

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES

March 24, 2026

A Meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session on the 24th day of March, 2026, in the Boardroom, Howard County Courthouse, St. Paul, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was given thereof on the 18th day of March, 2026. Copies of the agenda were posted in the courthouse, emailed to each Commissioner, and kept current and available to the public at the Clerk's office. A proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's office. Chairman Hirschman called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m. Roll Call: Jessie Urbanski, Aye; Kirt Lukasiewicz, Aye; and Kathy Hirschman, Aye. Also, present is County Clerk, Brenda Klanecky.

Pledge of Allegiance- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited during the Board of Equalization meeting.

Chairman Hirschman stated to those in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting is being held.

Public Comment-Matthew G. McGuire was present to speak about his experiences in St. Paul, Nebraska. No action taken.

County Road Discussion –Highway Superintendent, Janet Thomsen was present to discuss surplus property. The list included the following items: 1991 Ford L8000 (Truck 3), 1992 Ford L8000 (Truck 14), 2001 GMC Sierra 1500 (Pickup 14), 2001 Chevy 2500 (Sign Pickup 007), and 1971 John Deere 760 A Scraper. Urbanski made a motion to approve the above listed property and add a 1962 Cat D6B Manual Shift Dozer and seconded by Lukasiewicz. Roll Call: Hirschman, Aye; Urbanski, Aye; and Lukasiewicz, Aye. Discussion was held on how to sell the surplus property. Ms. Thomsen will check with Big Iron, Purple Wave and Auction Time. New Road's Building Open House will be on Friday, March27th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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NIRMA Spotlight Seminar Series

Information from Connie Holmes on the Crime Commission Grants projected for FY2026-2027

Unfinished Business- None.

Carla Jensen-Aegis Benefits- Carla Jensen and Michael Haumann presented information regarding Health Compass. Lukasiewicz made a motion to approve sending a payroll register report to Health Compass to determine eligibility and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Hirschman, Aye; Urbanski, Aye; and Lukasiewicz, Aye.

County Burial-Brown-Commissioners reviewed the application. Lukasiewicz made a motion to deny the application for the Brown County Burial and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Lukasiewicz, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye;

County Burial-Trentman- The application was reviewed. Urbanski made a motion to deny the application for the Trentman County Burial and seconded by Lukasiewicz. Roll Call: Hirschman, Aye; Urbanski, Aye; and Lukasiewicz, Aye.

Treasurer-Update on Tax Sales-County Treasurer, Sara Roy was present to update the Commissioners regarding the tax sales held in March.

Approve/Deny-Hruza Administrative Subdivision- Planning and Zoning Administrator, Cherri Klinginsmith and Derek Vrtiska were present regarding the application of the Hruza Administrative Subdivision. Following discussion, Urbanski made a motion to approve the Hruza Administrative Subdivision as presented and seconded by Lukasiewicz. Roll Call: Urbanski, Aye; Lukasiewicz, Aye; and Hirschman, Aye.

Ben Hancock-Royal Coachman-Approve/Deny GCA Activities-Mr. Hancock was unable to attend. Brian Sack and Jerry Thompson were present to discuss the drag racing activities during GCA Days on Paul Street. Plan A and B were discussed. Lukasiewicz made a motion to approve either Plan A or Plan B for the Royal Coachman as presented and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Hirschman, Aye; Urbanski, Aye; and Lukasiewicz, Aye. The Royal Coachman will be responsible for the liability insurance for the event and provide the County Clerk with a copy.

Sharon Hueftle-SCEDD Annual Review- Executive Director, Sharon Hueftle with SCEDD was present to discuss the annual review with the Commissioners. Ms. Hueftle highlighted the projects in progress or completed in the last year by SCEDD.

Road's Dept. Work Session- Janet Thomsen and Jerry Thompson were present to go through current road's projects. The Commissioners would like to see curbs, crowns, and culverts taken care of, and cleaning out road ditches. Also discussed was another source for clay. The use of crushed concrete in some areas was discussed. Quotes will be asked for on the crushed concrete. A hydrology study was discussed on one of the roads and to get a quote. The Commissioners would like to meet for a work session once a month. The second meeting of the month during County Road Discussion. Times on the agenda will be shifted accordingly.

Consent Agenda - The Board reviewed the payroll and claims dated 3/24/2026, and the Commissioner Meeting board of equalization and regular minutes dated 3/10/2026. Motion was made by Urbanski and seconded by Lukasiewicz to approve the payroll and claims dated 3/24/2026, General \$270,487.08, and Roads-\$80,672.02, for a total of \$354,159.10, and Commissioner meeting minutes dated 3/10/2026, and authorize Board Chair, Kathy Hirschman to sign the minutes. Roll Call: Urbanski, Aye; Lukasiewicz, Aye; and Hirschman, Aye.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Lukasiewicz and seconded by Urbanski to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m. Roll Call: Hirschman, Aye; Urbanski, Aye; and Lukasiewicz, Aye. Meeting Adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners will be April 14, 2026.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2026.

Kathy Hirschman
Howard County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Brenda Klanecky
Howard County Clerk