

DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
AGENDA JANUARY 5, 2026, at 3:00 P.M.
County Board Meeting Room, first floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – Excused Absence

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. RE-ORGANIZATION

- a. Nominations for Chairperson §23-156
- b. Nominations for Vice-Chair

2. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*

- a. Approval of the previous minutes – December 22, 2025
- b. Board to approve the payroll claims from December 21, 2025 to January 3, 2026
- c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
- d. Approval of accounts payable claims(if any)
- f. If changes are made to Chairperson, approve the removal of prior Chair from the accounts at F & M Bank, Siouxland Bank, BankFirst and add new Chairperson, and keep Cherie Conley, County Clerk as primary signer and Paola Ledesma, Deputy County Clerk as secondary signer.
- g. Approval to designate the following banks as depositories for Dakota County with the maximum deposit being governed by securities pledged by each institution: BankFirst Bank, South Sioux City; First Community Bank, Homer; First Nebraska Bank, Valley; F&M Bank, South Sioux City; Siouxland Bank, South Sioux City; Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT), Union Bank & Trust, Lincoln.
- h. Approval of the date and time of regular Commissioner meetings as bi-weekly starting from today; start time as 3:00 PM. with meetings to be held on Monday, or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday. Chair reserves the right to make exception for an unforeseen circumstance (Nov 23 & Dec 21, 2026 move meeting to 9:00 a.m. as they are Holiday weeks.)
- i. Approval and establishment of the following dates for County Holidays in 2026 and calendar:

Jan 1, 2026 – New Year’s Day	Nov. 11, 2026 – Veterans Day
Jan. 19, 2026 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Nov. 26, 2026 – Thanksgiving Day
Feb. 16, 2026 – President’s Day	Nov. 27, 2026 – Day after Thanksgiving
May 25, 2026 – Memorial Day	Dec 24, 2026 – ½ Day Christmas Eve Day
July 3, 2026 – Independence Day	Dec 25, 2026 – Christmas Day
Sept. 7, 2026 – Labor Day	
- j. Annual approval of posting the Board’s agenda on County website www.dakotacountyne.org
- k. Approval and designation of County Government Day as Wednesday, October 7, 2026.
- l. Annual approval of the Dakota County Burial Policy last revised January 30, 2017.
- j. Annual renewal of Pop Machine Agreement between Dakota County Employee Association and the Dakota County Board of Commissioners.

- k. Approval of the following Appointments:
 - Nicholas Nieman, Veterans Service Officer
 - Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, License #S-1698, Class A, Calendar Year 2025
 - Deanna Hagberg, Emergency Management Director
 - Theresa Grove, Health Department Director
 - Joe O'Neill, Planning & Zoning Director
 - Dr. Wendt, Health Board Doctor Advisor

4. NEW BUSINESS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. Board to acknowledge and accept Sheriff Kleinberg's letter advising the Board of his retirement as of December 30, 2025, and to decide on interview committee and approve advertising.
- b. Andy Forney, D.A. Davidson & Co., provided information and is requesting Board approval of Resolution 26C-001 approving, adopting, ratifying, and affirming the execution of a lease-purchase agreement with NACO Leasing Corporation for acquisition of property – Road Dept the Lease Purchase Agreement for a 772GP Motor Grader approved at the November 24, 2025 meeting award going to Murphy Tractor for \$373,142.85 at 3.90% interest.
- c. Approve Resolution 26C-002 to make the appointment of the County representative to the governing board of the Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency.
- d. Board Chair to make appointments for members/employees/public to serve on the following boards and working committees:

Advisors to Various Boards:

- ❖ Area Agency for Aged Advisory Board (*3-yr term to 2027*) – Shawna Messerlie
- ❖ Area Agency on Aging Governing Board
- ❖ County Health Board
- ❖ Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency Governing Board (*Res.26C-002*)
- ❖ Goldenrod Regional Housing Agency (*formerly NE Nebr. Joint Housing Agency*)
- ❖ Northstar (*formerly Region IV Developmental Disabilities*)
- ❖ NE Nebraska Community Action Partnership
- ❖ Planning & Zoning
- ❖ RC&D (*Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation & Development Council*)
- ❖ Region IV Mental Health Board
- ❖ SIMPCO Board of Directors
- ❖ SIMPCO Transportation MPO Policy Board
- ❖ Dakota County Nebraska Housing Trust Fund Board

Member of Working Committee:

- ❖ Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- ❖ Civil Defense (LEPC, PEP)
- ❖ Dakota County Rural Economic Development
- ❖ Emergency Closings
- ❖ Finance/Budget
- ❖ Growing Community Connections
- ❖ Highway 35 Committee
- ❖ KNNB (*Keep Northeast Nebraska Beautiful*)
- ❖ LEC (*Law Enforcement Center*)
- ❖ LEC (*County Representative on the Joint Law Enforcement Center Board*)
- ❖ Legislative
- ❖ Merit Commission
- ❖ Personnel/Policies
- ❖ Press Committee
- ❖ Property/Space Utilization
- ❖ Road Committee
- ❖ Safety Committee
- ❖ Storm Water Advisory Board
- ❖ Veterans Oversight Committee

- f. Kristin Robinette, Juvenile Diversion Coordinator, requesting approval for the FY2027 Juvenile Diversion Grant for the period of 7/1/2026 to 6/30/2027. Application deadline is January 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

5. OLD BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent - Road Report

6. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Dakota County Title VI Policy Statement: “No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, disability/handicap or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity provided by Dakota County, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not. Complaints with regard to this policy must be filed in writing with the Board Administrative Assistant within 180 days of the alleged act of discrimination.

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