Nebraska Health & Human Services mental service 93., Nebraska State Fire Marshall boiler inspection 81., Corrine Nekoliczak prior service 103.86, People's Service fuel/tires 1,041.79, Phonograph-Herald publishing 120., Pitzer Digital print/publish/subscription 720.50, Police Officers' Association of NE membership 60., Donald Poss prior service 80.78, R & R Pump fuel/meal 236.18, Region 3 Behavioral Health Services contract 1,439.18, Scotia Electric building repair 355.01, Michelle Soto office supplies 37.95, Stealth Broadband internet 65., Jeremy Straka mileage/registration 365.60, Catherine Sweeney prior service 10., Tobey Law court appt. attorney 2,537.60, Transunion Risk and Alternative data processing 120., Trotters Whoa & Go – Ord fuel 60.69, Trotters Whoa & Go II – Scotia fuel 140.70, Tyler Technologies software 475.94, US Bank Corporate Payment Systems postage/meal 20.13, Verizon Wireless service 160.13, Village of Greeley service 278.85, Vision Service Plan insurance 460.21, Yosten Law court appt. attorney 2,762.50, Zelle Human Resource Solutions HR services 3,000. 911 Custom vests 1,227. ROAD: Ace Irrigation & Manufacturing culverts 49,950.16, AKRS Equipment grease/oil/pipes/bolts 67.72, Amazon Business office supplies 103.60, Appear uniform/towel service 458.40, Black Hills Energy service 1,164.56, Bomgaars Supply shop supplies/grease/oil/misc. 173.97, Cintas first aid supplies 1,347.08, Corner Garage fuel additive 138., Country Partners fuel 4,673.39, Dutcher Electric handi-man misc. labor/electric supplies 134.54, Grossarts building repair/hardware 312.04, Grummert Professional Services surveyor fees 3,600., GVW Trailer Sales repair parts 402.62, Hamilton phone/internet 105.51, HillBill's Diesel parts/shop supplies/hardware 108.93, Howard/Greeley RPPD service 460.01, Island Supply Welding Company oxygen/acetylene 19.84, Jeffres Sand & Gravel road gravel 700.56, K & S Welding and Repair tire repair/labor 320.80, Lawson Products shop supplies 179.88, Miller Power Sports fuel/grease/oil 203.94, Molt Mfg. parts/labor 1,420., Nebraska Machinery Company parts/labor 2,455.07, Oak Creek Engineering mileage/engineering fees 4,466.50, Ther Parts Bin – Ord shop supplies/parts/grease/oil/hardware 330.97, The Parts Bin – St. Paul parts 9.89, Patzel Construction crushed concrete 6,599.34, People's Service tire repair/labor 1,948.60, Platinum Truck Service parts/labor 4,676.12, Pomp's Tire Service tire repair 9,102., Roaches Lumber & Redi-Mix parts/building repair 11,651.97, Scotia Electric building repair/handi-man labor 555.93, Spalding Farm & Home shop supplies 75.13, State of Nebraska Motor Fuels Division motor fuel tax 311., Trotters Whoa & Go II – Scotia fuel 150.65, UNK training 385., Valley Auto Parts parts 3.68, Village of Greeley service 76.60, Village of Scotia water/sewer/garbage 63.30, Village of Spalding service 88.86, Wayne Killinger Welding parts/labor 47., June Wilford storage fee 50. REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION: MIPS online service 104.57. INHERITANCE TAX: James Anderson machine hire 19,375. GENERAL FUND: Salaries, 37,557.59, EFTPS Matching SS, 2,328.58 Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 2,582.06, Blue Cross Blue Shield, 21,530.03, ROAD FUND: Salaries, 20,700.60, EFTPS Matching SS., 1,283.44, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 1,397.28.

Leslie moved to enter BOE at 10:00 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Knights of Columbus #13584 filed an Application for Exemption for a 2015 H&H Trailer VIN#533TC1626FC248695 Religious exemption. Motion by Leslie, second by Wadsworth to approve Knights of Columbus #13584 Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Cedar

Hills Church filed an Application for Exemption for a 2010 H&H Trailer VIN#533SC121XAC200585 Religious exemption. Motion made by Wadsworth, second by Leslie to approve Cedar Hills Church filed an Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Leslie, second by Wadsworth to adjourn BOE at 10:03 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Lance Harter, Greeley County Highway Superintendent submitted an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Joint Application to the BUILD Grouped Bridge Application Between Howard County and Greeley County. Howard County , as Lead Agency shall: Coordinate preparation and submittal of the BUILD grant application, serve as the primary point of contact with FHWA and any other relevant agencies and execute the grant agreement with FHWA if the application is successful. Greeley County agrees to provide relevant bridge data, cost estimates, and project justification materials in a timely manner, collaborate on application review and final approval, assist in identifying local match (if required) and participate in decision-making regarding project phasing, consultant selection, and implementation. Wadsworth moved to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Howard County and Greeley County, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. The Clerk will forward the Interlocal Agreement to Howard County for final approval of the Interlocal Agreement.

Sheriff Deaver stated they have ordered a Chevy Silverado Pick Up for the Sheriff's Department. They plan to keep the Tahoe as a backup vehicle and for the Assessor's Office to use.

Public Comment: None. Chairman Foltz gave a brief update on the BUILD Application process and provided the following information if anyone would like to complete the survey. The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT), in partnership with 7 counties, is applying to receive federal grant funding to replace Structure No. C003904805P on Davis Creek Road. We need your help by completing a brief survey! Your answers will be used to support the grant application. This online survey will take less than five minutes to complete. <https://hdr.jotform.com/team/public/NDOTBUILD>

Leslie moved to enter executive session at 10:10 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. The County Board, Joe McNally Interim County Attorney and intermittently County Assessor Gerri Behnk, County Clerk Mindy Grossart, County Sheriff Paul Deaver and County Treasurer Mary McGuire were present. Motion made by Leslie to exit executive session at 10:43 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

2027- 2030 Salaries were tabled during the December 23, 2025, Board Meeting. The Nebraska Revised Statute §23-1114 provides that "The salaries of all elected officers of the county shall be fixed by the county board prior to January 15 of the year in which a general election will be held for the respective offices." The Board had a short discussion on reviewing the NACO salary study recommendations for Greeley County. The General Election is to be held on November 3, 2026, the elective county offices to be on the ballot are County Commissioner for District #1 and #2, Assessor, Attorney, Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff and Surveyor. Wadsworth moved to approve Resolution 2026-1 to set Commissioner salary \$30,200 for calendar year 2027 and 2028, the annual salary for the office of County Commissioner shall be \$30,200 for calendar years 2029 and 2030, plus an increase based on the CPI-U. Assessor, Attorney, Clerk & Treasurer base salary of \$73,000 with a 5% increase annually. The Clerk will receive an additional \$5,000 in compensation for the 2027-2030 term, for multiple officeholder responsibilities of Election Commissioner and Register of Deeds. The additional compensation of \$1,250 annually will be paid from the Election Commissioner budget. Sheriff \$82,000, with a five percent increase annually, the Surveyor will remain at \$5,000 throughout 2027, 2028, 2029 & 2030, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Leslie moved to enter a second executive session at 11:01 a.m. for the purpose of possible litigation, second by Wadsworth. The Board, and Joe McNally, Interim County Attorney, were present. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Leslie to exit executive session at 11:13 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Leslie to adjourn at 11:15 a.m., second by Wadsworth. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Dated this 16th day of January 2026.

Jordan Foltz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mindy A. Grossart
Greeley County Clerk