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102-Falls City

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Council chooses substation
site for Energy Forward
Transmission Project

The Falls City Council met on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, with council member Leyden and Mayor Harkendorff absent. Joe Buckminster presided as acting mayor.

In old business, Bing Bindrum addressed the Board, requesting that they revisit an application for restricted parking in the 900 Block of Morton Street. The Council had previously approved parking restrictions in the described area on November 3, 2025. After hearing from nearby neighbors, the Council agreed to revoke the parking restrictions at the December 1, 2025, meeting. Bindrum modified his request from the original to just 25 feet across from the driveway that houses his trailer. Bindrum made his initial request at the September 15, 2025, City Council meeting.

The Council voted 6-1 in favor of the 25-foot parking ban, with Councilperson Kaster voting nay.

A public hearing was held to consider approving chicken permit applications for 523 Wilson St., 901 E 21st St., 804 E. 17th St., 1802 Huber Rd., 1402 Morton St., 2414 Fulton St. and 701 E. 14th St. The hearing opened at 6:13 and closed at 6:15.

The Council then unanimously approved the submission of the applications for the above-mentioned sites.

A public hearing was held regarding a livestock permit application at 2414 Fulton Street for Brian and Jessie Lemerond. The Lemerond's requested the approval for two goats and two mini donkeys. The hearing opened at 6:21 and closed at 6:23. The motion then passed 7-0.

A public hearing was held on an amendment to the City of Falls City's redevelopment plan, which would include the Fairview Mills Redevelopment Project. The public hearing was to discuss the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for the project. TIF is a redevelopment tool authorized under Nebraska law to encourage private investment in properties that would not be redeveloped without assistance.

Duane Anderson, an employee of J-Six Enterprises, addressed the Board. Anderson told the members that the project would be a "dry pet food ingredient facility."

Anderson continued, "The building, once we get done, will look quite a bit different."

He said the facility will likely see around 20 trucks coming and going every day, while employing between eight and ten people.

The Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) recommended approval of an amendment to the redevelopment plan to include the Fairview Mills project. The Planning Commissioner also recommended the approval of the project.

According to City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum, "One thing to understand as council is, TIF is a financing tool for redevelopment. It is not a tax subsidy. It is a tax shift."

Nussbaum stated that the increase in valuations and the base valuations or assessed values would not be in place with tax increment financing.

He continued, saying that the project is valued at \$555,000 and that the company is planning major improvements to the area, bringing the estimated valuation of the grounds to \$4 million.

"So, there's a tax increment capture there of about a little over \$3.4 million based on a levy rate of 1.8," said Nussbaum.

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the amendment.

The Council voted to extend the council president and acting president to two-year terms, rather than the current one-year cycle.

The Board also elected Derrick Leyden as Council President and Joe Buckminster as Acting President.

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Assistant County Veterans Service Officer James Kirkendall accepts a check from Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 Treasurer Judy Schlosser. Five hundred and forty dollars was donated to the Richardson County Veterans Aid Fund. This donation represents 100% of the proceeds from the Annual Tour of Homes sponsored by the Shubert ALA Unit 222. The fund is used to help Veterans and their dependents in time of need. The Shubert ALA is proud to stand along side Richardson County Veterans.

Zoning regulation discussed
at Board meeting

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners convened on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, with all members present.

EDGE Director Lucas Froeschl provided the Board with a quarterly report, updating the Commissioners on numerous EDGE-related projects.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr., provided the Board with an update on road and bridge maintenance underway throughout the county. Darveau told the Board that his department would replace bridge planks on cold mornings and haul rock in the afternoons. He also advised the Board of a meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, in Nebraska City with Whetrock Quarries. He invited the Commissioners to attend. The meeting will include representatives from Otoe, Nemaha, and Johnson Counties to discuss available products.

The Superintendent presented pictures to the Commissioners and provided information on cables and gates attached to bridges in the county to prevent livestock from crossing under bridges onto neighboring properties. Darveau reminded the Board that any structures, such as gates or cables, must be on the property owner's side of the right-of-way and not attached in any way to bridges or county-owned structures. Darveau said the issue is widespread throughout the county.

Emergency Management Director Brian Kirkendall briefed the Board on information his office had received about a project at Indian Cave. The Nebraska Game and Parks had begun replacing a boat ramp located within a floodway. The Game and Parks obtained a no-rise certificate and commissioned an engineering study. The area in question is within Richardson County. The county was not notified of the replacement. The Game and Parks completed a floodplain permit on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

The Board also discussed the National Flood Insurance Program and whether the County could withdraw from it. County Attorney Samantha Scheitel advised the Board to schedule a date and time to receive public comments on the withdrawal from the insurance program.

Commissioner Campbell addressed an email from Donny Christensen of NEMA (Nebraska Emergency Management Agency), which stated that participation in the flood insurance program was voluntary and applied only to floods.

"That it has no bearing whatsoever on any other type of disaster payments other than flood insurance," said Kirkendall.

The withdrawal would affect anyone in the county outside of cities and villages. The only floodways in the county are along the Missouri River. However, other floodplains exist in the county.

"We don't know who it affects,
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Humboldt Council
approves chicken
ordinance,
fund transfers

The Humboldt City Council approved multiple routine items and took action on ordinances, financial transfers and board appointments during its regular meeting Jan. 20 at City Hall.

Council approved minutes from the Jan. 6 regular meeting and the Jan. 14 special meeting following roll call votes.

Claims were approved without discussion.

The public works report included updates on water shut-offs, installation of new water sampling stations, a fire hydrant installation on Long Branch Road, a water meter replacement on Edwards Street and repairs at the wastewater treatment plant. Completion of new concrete work on Grand Avenue was also reported.

The annual library report was presented. Circulation and library card numbers were reported as increased, while material expenditures were down due to budget constraints. A new craft and social group was announced to begin in February.

Council approved the removal
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Former Richardson
Co. Veterans
Service Officer,
Mona Godemann
passes away

Mona Kay Godemann, 68, of Dawson, Nebraska, was born on April 19, 1957, in Hastings, Nebraska, and was called to her eternal home on January 19, 2026, in Falls City, NE surrounded by her family.

Mona was born to Samuel Lee and Johanna Augusta (Schmitt) Hursh. She was baptized in Grand Island, NE, and later confirmed on November 13, 1983, at St.

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With the college football season wrapped up, I decided it was time to revisit the past season and look forward to seeing what the future may hold for not only Husker football but college football as a whole. Before digging in too deep, I would like to congratulate the Indiana Hoosiers for winning the national championship over the Miami Hurricanes last Monday night. Raise your hands if you picked Indiana as the national champ before the season began; I’m guessing not many of you made that bold prediction.

The title was the third in three years for a Big Ten school, and, interestingly enough, all three came from different schools. Before that, the SEC had won six of the previous eight titles (Alabama 3, Georgia 2, LSU 1) with Clemson (ACC) winning the other two.

Has the Big Ten caught the SEC? Has it passed the SEC? Michigan won the championship in 2023, followed by Ohio St. in 2024 and, of course, Indiana this season. Are Big Ten coaches recruiting better, or has NIL evened the playing field in college football when it comes to snagging athletes from the South?

Let’s debate NIL (Name, Image and Likeness). This mess began years ago because college athletes grew tired of universities making money off their jersey sales and video games using their likenesses without restitution.

Former Husker quarterback Sam Keller inadvertently set the NIL mess in motion way back in 2009, when he filed a lawsuit against EA Sports and the NCAA for using his likeness in the video game without compensation.

Flash forward to the college landscape of today. Big Universities with big budgets are more likely to attract the top-rated players. Now, Indiana has proven it doesn’t always take the highest-rated athletes to be successful, but it sure doesn’t hurt.

Different sites show different amounts, but estimates indicate schools spending upwards of \$34 million on rosters next season. It should come as no surprise to see a school such as Texas A&M leading the SEC at an estimated \$34 million. Ohio State reportedly leads the Big Ten at \$33.5 million, while Texas Tech leads the Big 12 at an estimated \$28 million. These kids are no longer kids; they are professional athletes.

Are these figures accurate? No one can say for sure, as schools are not required to disclose NIL deals. However, where there is smoke, there is usually fire, so it’s probably safe to say these numbers aren’t far off.

While I’m talking numbers, let’s address the transfer portal and the number of athletes that entered it this period. This year, the transfer portal operated on a 15-day cycle from January 2 to January 16. Over 3,700 D-1 college football players entered their names into the portal on the first day, and by the time the period had ended, over 4,500 student/athletes had dipped their toes into the portal. An astronomical 31% of those who entered the portal did so for the second or third time. There are roughly 14,300 players in the FBS (Football Bowl Subdivision), the highest level of college football. The numbers show that basically 1/3 of those kids/men entered the portal this year.

There is no such thing as loyalty or earning your spot on the field; if you don’t like where you are, put your name in the hat and see how much interest you can draw. If nothing else, it seems like a good way to make the school that you’re already playing for pay more for your services.

Much will be said and debated over the following months regarding Coach Rhule and the Husker football program. Did they spend enough money? Did they spend too much? Did they spend it on the right positions/players?

Of course, no crystal ball exists to give us those answers now, but eight months down the road, as the season kicks off, we should have a clear picture of whether the right decisions were made in the offseason. Fingers crossed. Go Big Red.

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All things Nebraska

No-bid contract sought by Pillen for an acquaintance

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

It’s one thing to try and cut out shenanigans in state government and another if you’re part of it.

Gov. Jim Pillen’s recent “State of the State” address laid out plenty of goals to cut out funny business in state government, from ending frivolous lawsuits to reversing tax breaks for special interests.

But not mentioned was a sizable, no-bid contract the governor approved in 2024 for a lobbyist he was well acquainted with, via overseas trade missions and events in Nebraska.

State Auditor Mike Foley – who seemingly isn’t afraid to call out anyone or anything – rapped Pillen for seeking an emergency, no-bid contract of \$2.5 million for the lobbyist via her firm, Global Sustainability Developers, “a company handpicked rather than selected through a ‘time-honored’ and legally required open, competitive process.”

Issuing state contracts via competitive bids is a “bed-rock, foundational tenet of government operation,” the auditor said.

“When you sidestep a foundational tenet, it’s just waving a red flag for any public auditor,” Foley told the Nebraska Examiner. “It just smacks of favoritism.” (My guess is that Foley isn’t going to be invited to any governor steak fry any time soon.)

When issuing an “emergency” contract without seeking competitive bids, a state agency, or in this case, the governor’s office, has to justify what emergency necessitates contracting for services without seeking bids – something that didn’t happen in this case. Pillen has denied that there was any favoritism shown in the \$2.5 million contract issued in May 2024 with the company, owned by lobbyist Julie Bushell, the firm’s lone employee.

The contract called on Bushell to seek out more federal funds to help develop the bioeconomy in Nebraska, and to get more businesses in that arena to open in the state.

The administration says that the justification portion of the emergency contract was left blank by mistake. It now says that going through the normal process of seeking bids would have taken too long, and would have meant that the state lost out on some federal dollars during the last few months of the Biden Administration.

A spokeswoman for Pillen said that Bushell’s efforts helped Nebraska obtain \$550 million in federal grant pledges (of which \$200 million, the Examiner reported, has not yet arrived).

A Phelps County official also said that her help was vital in obtaining a pledge to build a \$5.5 billion facility there to convert cornstalks into biofuel.

Foley questioned whether the Phelps County project will ever happen, given the track record of the company involved, and stated that other states obtained similar amounts of federal funds as Nebraska did,

without paying a consultant.

The Examiner reported that the \$2.5 million deal was the largest no-bid contract by far issued through the State Department of Economic Development in recent years.

The auditor said there appeared to be plenty of time to award such a contract, rather than proceed as a no-bid, emergency affair. But Pillen officials disputed that, saying it would have delayed the work by more than three months past the May 2024 award to Bushell.

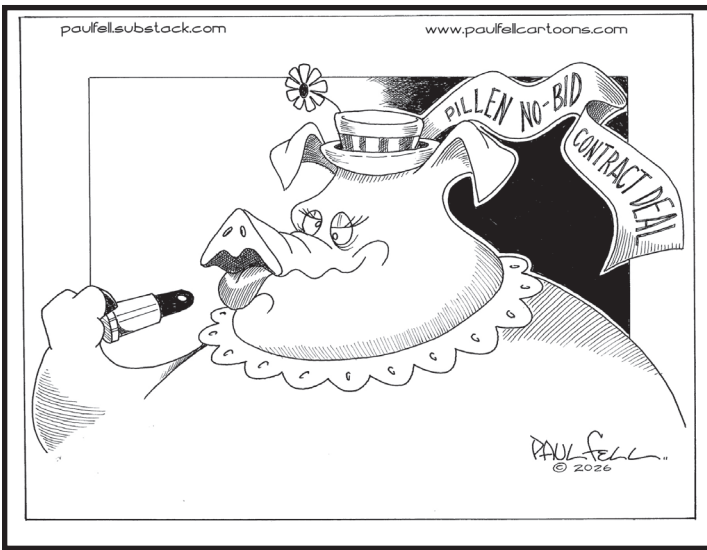
Now, there are emergencies and there are “emergencies.”

The COVID-19 pandemic, for instance, was a real emergency, and it prompted then Gov. Ricketts to give a \$27-million, no-bid contract to a Utah firm to quickly set up testing stations for the virus. The contract drew criticism, but the contractor, Nomi Health, mostly delivered on what was promised in what was a hectic time in state history.

Also, in government there are laws, there are rules and there are appearances. Foley says Pillen and his people violated the law, by not justifying the “emergency.”

One thing’s for sure, the appearance was not good.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. Prior to his retirement, he was senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.



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 - Pinch to save
 - Brownie
 - Lady, in Madrid
 - Proprietor
 - Romanian money
 - Iraqi money
 - Coffee shop order
 - *Before 1998 only they played Olympic hockey
 - Spring to mind” or “Spring into action,” e.g.
 - *Most decorated country in Winter Olympics
 - * ____ of Hamill Camel fame
 - *How Olympic Athletes from Russia were designated in 2018, acr.
 - Assistant
 - ____ of war
 - Sushi wrapped in nori
 - Oblong cream puff
 - Singles
 - Manure, e.g.
 - Soil for cultivation
 - Bon Jovi hit “Have a ____ day”
 - “Encore!”
 - Don’t go
 - Bumpkin
 - Poet Pound’s first name
 - Rodeo Drive tree
 - Sense of alienation and isolation
 - Similar
 - Toast option
 - *Misha, 1980 Russian Olympics Mascot was one
 - Samuel Butler: “Spare the ____ and spoil the child”
 - * ____ Shiffrin, most decorated U.S. alpine skier
 - *Overall Olympic curling medal leader
 - Bikini ____ in the Marshall Islands
 - Zodiac sign
 - Pasture
 - Boundary lines
 - Government Printing Office
 - Rocky ridge
 - Singer Tori
 - Farm layer
 - *1964 and 1976 mountainous Olympic location
- DOWN**

 - Honda CR-X del ____
 - *Michelle ____, most decorated U.S. figure skater
 - Enthusiastic about
 - Part of MGM
 - From the 1930s, e.g.
 - Abounding with certain trees
 - Bruce ____ of karate fame
 - Fundus, pl.
 - Aeneas’ lover
 - “Don’t bet ____ ____!”
 - Lye formula
 - A in “M*A*S*H”
 - Do like Tarantino
 - Pleasant smell
 - Schiller’s “ ____ to Joy”
 - Real ____ of Seville
 - *Margot Robbie’s “olympic” role (2017)
 - “For better or worse”?
 - GEICO’s mascot
 - *Olympic toboggan
 - Speech defect
 - Place for worship
 - *2026 Winter Olympics location
 - Mother Goose creation
 - Give an impression
 - Michael Douglas’ dad
 - Nigerian money
 - Slandorous statements
 - Snake-like fish
 - Dairy choice
 - Frustration, in a comic book
 - Grocery store section
 - Cass Elliot, a.k.a. ____ Cass
 - Big-ticket ____
 - Japanese zither
 - Saloon selections
 - Colloquial “Follow me!”
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75 Years Ago, January 28, 1951 to February 3, 1951

Five Richardson County men, Ivan J. Newsman, Ralph H. Bauman, Joe H. Gode-mann, Roy W. Schawang, and George C. Peck, departed for Omaha to be inducted into the Army.

The worst cold wave in years hit the country, with West Yellowstone, Montana, dropping to a low of negative 52.

Keeping up with a trend that began with the advent of the machine age, the number of farming units in Richardson County dropped by roughly 5% over the prior 5 years. The 1945 census showed 1,744 farms in the county. In 1950, the 350,000 acres of farmland were split into 1,674 units, averaging 215 acres each.

Elizabeth Taylor wept in the courtroom, saying, “He used abusive language, and he said he just wished I wasn’t there,” regarding a divorce request from Nick Hilton. The pair had been wed for just 205 days.

A proposal to merge about 12 neighboring school districts with the Stella School District was discussed by a Nemaha and Richardson County Committee for the Reorgani-zation and Consolidation of School Districts.

A second oil well drilled on the Philip Schulenberg farm was as good or better than the first well. The No. 1-A well had been pumping for several weeks and was producing between 300 and 400 barrels of oil per day.

Miss Lila Vice of Shubert was teaching her first school in Dist. No 94 near Preston. Miss Vice was a graduate of Shubert High School and took college classes at Peru State College. Eight were enrolled in the school, including Dwight Bletscher, Richard Mal-colm, Doris Jean Schulenberg, Glenda Metzner, Joan Schulenberg, Clinton Bletscher, Donna Schulenberg and Charles Malcolm.

Another top-named band was coming to Falls City thanks to the Elks Club. It was announced that a contract had been signed to bring Lawrence Welk and his orchestra to FC for one night.

Coach Jug Brown’s Irish team defeated Dwight Assumption 39-35 for the champion-ship of the Class D Division of the Hastings Diocesan tourney. Lawrence Harpenau led SH with 15, while John Knobbe added 10.

The Falls City fire department reported making 12 runs in January, an unusually large number of calls for a one-month period.

More than 2,500 seedling trees had been ordered for windbreak and wood-lot planting under the Clark-McNary Act, according to County Agent Tom Aitken.

The Honey Creek basketball team defeated Salem 38-26. Paul Bernhard led Honey Creek with 11 points, while Ron Wagner added 10. Joe Wintz led Salem with nine. The referees were Lanthan Camblin and Roger Hansen.

50 Years Ago, January 28, 1976 to February 3, 1976

Vern Ketter was named administrator at Sunny Court Home for Senior Citizens. Sun-ny Court was located at 1010 East 21st Street and supplied 61 beds.

Ed Kirkendall and Dwight Thompson were named the Falls City High School Wres-tlers of the Week. Both were earned championships at the Twin Rivers Conference Meet.

The Southeast Consolidated Mustangs won their ninth straight game, beating Dawson-Verdon 81-58. Randy Pryor, Jerry Anderson and Greg Morris all scored 16 points for SE, while Charlie Fiegener had 25 to lead the Jets.

Sunny Fabrics at 825 Main St. in Sabetha advertised Bernina Sewing Machines for sale.

Tim Wilson made his first appearance in the Class B wrestling ratings. Wilson ap-peared at fourth at 138 pounds.

A 100-year tradition went down the drain when the Lyons City Council narrowly ap-proved the city’s first downtown liquor license. After a two-and-a-half-hour discussion, attended by 400 people, the council voted 2-1 to grant the license to Lyons Lanes Bowl-ing Alley.

The 4-H Council met in the County Commissioners ‘ Room at the Courthouse and named Duane Merz as President. Charles Stanley of Stella was named vice president, and Mrs. Ed Hogue of Dawon was named secretary.

The legislature’s Constitutional Revision Committee voted to approve a bill which would allow the State Historical Society to purchase Courthouse and Jailhouse rocks south of Bridgeport.

Mike Dunn, the son of Mrs. Dale Dunn, was among the Kearney State College stu-dents included on the dean’s honor roll for the first semester.

Guy Cooper, chairman of the board of The O.A. Cooper Co., congratulated Chuck Hunzeker, plant manager, on the mill’s contribution to Cooper’s best production year. If all the Cooper feed produced and delivered in 1975 had been loaded in standard box-cars, it would have made up a train 75 miles long.

A June wedding was being planned for Miss Rita Susan Bachman and Stephen Keith Johansen. Miss Bachman was a computer operator at Richardson County Bank, and her fiancée was a lineman for the Burlington Northern Railroad.

The Journal Jaycees Basketball team defeated James Oil 40-31. Craig Stevens led the winners with 16 points, while Rick Wolstenholm paced James Oil with 21.

The City Council discussed moving the fire station from 18th and Harlan St. to City Hall at 18th and Towle.

Marlen R. Luff, 2601 Abbott, announced his candidacy for a position on the local Board of Education. Luff stated his belief that every citizen had an obligation to be-come involved.

Russ Colgen was named the new manager of the Gambles store. Mr. Colgen had been with the store for 41 years.

Debbie A. Randall was named the Sacred Heart High School 1976 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow.

25 Years Ago, January 28, 2001 to February 3, 2001

Mrs. Luella Weddel was named the Business and Professional Women’s “Woman of the Year” at the Jaycees DSA Banquet. Norma Thompson won the Outstanding Edu-cator Award; Steve Goldsberry was the winner of the Robert J. Chab award; Randy Gottula was named Boss of the Year; Ken Kunce won the Outstanding Community Leader Award; Ann Severin won the Distinguished Service Award, and Ed Harris won the Good Neighbor Award.

Hugh O’Brian award winners included Amanda Andreesen, Swalpa Udit, Allison Weaver, Tanya Hinrichsen and Linsey George.

Southeast Consolidated seventh grader Brett Hutton won the school competition of the National Geography Bee.

The Sacred Heart Speech Team tied for fifth place out of 13 teams that competed in the MUDECAS Speech Contest in Beatrice. Angie Smith placed third with a persuasive speech on “Cell Phones in Vehicles,” and Trisha Mullins placed third in serious prose with her interpretation of “Macbeth.”

The Irish boys defeated Southeast 77-44 in action at Prichard Auditorium. Shelby Jordan led the Irish with 26 points, while Troy Taft added 17 and Lucas Froeschel had 12. Brent Shubert led the Mustangs with 19 points and eight rebounds, while Blaine Brown and Kurt Lockard each scored eight.

Brooke Harring pulled off the rare triple double with 13 points, 12 rebounds and 11 steals as Dawson-Verdon defeated Elwood 42-23.

Peru St. fell to 6-15 for the season and lost sophomore guard Brian Lemerond for the season. Lemerond broke his foot during practice and would miss the remainder of the year. DV standout Erick Martinez led the Bobcats with four assists in a 62-33 loss to Bellevue University.

The Falls City wrestling team scored 137 points to win the Raymond Central Invite. In the win, FC lost 119-pound and fifth-ranked Anders Erickson, who broke his leg during warmups.

Sacred Heart basketball Coach Doug Goltz earned his 300th win against just 51 losses

Council chooses substation site for Energy Forward Transmission Project

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EDGE Director Lucas Froeschl presented the quarter report to the Coun-cil. Froeschl acknowl-edged the TIF project for J-Six and also stated that a couple of projects in the North Commercial Corri-dor are in the works and will request TIF.

He stated that Omni Tech, a consulting firm, was hired to develop a new strategic plan. The firm specializes in bioeco-nomy projects.

He advised the Board that infrastructure has been installed at Champi-ons Crossing, with four of six lots at Morehead Court already sold. Once a lot is sold, the buyer has three years to break ground and one more to finish the project.

Froeschl also advised the Council that the EDGE Board voted to approve naming a second coun-cil member to the EDGE Board, if the Council chooses to do so.

After a discussion, the Council voted to approve the second seat on the Board, approving Ley-den and Sara Ruiz to the EDGE Board.

The Council authorized the participation in the NC2 (Nebraska City 2) Separate Electric System Refunding as recommend-ed by the Board of Public Works. Falls City has a .83 percent ownership of the coal-fired plant in Nebras-ka City.

The Council reviewed and selected the primary location of the new elec-tric substation for the En-ergy Forward Transmis-sion Improvement Project. After reviewing potential locations with Olsson, the project was narrowed to two sites. The first site is the former Falls City Cem-etery located on West 14th, and the second is the for-mer Saddle Club area. The cemetery site encompasses 10 acres and is owned by the city of Falls City. The site provides the best flex-ibility and accessibility for transmission connection compared to the Saddle Club. The Saddle Club would provide 4.75 acres and is owned by Falls City Recreation. The Saddle Club offers the best route for connecting to the exist-ing PDC (Power Distribu-tion Center), however, the ease of the cemetery site proved more beneficial. Falls City Rec originally obtained the Saddle Club site to add another ball field. They agreed to do-nate the property to the city, with the caveat that the city would build an additional field, likely at Legion Park. Estimated costs to build a

new ball field range from \$380,000 to \$500,000.

The cemetery site has a variable cost of \$354,000 to \$805,000, while the Saddle Club’s range is \$563,000 to \$683,000. Olsson states it is common for substa-tions to be built just on the outskirts of town, provid-ing more flexibility for use and maintenance. Olsson also recommends burying the lines to connect to the PDC at the Power Plant rather than overhead lines.

After a discussion, the Council voted 7-0 to ap-prove the former Falls City Cemetery site on West 14th Street.

The final agenda item was a request by resident Lucas Froeschl to up-date the historical mark-er plaque at the Aquatic Park. Froeschl cited the desire to ensure accuracy on the marker.

“There’s two pieces of info on that sign that ha-ven’t been totally ver-ifiable,” said Froeschl. Froeschl stated that David Kentopp alerted him that the original settlers had not been verified as com-ing from Maryland, and that the timeline of the flood that forced residents to relocate has also not been verified. The Council voted to approve chang-es to the sign to improve accuracy at no cost to the citizens of Falls City.

The meeting was ad-journed at 7:16 p.m.

Primary election candidate filings

Several more candidates have filed paperwork with the Richardson County Clerk to appear on the ballot for the May 12 pri-mary election, according to official filing docu-ments.

In Humboldt, Richard Davis filed as a nonpar-tisan candidate for Hum-boldt City Council Ward 2. The filing indicates a four year term.

Richard L. Hardesty Jr. filed as a Republican candidate for Richardson County sheriff. The filing lists a four year term.

Two candidates filed for seats on the Airport Au-thority Board.

Brandon J. Keithley filed as a nonpartisan can-didate for a six year term. His filing indicates he is an incumbent.

David H. Mullins also filed as a nonpartisan candidate for the Airport Authority Board for a six year term and is listed as an incumbent.

Shawn M. Fouraker filed as a Republican candidate for Richardson County commissioner in District 1. The filing lists a four year term and indicates incumbent status.

In Falls City, Mark S. Harkendorff filed as a nonpartisan candidate for mayor. The filing lists a four year term and indi-cates incumbent status.

The primary election is scheduled for May 12.

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CNA GRADUATES-After nearly seven years since the last in-house CNA course, January 20, 2026, marked the final class of the renewed in-house CNA class, where eight dedicated employees from Falls City Care Center completed and passed their CNA class. The following week, each of the students will sit for their State Examinations and await the results for those test scores. Falls City Care Center would also like to extend a special thank you to Kathy Young, LPN, for her service as lead instructor for the CNA course. Pictured above: Kathy Young, LPN (Instructor); Tyler Schutte, Maintenance Supervisor/CNA; Alexis Sutton, CNA; Brittany Vinsonhaler, Cook/CNA; Morgan Webb, CNA; Nikki Pierce, Certified Dietary Manager/CNA; Trinity Pierce, Activity Aide/CNA; Courtney Chapple, Activities Director/CNA; Daphne Schramm, CNA.

SOCIETY

Parish Circle meets at home of Deb Stevens

Ronda Yoesel was the lesson leader when 12 members of the Global Methodist Parish Circle met Monday evening, January 19th, 2026 at the home of Deb Stevens. Mrs. Yoesel presented the lesson, “Mary, the Mother of Jesus—More Than a Christmas Story.” She provided

key Bible verses and led discussion using the book, “Ten Women of the Bible.”

Deb Harris conducted the business meeting, ushering in the Parish Circle’s 45th year. Treasurer Catherine Palmer reported that all pledge funds had been distributed and shared the thank-you notes she received.

Deb Rieger reported that the next meeting will be a dinner for members and guests on Monday, February 16, 7:00 PM at the Bethel Global Methodist Church, rural Falls City. Mrs. Rieger will provide ham, and members will supply sides. Beverages and tableware will be provided. Reservations are due to Mrs. Rieger by Feb. 13.

New business included discussion of the Friendship Tea scheduled for April 12 at Bethel Global Methodist Church. Parish Circle will provide the program.

The meeting concluded with the sharing of joys and concerns, followed by a prayer led by Deb Harris. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Deb Stevens.

NNRD Board Vacancy in Subdistrict 8

The Nemaha Natural Resources District is accepting letters of interest to fill a vacancy on its board of directors. Due to the recent passing of long-time director, Mike Speece from Auburn, the position has become open.

The NRD’s board of directors will accept written applications from interested, potential directors until Wednesday, February 11. Applicants must be registered voters who also meet all other eligibility requirements for holding an elected office and reside within the appropriate boundaries of the vacant subdistrict. NRD board members are normally elected to four-year terms during the primary/general elections in even numbered years. Because of the timing of the vacancy, anyone appointed to the position will serve through January 7, 2027. The final two years of this term will be up for election in the 2026 primary/general election. Interested candidates must file with the Secretary of State’s office no later than February 17 (incumbent) or March 2 (non-incumbent).

This position is in Subdistrict 8, and the other director in this subdistrict is Dick James from Verdon. The eligible area includes the southeast part of Nemaha County including the towns of Auburn, Brownville, and Nemaha, as well as a portion of northern and eastern Richardson County including the towns of Stella, Shubert, and Barada.

Twenty-one members serve on the Nemaha NRD board and represent 10 subdistricts, two directors per subdistrict, who are elected in alternating election years. One member of the board is elected at-large from throughout the entire District.

Nemaha NRD board meetings are held in Tecumseh on the second Thursday of each month, usually in the evening. Board members are eligible to receive \$65 per diem and reimbursement of mileage and other expenses incurred while conducting NRD business.

Individuals interested in this position should address a letter requesting appointment to the Nemaha NRD Board of Directors, 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh NE 68450. For more information or detailed description of the Subdistrict 8 boundaries, contact the NRD at (402) 335-3325 or the Nemaha or Richardson County Clerk.

DISTRICT 1 SENATOR BOB HALLSTROM’S NEWSLETTER

The time for new bill introductions has expired with a total of 545 new measures being introduced by members of the Legislature. Floor debate on legislation carried over from the 2025 Legislative Session occupies the morning sessions with committee hearings being held each afternoon through the end of February.

The Legislature will soon begin debating bills designated as priority bills by individual senators or committees with the deadline for making such designations set on February 19. The priority bills so designated will dominate the balance of the Legislative session.

The state of Nebraska was recently awarded just over \$218 million for the first year of the five-year grant to be received from the federal government under the historic Rural Health Transformation Program, a \$50 billion initiative established under the federal “Working Families Tax Cuts” legislation. The federal legislation is designed to strengthen and modernize health care in rural communities across the country and Nebraska’s focus in utilizing these funds will be on incentivizing real food, taking care of our veterans, investing in technology, and supporting Nebraskans struggling with mental health or drug addiction.

I welcome your input on issues of interest and importance to you. I encourage you to follow along on my Facebook page designated as Senator Bob Hallstrom, for updates on legislation and District 1 activities. Please feel free to contact me directly at Senator Bob Hallstrom, District 1, State Capitol, PO Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68509; Telephone (402) 471-2733; or email me at bhallstrom@leg.ne.gov.

SOCIETY

SHUBERT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 222

By Tana J Brown, Secretary

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 met January 13, 2026 at the home of Elizabeth Ketner. Vice-President Elizabeth Ketner called the meeting to order and called for a moment of silence. Chaplain Lacey Noa offered the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. God Bless America was sung and the ALA Preamble was recited.

Roll call was answered by eight members.

Secretary Tana Brown read the minutes of the December 9, 2025 meeting. Lacey Noa moved to approve them as read. Judy Schlosser second and all approved.

Judy Schlosser gave the treasurers report. Lacey Noa made the motion to approve the report, Dona Hall second and all approved. There were no bills presented.

Communication: the Lincoln VA had sent a thank you letter for the donation of children’s bags, adult clothing and gift cards. The Olberding family sent a thank you for Teresa’s memorial. Cards were signed.

Committee Reports: Membership stands at 96 with one new member. Our unit goal is 101. There were no updates for VA&R. Keri Wilhelm will be speaking to the early grades at HTRS on February 19. Tana has reached out to Brittany Rogers regarding scholarships.

New Business: Dona Hall presented a suggestion to consider in connection with 250th Anniversary of the country.

District 13 meeting is March 7 at Falls City with an invite coming shortly. The Americanism, VA &R and Community Service reports have already been sent to and received by Bobbi Albers. The poppy centerpiece, prayer book, publicity book and history book will be taken that day for judging.

Lacey Noa videoed the quilt raffle drawing, which can be found on the Unit Facebook page, with Judy Schlosser holding a very full bag and Karen Shorb digging deep to pull the winner. The proceeds will be used to further the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary of helping Veterans, Active Duty, Children and Youth, and Community involvement.

The next meeting will be held on February 10, 2026 at 6:30 at the home of Jana Wheeler.

Chaplain Lacey Noa gave the closing prayer

Vice-President Elizabeth Ketner declared the meeting adjourned.

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Bilal Khan, MD: February 17

Botox

Levi Grimm, APRN: February 5, 12, 19, 26

Cardiology

Tonya Stallbaumer, APRN: February 6

Bashar Amr, MD: February 12

Swapna Mamidipally, MD: February 2, 16

Dermatology

Tiffany Engelken, APRN: February 4, 11, 18, 25

Diabetes Support Group

February 17th @3pm

Dizziness & Balance

Gary McKnight, AuD: February 19

Ear, Nose, & Throat

Jason Lepse, MD: February 13

Endocrinology

Kelli Bradbury, APRN: February 24

Neurology

Abra Woolard, APRN: February 5, 19

Nephrology

Haley Wingerson, APRN: February 2, 9

Lakshmi Duvvur, MD: February 27

Keelyn Ericson, MD: February 16

Nuclear Stress Tests

February 5, 12, 26

OB/GYN

Jamesina Dickson, MD: February 4

Oncology

Robin McKay, APRN: February 20

Manidhar Lekkala, MD: February 23

Orthopedics

Adam Streit, DO: February 12, 26

Maria VanDyke, PA-C: February 3, 16

Michael McCoy, MD: February 5, 19

Pain Management

Karl Haake, MD: February 3, 17

Podiatry

Robert Shemwell, DPM: February 11, 24, 27

Surgery

Aaron Brown, MD: February 2, 4, 16, 18

Samuel Bruna, MD: February 9, 11

Denis Jimenez, MD: February 23, 25

Wound Clinic

Susie Lueger, APRN: February 2, 9, 16, 23

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DISTRICT COURT

Heather A. Cooper, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$750; count two, non-resident violate susp/rev order, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$100, license revoked for term of one year; counts 3-4 amended to dropped/dismissed.

Steven R. Mackey, count one, burglary, amended to criminal trespass-1st degree, pled no contest, found guilty; count two amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for February 24, 2026.

Daniel R. Werner, count one, accessory to class 2 or 2A felony, amended to obstruct a peace officer, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$500; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dismissed.

Carl A. Mitchell, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled guilty, found guilty; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for March 17, 2026.

CITATIONS

Jaiden Willman of Falls City, count one, muffler violation pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Shiley)

Jennifer King of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Holliday)

Edward Kirkendall of Falls City, registration/plates, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Adams)

Sharon York of Lawrence, KS, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Agena)

Sebastian Millan Medina of Edmond, OK, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined

\$300 and court costs. (Novak)

Liam Falder of Humboldt, count one, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Dutcher)

Treyden Hoppe of Falls City, count one, fail to signal before 100 feet, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Rodney Kirkendall of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Agena)

Kaylee Mosiman of Falls City, count one, unsafe backing, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)

Jeffrey Bangert of Denver, CO, count one, speeding 16-20 mph municipal school, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$400 and court costs. (Adams)

Lexi Gilbert of Hiawatha, count one, careless driving, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs. (Novak)

Kathryn Walsh of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Atlanta Lawson of Plainwell, MI, count one, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Adams)

Cayden Dunkhas of Falls City, count one, careless driving, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs. (Adams)

Cayden Dunkhas of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Bryon Brown of Seattle, WA, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Aitken)

Kirti Trivedi of Omaha, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

Easton Moore of Omaha, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$300 and court costs. (Agena)

Matthew Wilcox of Falls City, count one, registration/plates, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Adams)

Jordan Trundle-Moore of Topeka, KS, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Daniels)

Arianna Franks of Bellevue, count one, violate no passing zone, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

(Editor's Note - dismissal *without prejudice* means the government did not waive its right to litigate the matter in a subsequent action).

(Editor's Note - dismissal *with prejudice* bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge).

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CHAIRPERSON
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD JANUARY 13th, 2026
7:00 P.M. DAWSON VILLAGE HALL**

The Dawson Village Board met in regular session on January 13th, 2026, at the Dawson Village Hall. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in three (3) public places on January 8th, 2026: Dawson Village Hall, Dawson Post Office, and Dawson Fire Department. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to the Chairperson and all members of the Board of Trustees. All proceedings thereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairperson Bill Koch called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Roll call was answered by Tom Burns, Bill Koch, Stephanie Ingraham, and Larry Koch.

Absent: Brian Burns

Clerk was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Guests: none

Chairperson Bill Koch noted the posting of the Open Meeting Act posted on the Village Hall west wall.

January 13th, 2026, agenda was approved as presented with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – aye; B Burns – absent; motion carried.

The minutes of the December 9th, 2025, regular meeting were approved as unread with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – aye; B Burns – absent; motion carried.

The reorganization December 9th, 2025, meeting minutes were approved as unread with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Tom Burns. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – aye; B Burns – absent; motion carried.

The December 18th, 2025, special meeting minutes were approved as unread with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Larry Koch. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – aye; B Burns – absent; motion carried.

Treasurer's report is tabled to February regular meeting.

January claims were approved with a motion by Larry Koch and seconded by Tom Burns. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – abstained; B Burns – absent; motion carried.

Under unfinished business: Sampling Stations: The state has granted an extension until March 1, 2026, for installation. Davis PHE LLC will install before deadline. Nuisance properties: 516 8th Street: in litigation. 314 Ridge Street: house is in the process of being torn down and hauled off; as of meeting time dumpsters had been dropped off. 511 Nemaha St: property line needs to be determined.

New business: motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham to order dog licenses for calendar year 2026. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – aye; B Burns – absent; motion carried. Cer-

tificate of deposit with Frontier Bank/Equity Bank is set to renew January 22nd, 2026; check with surrounding banks regarding best interest rate. Chairperson Bill Koch introduced and read Ordinance 2026-001: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DAWSON, NEBRASKA, TO ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN FEES AND TAXES CHARGED BY THE VILLAGE OF DAWSON FOR VARIOUS SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ADMINISTRATIVE, ZONING, PUBLIC RECORDS, LICENSING, UTILITIES, PERMITS, AND VIOLATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF DAWSON, TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Larry Koch to approve and adopt Ordinance 2026-001 on first reading. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – aye; B Burns – absent; motion carried. Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham to suspend the three (3) required statutory readings for Ordinance 2026-001. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – aye; B Burns – absent; motion carried. Nebraska Rural Water Association Membership Renewal: motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Larry Koch to renew membership for 2026. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – aye; B Burns – absent; motion carried.

Clerk's Report: audit waiver has been submitted to the state of Nebraska by the CPA, Dana F Cole & Co.

Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Tom Burns to adjourn the January regular meeting at 7:49 P.M. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – aye; B Burns – absent; motion carried.

Tiffany Jom, Village Clerk

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Dana F Cole & Co, accounting & tax services.....	\$200.00
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3rd & Nemaha main break.....	\$1,565.00
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NPPD, 116 Bluff St	\$156.63
Streelights inside	\$515.01
120 Ridge St.....	\$32.63
Streelights outside	\$15.06
Fire dept	\$96.84
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One Call Concepts, Q4 Neb 811 ..	\$8.51
PeopleService Inc, Jan water/wastewater serv.....	\$1,830.00
Quickbooks, invoicing software.....	\$75.00
Rich County Clerk of Court, ordinances.....	\$32.00
Seneca Sanitation, garbage collection.....	\$1,365.00
S&L Trenching LLC,water main break.....	\$5,950.00
Tiffany Jom, clerical payroll ..	\$814.00
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Top Left: Chase Simpson and Pawnee City’s Dylan Layne are locked up in a match in the heavyweight division.

Top Right: Simpson poses with a banner after earning his 100th career victory.

Above: Brantly Sells has the upper hand against JCC’s Braidan Nichols in the 190-pound match.

Right: Audrey Scrivens escapes a hold by Alejandra Reyes of JCC.



Lady Tigers’ strong post Christmas run continues

The Lady Tigers from Falls City kept moving in the right direction on Tuesday night, earning a 27-17 win over the Boys Town Lady Cowboys at Falls City High School. The win was the third consecutive and fourth in five contests.

The key denominator in those wins has been defense. The Lady Tigers have surrendered an average of 24.25 points per game in the four victories as of late.

On Tuesday night, the teams were locked in a battle, ending the first quarter tied at 6-6 and the half at 11-11. A switch flipped in the third, as FC added 11 points to their total, but more importantly, the defense held Boys Town to only two points, making it 22-13 heading into the final period.

With the game tied 11-11 in the third, the visitors scored on a drive to take the lead, 13-11, with just over seven minutes remaining. It was all FC from there. A technical foul on the Tiger bench seemed to spark FC, which closed the quarter on an 11-0 run. Carlea Dunkhas started the run with a drive with five minutes left in the period. A steal and layup by Tessa Gossman put Falls City in front for good at the 4:23 mark.

Again, the final quarter was evenly played, with the Tigers holding a slim 5-4 advantage. FC improved to 5-10 for the season, while Boys Town dropped to 4-7.

Neither team shot the ball particularly well on Tuesday, as FC hit 23% (10/44)

of its shots and the Lady Cowboys hit 18% (6/34) of theirs.

FC held an 8-0 advantage in transition points and forced 29 turnovers while committing 23.

Dunkhas and Kaytlin Rhodd led FC with nine points each. Dunkhas added four rebounds and three assists, while Rhodd recorded a team-high six rebounds.

FC Scoring: Dunkhas 9, Pierce 2, Gossman 2, Johansen 5, Rhodd 9.

Boys Town Scoring: Isaiah 6, Schnatz 3, Frye 4, Clark 4.

The Tigers’ contest at Tecumseh on Saturday against the 11-4 JCC Thunderbirds was postponed due to frigid temperatures.

FC was at 3-10 Auburn on Tuesday evening, will be at 7-8 Pawnee City on Thursday and will host the 10-7 Weeping Water Indians on Friday.

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Tigers host triangular

The Falls City wrestling teams hosted Johnson County Central and Pawnee City on Thursday night at McIntire-Henderson Field House.

The Tiger boys defeated JCC 45-33 and Pawnee City 66-3, while the Lady Tigers defeated JCC 72-6.

Falls City senior grappler Chase Simpson hit a milestone on Thursday, joining the coveted 100-win club. Simpson, wrestling at 285, was unopposed against Johnson County Central, giving the heavyweight his 100th career win.

At 126, Ryder Hullman fell by a 9-4 decision to Matthew Cruz. Caden Collier lost to Lee Xayaphone-songkham by fall at 1:56. Orion Cattrell took Ezekiel Burki to the wire, winning the match by a 13-9 decision. At 165, Ashton Martin scored a pin over Edgar Prado at 1:09. At 175, Wesley Vitale fell in 48 seconds to Cameron Werner. Brantly Sells picked up a win at 190, pinning Braidan Nichols at 5:56. Jayden Mirelez, 215, also got the win, pinning Gerardo Becerra in 1:45. At 113, Ryan Hall fell to Erick Prado in 1:04. Last year at the NSAA state meet in Omaha, Prado placed fifth at 106 in Class C. In JV action, Brandon Feighner defeated Bodhi Klein by fall at :55.

Pawnee City brought three wrestlers to FC on Thursday night. Mirelez earned a win by fall over Gauge Schuetz at 215 pounds in 2:40. At 285, Dylan Layne earned a hard-fought 7-6 decision over Simpson, and in JV action, Feighner pinned Joel Strehle in fifty seconds.

The lady’s dual versus JCC featured just one match. At 105 pounds, Alejandra Reyes pinned Falls City’s Audrey Scrivens in 2:29 for the win. Reyes won the silver medal last season in the B105 division at State.

The boys were scheduled to compete in David City, and the girls were to compete in Plattsmouth, but both were canceled after Falls City called off school on Friday due to severe cold weather.

The girls were scheduled to compete at the Weeping Water Invite on Saturday, January 24, 2026, but will not attend due to the weather.



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Lady Irish drop battle in Missouri

HTRS playing its best basketball as season nears final month

Irish escape Rock Port with win

Coach Luke Santo and the Sacred Heart Lady Irish improved to 7-0 all-time versus Auburn on Tuesday night, defeating the Bulldogs 55-23 and improving to 11-4 for the season. The No. 2-ranked team in Class D-2 had no trouble with the C-1 Bulldogs in Auburn. The Lady Irish, led by Payten Georges with six first-quarter points, held a 15-10 advantage after the first quarter. SH picked up the pace in the second eight minutes, outscoring Auburn 21-6 to take a 36-16 halftime lead. Avery Santo nailed a pair of triples in the period, and Bailey Lemerond added eight points as SH effectively put the contest out of reach.

Both teams went cold in the third, with SH outscoring the Bulldogs 6-2. SH went just 2-of-11 from the field in the period. Auburn was no better, hitting just 1-of-10 shots. The Lady Irish sealed the win in the fourth, outscoring Auburn 13-5 to earn a 32-point win.

SH sank 8-of-22 from beyond the arc, with Lemerond leading the charge with four. The margin could have been much worse, but SH sank just 9-of-26 free throws. Overall, SH shot at a 43% clip while holding the Bulldogs to just 19%. The swarming Irish defense forced 26 turnovers on the evening, while the Irish offense finished with 11.

Freshman Lemerond scored a game-high 14 points and added three steals and two assists. Santo finished with 10 points and four steals, while freshman Georges finished with nine points and three steals. Hallie Jones led SH with eight rebounds and two blocked shots.

Auburn's Addie Darnell led the Bulldogs with six points on 3-of-4 shooting.

SH Scoring: Georges 9, Santo 10, Westengaard 3, Witt 3, Reschke 4, Lemerond 14, Bauman 2, Lechtenberg 1, Jones 6.

Auburn Scoring: Snyder 5, Wehenkel 3, Darnell 6, Franke 3, Krause 3, Snodgrass 2, Robertson 1.

The Irish traveled to Rock Port on Thursday to take on the Blue Jays. The matchup between two of the area's best teams lived up to the billing.

The contest was tied 11-11 after the first quarter, and Rock Port took a slim 23-21 lead into the locker room at the break. The home team extended its lead, outscoring SH 10-9 in the third to make it 33-30. Both offenses picked up the pace in the fourth, with Rock Port outscoring SH 18-17 and escaping with a 4-point win, 51-47. The loss dropped the Lady Irish to 11-5, while Rock Port improved to 16-1.

SH outshot Rock Port 34% (17/49) to 30% (17/57). Each team finished with 32 rebounds, and SH turned the ball over 13 times while forcing nine turnovers.

Daycee Witt led the Irish offense with 14 points, 10 of which came in the fourth period. Santo hit three from beyond the arc and finished with 11 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Alise Reschke had a team-best 12 rebounds and four points.

SH Scoring: Santo 11, Witt 14, Lemerond 9, Reschke 4, Sipple 1, Jones 8.

Rock Port Scoring: Vogler 3, Meyerkorth 9, Gaines 5, A. Meyerkorth 18, L. Meyerkorth 13, Wood 3.

The Irish defeated Rock Port 17-13 in two quarters of action. Ryann Westengaard scored six, and CeeJay Tisdell added three.

The Irish JV were scheduled to host Pawnee City on Friday, but the game was postponed due to the weather. The Irish played at Southern on Tuesday and will host Johnson-Brock on Thursday.

The Titans moved to 8-7 overall with a decisive 58-36 win at Pawnee City on Tuesday, January 20. The win was the fourth in five games for HTRS and the seventh in the last nine outings.

The game was decided early with the Titans leading 12-3 after the opening eight minutes. HTRS grew its lead to 29-11 at the break and outscored Pawnee City 29-25 in the second half to secure the 22-point win.

The Titans shot the ball extremely well on Tuesday, sinking 51% (23/45) of their attempts. Meanwhile, the HTRS defense allowed Pawnee City to convert just 29% of its shots (16/55).

Really, the only part of the game where Pawnee City didn't excel was from the foul line as HTRS converted just 7-of-16 attempts. Pawnee City held a slight 30-28 edge on the glass, but HTRS finished with 17 assists, nine steals and six blocked shots.

HTRS got a well-round-

ed effort from much of the roster. As he has done for most of the season, Emmett Glathar led the charge. Glathar ended the game with 24 points, going 10-of-17 from the field. The big man added 13 rebounds, six steals and five blocked shots.

Also reaching double figures was Garrett Duryea. Duryea went an impressive 5-of-6 from the field, including a 3-for-4 effort from deep for 13 points. Darius Bohling scored just three points but added five assists and three rebounds. Kameon Dettmann added eight points and a team-best seven assists.

Payton Rose led Pawnee City with eight points and five rebounds, while Atreyu Kling added seven points, 13 rebounds and two assists.

HTRS Scoring: Bohling 3, Dettmann 8, Duryea 13, Glathar 24, Arth 2, Shupp 2, Hunzeker 2.

Pawnee City Scoring: Rose 8, Wernimont 9, Fender 6, Plager 2, Tegtmeyer 4, Kling 7.

The Titans were in action again on Tuesday, January 27, when they hosted the JCC Thunderbirds.

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Mona Godemann

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Paul’s Lutheran Church in Falls City, NE. She was raised in Hastings until the age of nine, when her family moved to Lincoln. Mona graduated from Lincoln High School in 1975 and then attended college at Lincoln School of Commerce. She proudly served her country in the United States Air Force, enlisting on January 29, 1979, and was honorably discharged on December 31, 1990. On June 23, 1979, Mona was united in marriage to Ted Godemann in Lincoln, Nebraska. They were blessed with five children: Todd, Chadd, Trevor, Christopher, Bethany and a bonus daughter from a previous marriage, Gina. The couple raised their family in Lincoln until September of 1993, when they moved to Falls City. In 2013, Ted and Mona settled into their new home on the farm outside of Dawson. Mona dedicated much of her professional life to serving veterans. She began working in the Veterans Service Office on February 14, 2000, and was appointed Veterans Service Officer on January 1, 2014. She served faithfully in that role until her retirement on February 24, 2025.

She was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod (six miles north) of Falls City, NE. Above all else, Mona was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Her grandchildren were truly her world, and she cherished every moment spent with them. Mona was preceded in death by her son, Chadd Godemann; her parents, Samuel Hursh and Johanna Siegel; her stepfather, Eugene Siegel; her stepmother, Ruthetta Hursh; and her father-in-law, Glenn Godemann.

Those left to cherish her memory are Mona’s loving husband, Theodore (Ted) Godemann of Dawson; her children: Todd Godemann (Tiffany) of Falls City, Trevor Godemann (Katelyn) of Falls City, Christopher Godemann of Bellevue, and Bethany Godemann of Falls City; and her bonus daughter, Gina Scheitel (Phil) of Rulo. She is also survived by her mother-in-law, Ramona Godemann; brothers Ernest Hursh (Marcia), Robert Hursh, and Daniel Hursh (Ruth); sisters Renae Logan and Patricia Saltzman (Jerel); a sister in law, Cherri Murphey, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Mona will also be sadly missed by twelve grandchildren: Lane, Logan, Brandon, and Aiden Scheitel (Gina); Delaney and Hadley (Todd), Thomas, Elijah, and Tristan (Trevor), Beau, Briar, and Nora (Christopher) Godemann; and six great-grandchildren: Everly and Eden Scheitel (Lane), Bennie and Daisy Scheitel (Logan), Russell, and Miles Scheitel (Brandon). Her funeral was held on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 10:30 AM at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 6 miles north of Falls City with Pastor Ken Humphrey officiating. Interment was in church cemetery. Military graveside honors by Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

The family received friends on Friday from 6-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Brian Bennett

Brian Bennett, 66, of Lee’s Summit, MO, passed away January 21, 2026 at Lee’s Summit. He was born April 17, 1959 at Kansas City, KS to James and Audrey (Williams) Bennett He married Mary Jo Krug on October 15, 1983 at Falls City, NE, establishing their home in Lincoln before moving to Lee’s Summit. Brian was raised at Falls City and graduated from Falls City Sacred Heart in 1977. He graduated from Southeast Community College as an HVAC technician and worked in Lincoln, NE for 15 years before moving to the Kansas City where he worked for several companies until become employed as an Engineer for DST Systems. He retired in 2023. He enjoyed time with his family, especially with his grandson, Weston. Brian is survived by his wife, Mary Jo of Lee’s Summit, daughters, Emily Jo Bennett of Lee’s Summit, Andrea Passmore and her husband Austin of Strausburg, MO, sisters, Joyce Reed and her husband Steve, Mary Beth Bennett, brothers, John Bennett and his wife Karen, Mike Bennett and his wife Roxy, Bill Bennett and his wife Nancy, Donnie Bennett, Steve Bennett and his wife Dana, David Bennett and his wife Sharon, Chuck Bennett and his wife Dawn, Ron Bennett, Dennis Bennett and his wife Sherry and a grandson, Weston Hardison. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Colleen Langan. His memorial service will be held on Friday, January 30, 2026 at 10:30 AM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Boatright officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

JoAnn Leech



JoAnn (Hill) Tupa Leech, 94, of Humboldt, passed away on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at the Colonial Acres Nursing Home. She was born on September 8, 1931, in Humboldt, Nebraska to Roland and Wilhelmina (Early) Hill. She was raised in Humboldt where she attended Humboldt schools and Humboldt High School. On February 16, 1948, JoAnn was united in marriage to Lovell Tupa in Nebraska City, Nebraska. To this union seven children, Marsha, Wanda, Barbara, Kathy, Michael, Jeri, and Sharon were born. The couple raised their family on a farm near Bern, Kansas where JoAnn helped with the daily chores on the farm and attending to her children. Lovell and JoAnn moved to Humboldt in the late 1980s, after retiring from farming. They continued to enjoy spending the winters in Harlingen, TX. JoAnn loved to China paint and socialize with

her friends in the Forget Me Not China Club, playing cards, ironing and keeping her house tidy, and spending time with family. Her culinary skills were known and everyone looked forward to fried chicken and homemade pies for any occasion. Lovell passed away in 2001. JoAnn was later united in marriage to Myron Leech in 2006. Together, JoAnn and Myron enjoyed taking day trips in the area, participating in church groups, seeing all the grandkids, and just being in each other’s company. JoAnn is survived by her children: Marsha Esslinger of Belleville, KS; Barbara (Richard) McCarter of Topeka, KS; Michael Tupa of Junction City, KS; Jeri Armstrong (and partner, Del Hartshorn) of Humboldt, NE; Sharon (Melvin) Streit of Humboldt, NE; grandchildren: Matt (Marci) Shea of Lee’s Summit, MO; Scott Shea of Belleville, KS; Nicholas Shea of Telluride, CO; Kelly (Amanda) McCarter of Bellbrook, OH; Carey (Greg) Boggs of Weatherford, TX; Cody (Ciera) McCarter of Springfield, TN; Clay (Felicia) McCarter of Topeka, KS; Shane Tupa of Salina, KS; Amie Tupa of Salina, KS; Jerome Jones of Flaxville, MT; Josh Jones of Topeka, KS; Andrea (Dave) Mezger of Table Rock, NE; Ashley (Justin) Shupp of Humboldt, NE; Adam Streit (and fiancé, Claire Harless) of Humboldt, NE; Alicia (Craig) Schmit of Humboldt, NE; 22 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; husbands Lovell Tupa and Myron Leech, daughters Wanda Hartshorn and Kathy Tupa, a sister Patricia Keeton, brothers: Ron, Jim, and Dick Hill, and son-in-law Francis Esslinger. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 23, 2026, at the United Methodist Church in Humboldt, Nebraska with Pastor Lori Stevens officiating. Interment immediately followed services at the Mound (Prospect) Cemetery in rural Humboldt, Nebraska. Visitation was from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at Wherry Mortuary, 207 N. Nemaha Street in Humboldt, Nebraska and one hour prior to services at the church on Friday. Memorial contributions may be given to the family’s choice with a later designation. Condolences can be shared online at www.wherrymortuary.com Services entrusted-Wherry Mortuary-207 Nemaha St-Humboldt, NE 68376 (402) 862-2915

Thank You

The family of Phil Kean would like to deeply thank everyone for their comforting words, prayers, thoughts, cards, flowers, food, memorials, and support during our time of loss. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we sincerely thank you and appreciate you.

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Zoning regulation discussed at Board meeting

(Continued from Page 1) because we don’t know who has National Flood Insurance,” stated Kirkendall. Commissioner Campbell interjected, noting that insurance can be obtained on the open market. A public discussion date has tentatively been set for Wednesday, February 11, 2026. Jill Garcia of Project Response provided the 2025 4th quarter report and statistics. The report showed that the entity assisted with three protection orders; held safe dates in Falls City; provided 85 food pantry assists; helped 12 with clothing vouchers; received 10 hotline calls; and received no requests for shelter. Sheriff Rick Hardesty met with the Board and reported that the jail facility was currently housing 13 inmates. He also advised the members that his staff was preparing an application for the E-Ci-

tation grant to fund the purchase of in-car scanners and printers. “We spend five thousand, and they give us fifteen thousand,” said Hardesty. He advised the Board that the sewage line in the Law Enforcement Center’s kitchen had been cleaned and that a new pump had been installed under warranty. Hardesty also presented the Board with numbers on family, employee/spouse, and employee/child health insurance coverage for county employees. The Sheriff stated that it has become difficult to fill positions when family insurance plans aren’t offered. “I know it’s a lot of money, but every county around us is doing it,” said Hardesty. The Sheriff said it would help with hiring and retention. A long discussion was held on zoning in the county. Commissioner

Campbell stated that he opposed zoning. Having dealt with the floodway/floodplain issue for the past year, he said, “I can’t, in good faith to my constituents, try to impose any zoning ordinance on anybody in the county.” Discussions were held regarding the current project to develop a new comprehensive plan and the possibility of developing zoning regulations. Caverzagie stated that just because the rules are updated doesn’t mean they have to be implemented. The guidelines were last updated in 2001. “I still think we need to update the book,” said Caverzagie. “That’s just my opinion, whether we implement them or not.” It was also noted that zoning regulations help the County Assessor determine when new additions have been built in rural areas. It was stated that houses and buildings are often erected without the assessor’s knowledge. Zoning would be a way to address that issue. If a structure in the county costs more than \$2,500 to build, the property owner must report it to the Assessor’s Office. Assessor Kim Riggs stated, “A few” report the new buildings. Without zoning, there are no regulations regarding wind or solar farms. A large group of county residents was present

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Thank you to our dear family and friends for your prayers, masses, cards, visits, shared meals, and cherished memories. A special thank-you to the Sunshine Club for the luncheon, the musicians for their beautiful music, and Dorr Funeral Home for their thoughtful guidance and care.

*Ruth Finck; Mike and Cheryl Finck and family
Kevin and Janet Malone and family; David Finck*

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Irish escape Rock Port with win

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The Irish made 14 three-pointers in the contest and needed every one of them. Taft ended the game with five made threes, while classmate Brenden Lemerond went 7-of-13 from beyond the arc. The seniors led the Irish offense, with Lem finishing with 27 points and Taft adding 23.

The Irish outrebounded Rock Port 24-22 and shot 8-of-10 from the foul line.

Taft and Cooper Knobbe each finished with six rebounds. Fletcher had four blocked shots and three steals, and Lemerond and Hayden Clow each finished with four assists.

SH Scoring: Taft 23, Fletcher 6, Lemerond 27, Clow 6, Howard 2, Knobbe 12.

Blue Jay Scoring: Anthor 5, Ellis 13, Meyer-korth 22, Cook 1, Holmes 22, R. Ellis 11.

In two quarters of JV action, SH secured a 25-11 win. JJ Lancaster led the team with eight points, while Toby Baxter and

Treydon Witt each scored four.

The result wasn't so rosy on Tuesday as the Irish traveled to Auburn to face the Class C-1 top-ten-ranked Bulldogs.

The Irish opened the game ice cold, while Auburn couldn't miss. The Bulldogs finished the first quarter with a 21-3 lead, having made 9-of-11 shots. The Irish got a bucket by Knobbe and a free throw by Fletcher, accounting for all their first-quarter points.

SH fared better after that; however, the damage was done. Auburn led 39-16 at the half and 57-29 after three, cruising to a 72-42 victory.

The Irish went 7-of-23 from beyond the arc and 14-of-38 overall. Meanwhile, Auburn sank 10-of-16 from beyond the arc and 30-of-45 overall. SH turned the ball over 14 times and forced eight miscues.

Taft was Sacred Heart's leading scorer, finishing with 17 points, including

four triples. Lemerond added 11 points, seven rebounds and two assists.

Brenton Wenzl went a perfect 5-5 from three-point range in the first half and finished with a game-high 22 points. Teammate Ryan Guenther was right behind with 20 points on 9-of-10 shooting.

SH Scoring: Taft 17, Fletcher 9, Lemerond 11, T. Witt 1. Knobbe 4.

Bulldogs Scoring: Guenther 20, Lavigne 8, Wenzl 22, Moyer 2, Rash 3, Keeling 2, Palmer 10, Swanson 5.

In three quarters of JV action, Auburn defeated the Irish 41-32. Baxter led SH with 11 points, and Noah Howard added nine. Raleigh Rash scored 15 points to lead the Bulldogs.

The Irish vs. Pawnee City contest on Friday, January 23, was postponed due to the extreme weather conditions. SH played at Southern on Tuesday, January 27 and host Johnson-Brock on Thursday.

Confidence beginning to build for Tigers

Days after narrowly falling to Mound City in extra periods, the Tiger boys' basketball team earned a much-needed and well-deserved win on Tuesday night, 43-38, over Boys Town.

The contest was back-and-forth all night, with FC leading 10-7 after one and holding on to an 18-16 lead at the break. The Cowboys battled, tying the game at 30-30 heading into the final minutes.

Boys Town struck first in the fourth quarter, scoring in the paint off an offensive rebound. With five and a half minutes to go, Kacen Davis hit a hoop in the paint to tie the contest at 32. The Cowboys responded with four straight to go up 36-32 with 4:20 to go. A driving circus shot by Paxton Armbruster cut the lead in half, and a pull-up jumper by Ethan Morris tied the game at 36 with just over three minutes remaining.

The visitors scored in the paint with 1:44 remaining to take their final lead, 38-36. FC scored the final seven points of the game to pull out the five-point win.

Jacoby Bangert drove the lane and found an open Armbruster who sank a three from the corner to put FC ahead for good, 39-38, with :52 remaining. A layup by Armbruster with 16 seconds remaining solidified the win for FC.

Two late free throws by Davis handed the Tigers their second win of the season, 43-38.

The Tigers shot 38% on Tuesday night, making 16 of 42 attempts. The game was won or lost at the foul line. Falls City went 5/8 from the stripe, while Boys Town was 1/10, including 0/4 in the fourth quarter.

FC was outrebounded 35-28 and lost the turnover battle 17-14.

Armbruster stayed hot, leading Falls City with 20 points, going 7-of-13 from the field, including 4-of-7 from beyond the arc. Morris added nine points and seven rebounds, and Davis stepped up with seven points and seven boards.

FC Scoring: Armbruster 20, Leyden 2, Morris 9, Bangert 5, Davis 7.

Boys Town Scoring: Newmnan 2, White 7, Wilson 2, Lawrence 4, Clark 13, Bossou 8, Sanchez 2.

The win improved FC's record to 2-12, while Boys Town fell to 1-12.

Next on the FC schedule was the 9-5 Johnson County Central Thunderbirds on Saturday in Tecumseh. The game was postponed because of weather concerns.

Falls City faced an uphill battle on Tuesday night when they traveled to Auburn to take on the 11-1 Bulldogs. The Bulldogs entered the contest riding an eight-game win-

ning streak, having lost to Plattsmouth 54-50 on December 13. Falls City has an excellent opportunity to win on Friday night when they host the 1-14 Weeping Water Indians. The Orange and Black defeated Weeping Water 42-36 on December 29.

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City Of Falls City, Ne Claims Report - 1.06.2026 By Fund Payment Dates 12/17/2025 - 1/6/2026 Vendor Name Description (Item) Amount	
FUND: 100 - GENERAL	
American Natl Bank. Hsa.....	\$120.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc Legal Serv: 11/02/2025 - 11/26/2025	\$4,030.00
Quill Corporation Staples Jmb Ppr Clip N/S 1000ct	\$9.49
Quill Corporation..Bic Gelocity Blue 0.7mm 12dz	\$7.27
Quill Corporation..Staples #1 N/S Ppr Clip 1000ct	\$6.89
Quill Corp. Fine-Point Markers	\$6.49
Quill Corporation..Wow Ballpoint Retractable Pen	\$4.84
Quill Corp Binder Clips - Large	\$13.59
Quill Corporation Stpls 144ct Med. Binder Clips	\$14.99
Principal Life Insurance Company Dental Ins.	\$584.65
Principal Life Insurance Comp Vision Ins	\$108.06
Falls City Merc..Folgers Regular Coffee Packets	\$91.79
Pro Serv..Sav/Im C4500 B&W Copies/Overage	\$154.70
Pro Serv..Sav/Im C4500 Color Copies/Overage	\$1,506.00
Pro Serv Contract Lease Charge\$273.50	
Farm & City Supply Disc Fml Ins22-16g 10pk	\$3.99
Farm & City Supply Indicator Lite 1/2" Rnd Red	\$55.92
Farm & City Supply Indicator Lite 1/2" Rnd Grn	\$55.92
Tasc..Service Dec 2025	\$125.00
Amazon Capital Services Zeiss Pre-Moistened Lens/Screen Wipes	\$11.99
Amazon Capital Services Post-It Notes, 18pk	\$14.42
Amazon Capital Services 600pc Sticky Index Tab Page Flags	\$6.98
Falls City Merc Water-Gallon	\$22.88
Utility Dept Rural Housing	\$157.67
Utility Dept City Offices	\$1,167.59
Utility Dept Old City Hall Lease Property	\$76.65
Pro Serv Sav/P 311 Micr: Contract Lease Charge	\$55.00
Ameritas Billing..457 After Tax %..\$65.82	
Ameritas Billing 457 Pre Tax Percentage	\$215.06
Cwa Dues Cwa Union Dues	\$77.72
Principal Life Ins CoDental Ins.	\$584.65
Medica Ins Group Health	\$16,724.66
Ibew Local Union #1536 Ibew Union Dues	\$112.48
International Union Of Operating Engineers luoe Union Dues	\$197.52
Dearborn Life Insurance Company Life Insurance	\$316.23
Nebraska Dept Of Revenue Garnishment	\$250.00
Principal Life Insurance Company Vision Ins.	\$108.06
Ameritas..Pension 457 Pre-Tax ..\$95.00	
Ameritas..Retirement 501a	\$11,567.64
Nebraska Dept. Of Revenue State W/H Tax	\$3,436.73
Dept. Of The Treasury Federal W/H.	\$7,957.25
Dept. Of The Treasury Medicare Tax	\$2,748.30
Dept. Of The Treasury Social Security Tax	\$1,750.86
SNC Telephone/Internet Services	\$604.38
Falls City Economic And Development Growth Enterprises Cy 2024 Monthly Contribution (Mou-7.5.2023)	\$10,825.25
Falls City Main Street, Inc Monthly Contribution (Mou 7.17.2023)	\$2,500.00
Wolffes Printing Ap Checks Red \$170.84	
Fund 100 - General Total:	\$78,994.72
FUND: 110 - POLICE	
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc Legal Serv : 11/02/2025 - 11/26/2025	\$1,720.00
Merz Ink Police Durango Vinyl	\$379.00
Harmon's Ok Tire Change Tires	\$40.00
Harmon's Ok Tire Old Tire Disposal \$16.00	
Harmon's Ok Tire Ne Tire Fee (New Tire)	\$4.00
Harmon's Ok Tire Balancing	\$20.00
Harmon's Ok Tire P255 160 R18 Yokohama G056 Xl	\$832.00
Husker Electric Supply Keystone 15w 4' T8 Color Selectable Led Tube	\$201.56
Pro Serv Contract Lease Charge\$273.50	
Pro Serv Sav/Im C3000 Color Copies/Overage	\$150.90
Pro Serv..Sav/Im C3000 B&W Copies/Overage	\$62.96
General Petty Cash 12.25.2025 Rc Treasurer - Title	\$15.00
The Radar Shop Lidar Recertifications	\$430.00
Das State Accounting - Central Finance Network Serv. Charges 12/2025	\$612.50
SNC Telephone/Internet Services	\$255.89
Fund 110 - Police Total:	\$5,013.31
FUND: 115 - ANIMAL CONTROL	
OPPD November 2025	\$54.93
Utility Dept Library & Arts Center\$962.29	
Utility Dept Animal Control	\$15.07
Fund 115 - Animal Control Total:	\$1,032.29
FUND: 120 - FIRE	
Wolffes Printing Manila Folders	\$18.25
Wolffes Printing Paper Clips	\$7.94
Wolffes Printing Correction Tape	\$12.18
Wolffes Printing Legal Pad Jr	\$16.25
Wolffes Printing Notebooks	\$13.00
Utility Dept Fire Station	\$186.26
Utility Dept Ambulance Bldg	\$226.89
Utility Dept Fire Station/Hyd	\$139.75
Utility Dept Fire Station/Hydrants	\$4,426.34
Utility Dept Fire Station	\$526.39
Feld Fire..Capital Equipment/ 5 Sets Of Turnout Gear	\$17,750.00
SNC Telephone/Internet Services	\$127.73
Fund 120 - Fire Total:	\$23,450.98
FUND: 150 - PARKS	
Unifirst Corportion Mops/Towels\$97.44	
Farm & City Supply Wire 12/2 Ufwg 250	\$219.99
Farm & City Supply Dynaflex 230 Cir 5.5oz	\$7.59
Husker Electric Supply Time Mark Relay Base	\$10.99
Husker Electric Supply Freight Charges	\$29.85
Husker Electric Supply Timemark Electronic Programmable Timer \$100.50	
Amazon Capital Services Staples 2026 Year 21.75"X17" Monthly Desk Calendar	\$5.87
Utility Dept Dallas Jones Park-Irr Mtr	\$238.91
Utility Dept Stanton Lake Camper Sites/	

Caretaker	\$153.59
Utility Dept Snack Shack-New	\$39.65
Utility Dept Riding Club Site/City Usage	\$83.89
Utility Dept Grandview Park	\$133.59
Utility Dept Stanton Lake Volleyball	\$42.37
Utility Dept Snc Field	\$42.24
Utility Dept Hartman Field	\$42.24
Utility Dept Parks Dept New Shop	\$276.84
Utility Dept Stanton Lake South Camper	\$324.29
Utility Dept Snack Shack-New	\$52.81
Utility Dept Dallas Jones Tennis Court	\$53.58
Utility Dept Legion Park	\$56.59
Utility Dept Snack Shack/Old El Only	\$45.25
Utility Dept 4-H Barn	\$42.24
Utility Dept Stanton Lake North Camper	\$42.24
Utility Dept Stanton Lake Cabin	\$48.11
Utility Dept F&M Bank Field	\$42.24
Husker Electric Supply Intermatic 24hr Spst Mechanical Time Clock, 120v	\$73.50
Husker Electric Supply.2p 30a Definite Purpose Contactor, 120v Coil	\$17.50
Fund 150 - Parks Total:	\$2,323.90
FUND: 151 - AUDITORIM	
Amazon Capital Services..Z-Mat Unral Mat(6pk), 17-1/2" X 20-3/8"	\$45.52
Farm & City Supply..Line # 15 Monofilament 400yrd	\$4.99
Utility Dept Prichard Auditorium	\$5,374.83
Unifirst Corp Mops/Supplies	\$96.00
SNC Telephone/Internet Services	\$100.32
Fund 151 - Auditorim Total:	\$5,621.66
FUND: 152 - AQUATIC CENTER	
Amazon Capital Services Drafting Chair, Tall Office Chair	\$142.49
Utility Dept..Aquatic Center	\$91.81
Fund 152 - Aquatic Center Total: \$234.30	
FUND: 170 - LIBRARY	
Ingram..Credit Memo - Return	\$11.96
Ingram..Books - Periodicals	\$457.67
Wolffes Printing..1" Label Tape Refills	\$39.98
Wolffes Printing Ultra Fine Sharpies	\$13.80
Electronic Contracting Co. Service	\$390.00
Electronic Contracting Company..Service Travel	\$780.00
Jones Air Conditioning..10x20x1 Pleated Filters	\$63.00
Jones Air Conditioning..Ax45 Browning Gripotch Belt W/ 46.3"	\$65.00
Jones Air Conditioning..Labor	\$425.00
Amazon Capital Services..Thinkfun Domino Maze Stem Toy	\$29.99
Easy Squeegee Window Cleaning..Cleaning-Outside(Library)	\$220.00
Library Petty Cash..Postage: 11/26,12/5,12/12,12/19	\$163.43
Library Petty Cash..Dollar General 12.04.2025	\$41.40
Richard Gilkerson Dec 2025	\$150.00
Pro Serv..Contract Overage Charge 9/20/2025 - 12/19/2025	\$288.93
Pro Serv..Contract Base Charge 12/10/2025 - 3/19/2026	\$143.75
Utility Dept Library & Arts Center	\$1,434.29
SNC Telephone/Internet Services	\$222.93
Fund 170 - Library Total:	\$4,917.21
FUND: 180 - CEMETERY	
Husker Electric Supply..Sylvania 4ft 32w T8 Fluorescent Lamp, 4100k	\$85.46
Farm & City Supply..24.9" Xhd Uv Black Vinyl	\$14.29
Falls City Auto Supply..Clore	\$189.98
Farm & City Supply.. "N" 3" Black Die Cut Vinyl	\$0.79
Farm & City Supply.. "J" 3" Black Die Cut Vinyl	\$0.79
Farm & City Supply.. "T" 3" Black Die Cut Vinyl	\$0.79
Farm & City Supply..5.2oz Hp Ultra Silver Sthnetic 1/6pk	\$30.00
Utility Dept..Cemetery	\$182.13
Merz Ink..Steele Cemetery Sign 4'X6' Printed/Laminated	\$384.00
Home Lumber Company..5/16" X 3-1/8" Reisser Lag Screws	\$2.76
SNC Telephone/Internet Services\$99.28	
Fund 180 - Cemetery Total:	\$990.27
FUND: 190 - STREETS	
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc Legal Serv: 11/02/2025 - 11/26/2025	\$180.00
Olsson Associates Phase 204 2025 Street Superintendent Services	\$171.23
Falls City Auto Supply Scraper	\$24.64
FC Auto Supply..Diesel Fluid	\$49.16
FC Auto Supply..Electric Cleaner	\$11.99
FC Merc Menit Toilet Tissue 2-Ply \$79.36	
FC Auto Supply..Washer Fluid	\$19.74
Utility Dept Street Dept	\$871.99
Utility Dept Dist 56 Ss Stop Sign	\$45.50
Utility Dept Street Lights	\$6,076.28
Utility Dept..Dist 56 Stop Sign	\$42.24
SNC Telephone/Internet Services\$52.42	
Fund 190 - Streets Total:	\$7,624.55
FUND: 195 - MECHANIC SHOP	
Altac Industries, Inc..Service, Labor, Ssj, Plt	\$27.97
Armbruster Motor Co..Oil	\$85.50
Altac Industries, Inc..Charge, Service, Environmental Disposal Fee	\$27.97
Falls City Auto Supply..Filter	\$55.63
Falls City Auto Supply..Spark Plug \$6.38	
Falls City Auto Supply..Air Filter	\$51.38
Farm & City Supply..Adapter Sch 40 Pvc "Siz" Mpt	\$2.79
Farm & City Supply..Pipe Pvc Sch 40 2"X10"	\$1.61
Farm & City Supply..Ball Vlv 2" Pvc Sch 40 Thrd	\$16.99
Farm & City Supply..Dww Flex Coupl 2x2	\$8.59
Farm & City Supply..2" Poly Close Nipple	\$4.29
Falls City Auto Supply..1826	\$24.27
Farm & City Supply..Valve Assy	\$37.00
Farm & City Supply..Screw	\$2.00
Farm & City Supply..Sealing Ring	\$1.00
Farm & City Supply..Rubber Buffer	\$16.00
Falls City Auto Supply Permatex	\$14.67
Bobcat of Omaha 7246790 Coupler	\$114.90
Bobcat of Omaha..7246777 Coupler	\$108.50
Bobcat of Omaha..7246779 Coupler	\$57.80
Bobcat of Omaha..7246793 Coupler	\$53.85
Farm & City Supply..O-Ring-By Dept	\$1.38
Ditch Witch Under Con..Grommets\$7.56	
SNC..Telephone/Internet Services\$11.62	
Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop Total: \$683.71	
FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING	
SNC Telephone/Internet Services\$710.81	
Fund 205 - Dispatching Total:	\$710.81
FUND: 280 - HOUSING ABATEMENT/ DEMOLITION PROGRAM	

Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc Legal Serv: 11/02/2025 - 11/26/2025	\$360.00
Fund 280 - Housing Abatement/ Demolition Program Total:	\$360.00
FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC	
Farris Engineering Professional Services From 8-1-2025 To 8-29-2025	\$1,625.00
Farris Engineering..Fc Scada & Relay Upgrade-Design	\$1,000.00
Farris Engineering..Professional Serv From 8-30-25 To 9-26-2025	\$750.00
Farris Engineering..Professional Serv From 9-27-2025-10-24-2025	\$1,800.00
National Business Furniture Lic 4 Drawer Lateral File Cabinet 42"W, Putty,\$577.04	
Municipal Energy Agency of Ne October 2025 Service Schedule	\$50,302.31
Municipal Energy Agency of Ne October 2025 Wapa	\$26,505.90
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc Legal Serv: 11/2/25 - 11/26/2025	\$260.00
Amazon Capital Services Xi Short Sleeve T-Shirts Galeton (E38)	\$45.57
Amazon Capital Services 2xl Short Sleeve T-Shirt Galeton (E40)	\$45.57
Amazon Capital Services Xi Sleeveless T-Shirts Galeton (E39)	\$68.37
Amazon Capital Services L Sleeveless T-Shirts Galeton (E37)	\$68.37
Amazon Capital Services 2xl Sleeveless T-Shirts Galeton (E41)	\$68.37
Thomasson Company 35' C/3 Cca Rea Pole (E1705)	\$7,310.00
Thomasson Company 40' C/3 Cca Rea Pole (E1710)	\$7,396.00
Amazon Capital Services Zozen Measuring Wheel In Feet And Inches	\$39.99
Credit Management Justin Baker Acct# 13-000073-11	\$116.81
Farm & City Supply Bolts, Nuts, Washers Gr 8	\$57.49
Farm & City Supply Grade 5 Bolts, Nuts, Washers	\$5.72
Farm & City Supply Tap Plug 5/8" -18nf C	\$24.71
Mcmaster-Carr O-R Aramid Reinforced Gasket W/ Bolt Holes	\$142.68
Mcmaster-Carr Remote-Discharge, Asme Pop Safety Air Valve	\$687.56
Mcmaster-Carr Eyeless Round Sling, Wr, 4800lbs, Choker Cap, 5'	\$31.19
Mcmaster-Carr Eyeless Round Sling, Wr, 4800lbs, Choker Cap, 3'	\$37.90
Wesco Distribution 1/2" Penta Head Impact Socket B2191 (E1683)	\$116.10
Omaha Public Power District (Nc2) Service November 2025	\$89,660.70
Omaha Public Power District (Nc2) November 2025	\$14,724.42
Cintas Corporation No 2..Supplies/Uniforms	\$613.98
Farmers Repair & Machine Shop..Bronze Bushing Stock	\$30.10
Farmers Repair & Machine Shop Machine/Presswork On # 6 Pump Assembly	\$225.75
Farmers Repair & Machine Shop Repairs On Brass Oil Filter Assembly	\$64.50
Husker Electric Supply Line Pliers Klein D2000-9ne (E1662)	\$37.04
Husker Electric Supply Weatherhead 2 Inch (E3)	\$42.19
Husker Electric Supply 8" Screwdriver Klein 600-8 (E1658)	\$46.12
Husker Electric Supply 6" Screwdriver Klein 600-6 (E1659)	\$44.16
Border States Strap, 1"-2 Hole (E110)	\$1.94
Border States Photo Control-Led Dtl #D11271 1.5 (E993)	\$398.18
Farm & City Supply Howes Lub 64oz \$23.64	
Farm & City Supply Towies Shop Blue 2pk	\$15.03
Farm & City Supply 2-5/16 Ball 1" D 2" Long Shank	\$24.71
Jeo Consulting Group Inc On Call Gis Services Through 12.05.2025	\$680.00
Quill Corporation Wow Ballpoint Retractable Pen	\$2.92
Quill Corporation Staples Jumbo Paper Clips, 1000ct	\$5.70
Quill Corporation Fine-Point Markers	\$3.90
Quill Corporation Bic Gelocity Blue 0.7mm 12dz	\$4.37
Quill Corporation Staples #1 N/S Ppr Clip 1000ct	\$4.13
Quill Corporation Stpls 144ct Med. Binder Clips	\$9.00
Quill Corporation Binder Clips - Large	\$8.16
Wolffes Printing Ap Checks Red \$102.50	
Seiler Instrument & Manufacturing Inc Sei-Trim-Surcharge	\$8.10
Seiler Instrument & Manufacturing Inc..Si-Disc	\$8.10
Seiler Instrument & Manufacturing Inc..Cat-Op-Pr-10-Nr	\$202.50
Principal Life Insurance Company Dental Ins.	\$446.47
Principal Life Insurance Company Vision Ins	\$92.64
Farm & City Supply..Bolts, Nuts, Washers Gr 8	\$41.98
Farm & City Supply C+K I/E Hg Nb 1g	\$157.99
Farm & City Supply Rstp Spry Grypm 15oz	\$32.20
Falls City Merc..Folgers Regular Coffee Packets	\$55.09
Meyer Home Center..Grip Pipe Sealant	\$30.42
Mcmaster-Carr..Hi-Temp Metallic Gasket	\$65.27
Farm & City Supply..9/16 Combo Wrench	\$11.37
Farm & City Supply 9/16 Ratcheting Wrench	\$16.12
Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne Nov 2025 Service Schedule	\$15,502.59
Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne Nov 2025 Wapa	\$38,064.45
Momaster-Carr Pipe Cement For Plastic Pipe For 6" Cpvc Pipe	\$12.22
Mcmaster-Carr Cpvc Pipe For Hot Water	\$161.06
Mcmaster-Carr Lp Steel Threaded Pipe Flange	\$222.96
Mcmaster-Carr Cpvc Pipe Fitting For Hot Water	\$95.09
Wesco Distribution..Elbow-#2 Strd Elastimold 161lR-B-5220 *** (E554)	\$1,112.63
Nebraska Dept. Of Revenue..Nebraska Sales Tax Return November 2025	\$27,102.52
Nebraska Dept. Of Revenue..Nebraska Use Tax Return November 2025	\$27.38
Farm & City Supply Rubbing Alcohol	\$8.58
Farm & City Supply..4.5 X 5/8-11 40 Grit Flap Disc	\$35.44
Martin Marietta..1 1/2" Crush Run\$655.40	
Tasc..Service December 2025	\$75.00
Utility Dept. Petty Cash..12.03.2025 Usps - Stamps	\$187.20
Utility Dept. Petty Cash..11.26.2025 Usps - Postage	\$7.71
Utility Dept. Petty Cash..12.12.2025 Cashier Drawer Shortage	\$0.05
Utility Dept. Petty Cash..12.12.2025 Usps - Postage	\$13.84
Utility Dept. Petty Cash..11.26.2025 Usps - Postage	\$11.00
Utility Dept. Petty Cash..12.16.2025 Dollar General - Supplies	\$48.61
Farm & City Supply..Bolts, Nuts, Washers	\$5.05

Farm & City Supply Thrd Rod Stl 5/8-11x12"	\$5.36
Farm & City Supply Hefty Slidr Gal 15ct	\$4.93
Farm & City Supply..M18 Forge Battery Pak 8ah	\$246.18
Farm & City Supply..Chainsaw M18 Bttry 18v 8"	\$299.93
Amazon Capital Services..600pc, Sticky Index Tabs Page Flags	\$4.18
Amazon Capital Services..Magnetic White Board, 36"X24", Dry Erase	\$12.71
Amazon Capital Services..Post-It Notes, 18pk	\$8.65
Amazon Capital Services Lens/Screen Wipes, 600 Count	\$7.20
Amazon Capital Services Magnetic White Board Markers, 12 Ct	\$3.98
Falls City Merc Water-Gallon	\$22.87
Border States Fuse Link, 30 Amp-S&C 64030*** (E395)	\$87.82
Border States Fuse Link, 50 Amp-S&C 64050*** (E391)	\$238.11
Border States Fuse Link, 65 Amp-S&C 64065*** (E388)	\$339.97
Farm & City Supply..M18 Battery Pak 8ah	\$(246.18)
General Fund..Pilot November 2025-Electric	\$35,904.43
Farm & City Supply..Sanding Masks, 20ct	\$37.61
Utility Dept Inventory Bldg-61	\$834.16
Utility Dept Power Plant Unit #9 - 62	\$3,048.95
Utility Dept Plant Water Hl/Low-62	\$288.01
Utility Dept Power Plant Water Dept-62	\$269.42
Utility Dept Power Plant Water Dept-62	\$3,052.94
Utility Dept..Station Power-62\$9,473.67	
Utility Dept..Power Plant-62	\$5,074.99
Husker Electric Supply..Pvc Glue \$32.14	
Martin Marietta..1 1/2" Crush Run	\$2,005.58
Ameritas Billing 457 Pre Tax Percentage	\$91.27
Cwa Dues ..Cwa Union Dues	\$175.43
Principal Life Ins Co Dental Ins.	\$446.47
Medica Ins Group Health	\$18,856.42
Ibew Local Union #1536 Ibew Union Dues	\$333.73
Dearborn Life Insurance Company Life Insurance	\$607.50
Principal Life Ins Co Vision Ins	\$92.64
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax\$201.07	
Ameritas..Retirement 501a	\$11,413.48
American National Bank Hsa	\$668.46
Dept. Of The Treasury..Medicare Tax	\$2,810.32
Dept. Of The Treasury..Social Security Tax	\$12,016.42
Nebraska Dept. Of Revenue..State W/H Tax	\$3,810.09
Dept. Of The Treasury Federal W/H	\$8,448.91
SNC Telephone/Internet Services\$636.47	
Fund 600 - Electric Total:	\$382,827.23
FUND: 610 - WATER	
American Water Works Assn Membership Dues	\$385.00
Edwards Chemicals Fuel Surcharge	\$9.00
Edwards Chemicals Reconditioning Fee	\$6.00
Edwards Chemicals Chlorine Cylinder	\$400.00
Edwards Chemicals..Hydrofluosillic Acid	\$324.50
Edwards Chemicals..Chlorine Cylinder Deposit	\$200.00
Edwards Chemicals Delivery Fee..\$48.00	
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc Environment Fee	\$33.71
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc..Monthly Co2 Tank Rent	\$1,477.00
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc..Monthly Co2 Tank Telemetry	\$105.50
Farm & City Supply..Led Flashlight Bkl 100lm	\$15.04
Farm & City Supply..1/4 X 2-1/2" Pio Pin W/sg Wire	\$4.69
Uci Testing..Non Dot Pre-Employment Test	\$80.00
Uci Testing..Dot Annual Employee Fee - 3 Qtrs @ \$15each	\$45.00
Uci Testing..Dot Pre-Employment Test	\$80.00
Farm & City Supply..M18 Forge Battery Pak 8ah	\$235.42
Farm & City Supply..M18 Fuel Reciprocating Saw	\$299.93
Grainger..Mech Tstat, Heat Or Cool, Plastic, 110/30f	\$133.17
Farm & City Supply..1" Dr 1" Female X 3/4 Male	\$48.36
Farm & City Supply..3/4 Fml X 1 M Imp Adp	\$21.49
Farm & City Supply..1/2" Dr Imp Adp 1/2 X 3/4m	\$19.45
Wolffes Printing..Material Used 10 Pads W/ Design	\$134.38
Amazon Capital Services..Metabo Battery Pack 18v 5.2 Ah	\$131.49
Edwards Chemicals..Gas Chlorine Cylinder Refund	\$(500.00)
Edwards Chemicals..Fsc Fuel Surcharge	\$57.00
Edwards Chemicals..Ed-Wo012 Gas Chlorine Cylinder, 150#	\$800.00
Edwards Chemicals..Gas Chlorine Cylinder Deposit	\$400.00
Edwards Chemicals..Wc002 Aluminum Sulfate Standard	\$160.00
Edwards Chemicals..Wc017d Hydrofluosillic Acid 23-25% 55 Gal Drum	\$324.50
Edwards Chemicals Recondg	
Reconditioning Fee	\$54.00
Edwards Chemicals..Hfdd Hydrofluorilic Acid 55gal Drum Deposit	\$40.00
Edwards Chemicals Fsc Fuel Surcharge	\$9.00
Edwards Chemicals Hfdr Hydrofluorilic Acid 55gal Drum Refund	\$(40.00)
Amazon Capital Services..Cantopane 1000w/2000w(Peak) Car Power Inverter	\$55.99
Hach Chemical Co Manver 2 Pwd Pillows PK/100	\$36.40
Hach Chemical Co Ph Storage Soln Pk/20	\$79.12
Hach Chemical Co..Pot Cl Ref Electrical Gel Ctry Pk/2	\$110.78
Hach Chemical Co..Reagent Set, Chlorine Free C117	\$248.93
Farm & City Supply..Tape Barcode Caution 1000'	\$16.11
Farm & City Supply..M18 Fuel Impc Wmc 1/2"	\$267.68
Farm & City Supply..Mag 1-3/4" Cov Lock 1.5 3pk	\$38.69
Amazon Capital Services..Shell Plastic Index Card Dividers	\$13.99
Home Lumber Company..2x4x10 #1syp Ecofile Treated	\$54.24
Home Lumber Company..3-1/8" Reisser Deck Screws/Lb	\$59.07
Home Lumber Company..4x8x3/4" Ccx Plywood	\$135.43
Quill Corporation..Wow Ballpoint Retractable Pen	\$0.38
Quill Corporation..Staples Jumbo Paper Clips, 1000ct	\$0.76
Quill Corporation..Fine-Point Markers	\$0.52
Quill Corporation Staples #1 N/SPrr Clip 1000ct	\$0.56

CITY OF FALLS CITY CLAIMS

Claims Report - 1.21.2026	
City Of Falls City, Ne By Fund	
Payment Dates 1/7/2026 - 1/21/2026	Vendor Name Description (Item)
Amount	
FUND: 100 - GENERAL	
Falls City Chamber Of Commerce, 2026 Contribution	\$6,000.00
Verizon, Service Nov. 27, 2025 - Dec. 26, 2025.....	\$47.92
Falls City Merc, Merit Toilet Tissue 2-Ply	\$79.36
Falls City Merc, Merit Paper Towels.....	\$58.63
Falls City Merc, Paper Towel Kitchen Roll	\$45.00
Us Signal Company Llc, Microsoft Csp Nce Licensing.....	\$100.31
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc, Legal Services December 2025.....	\$2,450.00
Kansas Municipal Utilities, 2026 Kmu Affiliate Member Dues	\$27.78
Visa, Late Fee	\$40.00
Visa, Interest Charge Purchase.....	\$25.88
Iamgis Group Llc Annual Software And Support 1/1/26 - 12/31/26.....	\$374.06
Pest Control Services Of Se NeP e s t Control Service: Prichard, City Hall	\$75.00
Ameritas Billing, 457 After Tax %	\$74.93
Ameritas Billing, 457 Pre Tax Percentage.....	\$194.06
Cwa Dues, Cwa Union Dues	\$77.72
Medica Insurance, Group Health.....	\$16,418.69
Ibew Local Union #1536 Ibew Union Dues	\$112.48
International Union Of Operating Engineers, Iuoe Union Dues.....	\$197.52
Dearborn Life Insurance Company/Life Insurance	\$260.18
Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Garnishment	\$250.00
Ameritas, Pension 457 Pre-Tax.....	\$150.00
Ameritas, Retirement 501a.....	\$12,452.50
American Natl Bank, Hsa	\$1,495.07
Nebraska Dept Of Revenue/State W/H Tax	\$3,762.56
Dept Of The Treasury Federal W/H	\$8,585.59
Dept Of The Treasury/Medicare Tax	\$2,844.54
Dept Of The Treasury, Social Security Tax	\$12,162.74
General Petty Cash, Postage - Certified Mail.....	\$62.88
Fund 100 - General Total.....	\$68,425.42
FUND: 110 - POLICE	
Verizon, Service Nov. 27, 2025 - Dec. 26, 2025.....	\$599.45
Us Signal Company Llc, Microsoft Csp Nce Licensing.....	\$118.17
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc, Legal Services December 2025.....	\$2,120.00
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel Expense December 2025.....	\$1,408.58
Kansas Municipal Utilities, 2026 Kmu Affiliate Member Dues	\$27.78
Police Dept Petty Cash Car Wash 12/14/26.....	\$3.00
Police Dept Petty Cash Car Wash 12/14/26.....	\$4.00
Police Dept Petty Cash Car Wash 12/27/25.....	\$15.00
Police Dept Petty Cash Car Wash 12/21/26.....	\$20.00
Police Dept Petty Cash, Postage 12/8/26.....	\$10.48
Iamgis Group Llc Annual Software And Support 1/1/26 - 12/31/26.....	\$997.50
BriteAbsolute (Netmotion) Renewal	\$600.00
Nca Investments, Llc, Ion Solo-Red	\$92.00
Nca Investments, Llc, U180 Series W/ Vehicle Mirror Mt.....	\$370.00
Nca Investments, Llc, Shipping & Handling	\$181.66
Nca Investments, Llc, Floor Mount - Dodge Durango	\$112.00
Nca Investments, Llc, T-Series Ion Solo-Blue	\$93.00
Nca Investments, Llc, T-Series Ion Solo-Red.....	\$93.00
Nca Investments, Llc Ion Solo-Blue	\$92.00
Nca Investments, Llc, Legacy Duo Wcx 54" R/B/W & Core Pkg-Cct6	\$2,595.00
Nca Investments, Llc, Setina Cargo Area Partition	\$448.00
Nca Investments, Llc, Installation Services - Police.....	\$2,000.00
Nca Investments, Llc Westin Push Bumper Elite	\$443.36
Nca Investments, Llc, Setina Single Prisoner Transport Partition	\$869.00
Nca Investments, Llc, Havis Vs Flat 19" Console W/Pocketjet Printr Mount.....	\$481.00
Nca Investments, Llc Westin Elite Wire Cover	\$68.01
Nca Investments, Llc, Havis Side Mount Armrest	\$58.00
Nca Investments, Llc, Havis Internal Cup Holders	\$42.00
Nca Investments, Llc, T Series License Plate Bkt	\$29.00
Nca Investments, Llc, Westin Light Channel-Whelen Ion X2	\$41.08
Nca Investments, Llc, Setina Window Bar-Passenger Side	\$220.00
Police Chiefs Association Of Nebraska Membership Application And Renewal	\$120.00
Fund 110 - Police Total.....	\$14,372.07
FUND: 115 - ANIMAL CONTROL	
Verizon, Service Nov. 27, 2025 - Dec. 26, 2025.....	\$39.94
Us Signal Company Llc, Microsoft Csp Nce Licensing.....	\$13.13
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel Expense December 2025.....	\$116.38
Iamgis Group Llc Annual Software And Support 1/1/26 - 12/31/26.....	\$374.06
Feld Fire, Turbine Rataining Ring 1715 Chrome	\$119.00
Feld Fire, Energizer Ind Aa Batt, 24/Pkg	\$86.85
Fund 120 - Fire Total.....	\$593.04
FUND: 130 - BUILDING INSPECTIONS & CODE ENFORCEMENT	
Verizon, Service Nov. 27, 2025 - Dec. 26, 2025.....	\$39.94
Us Signal Company Llc, Microsoft Csp Nce Licensing.....	\$13.13
Kansas Municipal Utilities, 2026 Kmu Affiliate Member Dues	\$27.78
Iamgis Group Llc Annual Software And Support 1/1/26 - 12/31/26.....	\$374.06
Fund 130 - Building Inspections & Code Enforcement Total.....	\$454.91
FUND: 150 - PARKS	
Racy Hullman, Week Of 12-22-25.....	\$30.00
Roderick Advertising Co, Entrance Sign - Dallas Jones Park	\$4,225.00
Verizon, Service Nov. 27, 2025 - Dec. 26, 2025.....	\$79.88

Us Signal Company Llc, Microsoft Csp Nce Licensing.....	\$39.39
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel Expense December 2025.....	\$288.77
Kansas Municipal Utilities, 2026 Kmu Affiliate Member Dues	\$27.78
Iamgis Group Llc Annual Software And Support 1/1/26 - 12/31/26.....	\$997.50
Farm & City Supply, Special Order Auto-Hunt-Sport.....	\$54.99
Chelsie Miller, Rental Addon Payment For Candlelight Cabin Rental	\$50.00
Fund 150 - Parks Total.....	\$5,793.31
FUND: 151 - AUDITORIM	
Racy Hullman, Week Of 12-15-25.....	\$45.00
Racy Hullman, Week Of 12-8-25.....	\$45.00
Racy Hullman, Week Of 12-29-25.....	\$30.00
Racy Hullman, Week Of 12-1-25.....	\$75.00
Us Signal Company Llc, Microsoft Csp Nce Licensing.....	\$39.39
Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 12/18/25 Am	\$15.00
Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 12/14/25 Pm	\$15.00
Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 12/9/25 Am	\$15.00
Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 12/9/25 Pm	\$15.00
Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 12/4/25 Am	\$15.00
Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 12/11/25 Pm	\$15.00
Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 12/16/25 Pm	\$15.00
Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 12/11/25 Am	\$15.00
Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 12/30/25 Pm	\$15.00
Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 12/30/25 Am	\$15.00
Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 12/16/25 Am	\$15.00
Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 12/23/25 Pm	\$15.00
Iamgis Group Llc Annual Software And Support 1/1/26 - 12/31/26.....	\$374.06
Amazon Capital Services, Cabbrix Desk Calendar 21"X16.5"	\$17.99
Pest Control Services Of Se NeP e s t Control Service: Prichard, City Hall	\$75.00
Jessica Noble Rental Addon Payment For Auditorium Rental Deposit.....	\$250.00
Hailey Jahnel Rental Addon Payment For Auditorium Rental Deposit.....	\$250.00
Sara Black Rental Addon Payment For Auditorium Rental Deposit.....	\$100.00
Sara Black/Rental Addon Payment For Auditorium Rental Deposit.....	\$150.00
Fund 151 - Auditorim Total.....	\$1,661.44
FUND: 152 - AQUATIC CENTER	
Iamgis Group Llc Annual Software And Support 1/1/26 - 12/31/26.....	\$374.06
Fund 152 - Aquatic Center Total.....	\$374.06
FUND: 170 - LIBRARY	
Amazon Capital Services, Neenah Index Cardstock - 8.5" X 11".....	\$26.20
Us Signal Company Llc, Microsoft Csp Nce Licensing.....	\$39.39
The Library Store, Dura-Gloss Bar Code Protectors.....	\$157.41
Kansas Municipal Utilities, 2026 Kmu Affiliate Member Dues	\$27.78
Electronic Contracting Company, Alarm Central Monitoring Services 1/1/26 - 3/31/26	\$81.00
Iamgis Group Llc Annual Software And Support 1/1/26 - 12/31/26.....	\$374.06
Falls City Merc, Medium Latex Powder Free Gloves	\$7.57
FC Merc, Multi Surface Cleaner.....	\$47.48
Falls City Merc, 1207389014 16g Can Liner.....	\$45.81
Falls City Merc Kleenex Facial Tissue.....	\$76.39
Falls City Merc, White Multifold Paper Towel	\$50.30
Falls City Merc, Paper Towel Kitchen Roll	\$45.00
Fund 170 - Library Total.....	\$978.39
FUND: 180 - CEMETERY	
Us Signal Company Llc, Microsoft Csp Nce Licensing.....	\$13.13
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel Expense December 2025.....	\$70.56
Kansas Municipal Utilities, 2026 Kmu Affiliate Member Dues	\$27.78
Iamgis Group Llc Annual Software And Support 1/1/26 - 12/31/26.....	\$374.06
Amazon Capital Services, 2026 Desk Calendar 21.75"X17"	\$21.98
Fund 180 - Cemetery Total.....	\$507.51
FUND: 190 - STREETS	
Brad Griffin Consulting, Unifi Flex- 5 Port Managed Flex Switch.....	\$79.99
Verizon, Service Nov. 27, 2025 - Dec. 26, 2025.....	\$39.94
Us Signal Company Llc, Microsoft Csp Nce Licensing.....	\$26.26
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel Expense December 2025.....	\$1,847.84
Kansas Municipal Utilities, 2026 Kmu Affiliate Member Dues	\$27.78
Iamgis Group Llc Annual Software And Support 1/1/26 - 12/31/26.....	\$997.50
Fund 190 - Streets Total.....	\$3,019.31
FUND: 195 - MECHANIC SHOP	
Altac Industries, Inc., Service, Labor, Ssj, Plt	\$27.97
Altac Industries, Inc., Charge, Service, Environmental Disposal Fee.....	\$27.97
Nmc Inc, Nipple As-Qd	\$210.82
Nmc Inc, Coupler As-Q.....	\$208.46
Nmc Inc, Nipple-Qdis	\$74.72
Nmc Inc, Coupler-Qdis	\$85.59
Nmc Inc, Coupling	\$102.73
O'reilly Automotive Inc/Hold Down Kit	\$8.49
Falls City Auto Supply Interstate, No Core Charge - Core Exchange	\$173.66
Altac Industries, Inc., Detent Pin,T-Handle; .75" Dia; 5.25" Grip Strength	\$138.12
Altac Industries, Inc., Cover; Bottom; Leveling Bracket; Ems 5-9.....	\$397.14
Falls City Auto Supply Oxygen Sensor	\$85.50
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc. Kit- TrpmS Sens	\$57.49
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc./Wheel Assy	\$362.11
Harmon's Ok Tire, Balance.....	\$5.00
Harmon's Ok Tire, Flat Repair.....	\$20.00
Kansas Municipal Utilities, 2026 Kmu Affiliate Member Dues	\$27.77
Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop Total.....	\$1,957.60
FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING	
Kansas Municipal Utilities, 2026 Kmu Affiliate Member Dues	\$27.77
Fund 205 - Dispatching Total.....	\$27.77
FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC	
Berwick Co-Op Oil Company, Super Lube 518 40 Wt (55 Gal Drum)	\$1,564.20
Alco International Diversey Laundry	\$175.21
Alco International, Sukup Oil Mats	\$186.89
Alco International, Sukup Jr's.....	\$173.54
Farm & City Supply, Brass T.....	\$7.29
Farm & City Supply, Mounting Tape Clr 1x150".....	\$16.11

Farm & City Supply, Protectant Amr All 28oz.....	\$12.89
Cintas Corporation No 2, Uniforms/Supplies.....	\$155.66
Cintas Corporation No 2, Supplies/Uniforms	\$458.32
Verizon, Service Nov. 27, 2025 - Dec. 26, 2025.....	\$297.70
Amazon Capital Services, Brother Genuine Tn760 Hy Black Toner Cartridge	\$71.95
Mezger Construction Inc, Electrical Improvement-Armbruster Parking Lot	\$25,000.00
Resco, Elbow-#2 Strd Elastimold 161r-B-5220 *** (E554)	\$2,015.44
Us Signal Company Llc, Microsoft Csp Nce Licensing.....	\$122.37
Farm & City Supply, Bulk Liquid Paint Marker	\$32.20
Resco, #4 Sd Bare Solid Cu Ground Wire 200" (E1301).....	\$798.36
Resco, Cap, Protective (Insu.)- Elastimold 160drg (E503)	\$3,114.13
159 Lumber & Rentals/Block 2x8x16 Solid Gray	\$15.23
159 Lumber & Rentals/Block 4x8x16 Solid.....	\$14.22
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc, Legal Services December 2025.....	\$1,800.00
Falls City Merc, Center Pull Paper Towels (X217)	\$112.82
Falls City Merc, Individual Toilet Paper (X218).....	\$79.36
Martin Marietta, 1 1/2" Crush Run	\$667.08
One Call Concepts, Inc, Locate Fees: El	\$33.77
Mcmaster-Carr, Water & Steam Resistant Epdm Gasket W/ Bolt Holes	\$75.28
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel Expense December 2025.....	\$1,000.75
Western Environmental Services Emission Testing.....	\$10,485.00
Kansas Municipal Utilities, 2026 Kmu Affiliate Member Dues	\$150.00
Iamgis Group Llc Annual Software And Support 1/1/26 - 12/31/26.....	\$997.50
Amazon Capital Services, 2023 National Electrical Safety Code(R) (Nesc(R))	\$260.11
Tredz Central, Install Labor Tbi.....	\$900.00
Tredz Central, Martin Truck Bodie Gnsb-Al-84x84.....	\$12,500.00
Tredz Central, Martin Harness Adapter Mar-907-3	\$50.00
Tredz Central, Install Kit For 2024 Ford Bx Mk-F-201	\$250.00
Mcmaster-Carr, Lip Pipe Fitting, Iron, 90deg Elbow Connector	\$8.30
Mcmaster-Carr, Lip Pipe Fitting, Iron, Tee Connector, 3/4 Npt F.....	\$6.60
Mcmaster-Carr Standard-Wall Steel Pipe Nipple, 3/4npt	\$3.34
Mcmaster-Carr, Standard-Wall Steel Pipe Nipple	\$2.39
Mcmaster-Carr, Extended-Stem Threaded On/Off Valve	\$53.61
Mcmaster-Carr, Standard-Wall Steel Pipe Nipple.....	\$18.84
Mcmaster-Carr/Air-Release Valve, 1/2 Npt Female & 3/4 Npt Inlets	\$53.94
Falls City Merc/Multi-Fold Paper Towel	\$45.76
Falls City Merc Hardwood Brown Roll Roll Towel-350ft.....	\$45.64
Bairdholm, Llp/Legal Services - Energy Forward Transmission Proj.....	\$1,133.00
Husker Electric Supply, 8" Screwdriver Klein 600-8 (E1658).....	\$15.37
Husker Electric Supply, 6" Adjustable Wrench Klein D507-6 (E1663.1).....	\$101.10
Husker Electric Supply2 1/2" Sch 40 Pvc Elbow (E1252).....	\$33.97
Husker Electric Supply, Conduit-2"Pvc Sch 40 Long Bell** (E1217)	\$49.99
Husker Electric Supply, 4" Sch 40 Pvc Conduit (E1242)	\$131.15
Husker Electric Supply, 2" Universal Conduit Clamp (E106)	\$69.34
Berwick Co-Op Oil Company Ulstd #1/2 Blended Diesel Fuel	\$17,262.02
Trevor Campbell, Travel Expense - Embassy Suites.....	\$388.91
Trevor Campbell, Lnm Utility Conference: Per Diem 1.7.26	\$51.00
Trevor Campbell, Lnm Utility Conference: Per Diem 1.8.26	\$68.00
Trevor Campbell, Lnm Utility Conference: Fuel Expense.....	\$150.80
Trevor Campbell, Lnm Utility Conference: Per Diem 1.9.26	\$51.00
H-O-H Water Technology, Inc., Glykool 38.....	\$6,354.26
Border Statesm, Meter Socket/Test Switch, Uc 7449r-Ts10-0109 13t	\$515.62
Border States, Maclean Vertical Arrestor Brkt G1mda112atb 3 Ear	\$378.88
Border States, Plug Male, Grd.-Wood-head #1447 (E292).....	\$24.61
Border States, Strap, 2 1/2"-2 Hole (Hs907) Rigid (E107.5).....	\$15.48
Border States, 4" Sch 40 Pvc Coupling (E1286).....	\$13.37
Border States, 2 1/2" Sch 40 Pvc Coupling (E1287).....	\$5.20
Border States, 2 1/2" 90 Deg 48" Long Sweep Sch 40 Pvc Elbow (E12.....	\$51.08
H-O-H Water Technology, Inc., Glykool 38.....	\$2,760.09
Ameritas Billing, 457 Pre Tax Percentage.....	\$82.87
Cwa Dues, Cwa Union Dues	\$175.43
Medica Insurance, Group Health.....	\$17,966.07
American Natl Bank, Hsa	\$3,393.57
Ibew Local Union #1536 Ibew Union Dues	\$333.73
Dearborn Life Insurance Co, Life Insurance	\$428.32
Ameritas, Pension 457 Pre-Tax	\$2,068.26
Ameritas, Retirement 501a.....	\$11,939.44
Dept Of The Treasury/Medicare Tax	\$2,887.78
Dept Of The Treasury, Social Security Tax	\$12,347.78
Nebraska Dept Of Revenue State W/H Tax	\$3,943.11
Dept Of The Treasury, Federal W/H	\$8,580.58
Omaha Public Power District (Nc2) Service December 2025.....	\$103,805.08
Wesco Distribution, 5/8" Stud Connector Taps #Ptf6-350 (E716.3)	\$180.60
Wartsila North America Inc, Filter Fca50xxndf	\$3,124.46
Dollar General Store, Toilet Bowl Cleaner (X212)	\$13.43
Dollar General Store, Paper Towels-Reg Merc #20255 (X201).....	\$5.91
Dollar General Store, Window Cleaner (X204)	\$5.38
Dollar General Store Dawn Dish Soap (X211)	\$26.28
Dollar General Store, Clorox Wipes (X205).....	\$15.32
Dollar General Store, 409 Cleaner (X209).....	\$13.71
Husker Electric Supply, Lamp 8 Fluorescent F96t12/Cw Single Pin Inst S1?.....	\$149.75
Falls City Post Office, Q2 Postage: Billing Feb. 2026-May 2026.....	\$3,000.00
General Fund Pilot: Electric December 2025.....	\$129,335.19
Nebraska Dept Of Revenue Ne Local Sales Tax Return December 2025.....	\$32,162.75
Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Ne Local Use Tax Return December 2025.....	\$56.09
Jb Fluid Solutions Inc., Liquidult - Biologics Testing	\$125.00

Jb Fluid Solutions Inc., Standard Labor Rate (Per Hour).....	\$600.00
Jb Fluid Solutions Inc., Sargel - Water Testing	\$25.00
Utility Dept Petty Cash, Potage-Stamps 1.9.2026.....	\$280.80
Utility Dept Petty Cash, Postage 1.8.2026.....	\$22.37
Utility Dept Petty Cash, Postage 1.14.2026.....	\$12.14
Utility Dept Petty Cash, Postage 12.18.2025.....	\$12.45
Olsson Associates, Phase 30 - Routing And Preliminary Design Support	\$7,090.78
Olsson Associates, Phase 10 - Project Management & Coordination	\$11,778.25
Fund 600 - Electric Total.....	\$449,443.72
FUND: 610 - WATER	
Usa Bluebook, 3m 6000 Series Multi-Gas Cartridge	\$146.62
Utility Equipment Co., 1 Ref Vendor Po #212119.....	\$17.77
Utility Equipment Co.Hex Shear Key 5 Pack	\$64.36
Mcmaster-Carr, Magnetic Contact Alarm Switch With Screw Terminals	\$100.73
Farm & City Supply, Screws.....	\$31.93
Farm & City Supply, 11 3/16" Hs Steel Bit	\$3.21
Farm & City Supply, Coupling Sleeve 3/4" Ts Models	\$16.13
Farm & City Supply Hose Connector Whisk.....	\$7.50
Farm & City Supply Broom Head Corn Whisk.....	\$7.50
Concrete Industries, Inc, Concrete.....	\$516.88
Concrete Industries, Inc Minh Charge.....	\$50.00
Concrete Industries, Inc, Winter Service Charge.....	\$17.50
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc, Co2 Tank Environmental Service Fee	\$34.76
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc, Co2 Tank Telemetry	\$105.50
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc, Co2 Tank Rental.....	\$1,477.00
Railroad Management Company Iii, Llc, License Fees 4/17/26 To 4/16/27	\$443.26
Concrete Industries, Inc Concrete.....	\$1,964.13
Concrete Industries, Inc, Winter Service Charge.....	\$66.50
Farm & City Supply, Shop Towel 10x12 Bx200	\$18.26
Farm & City Supply, Lime-Rust Remover 28oz Clr.....	\$7.08
Farm & City Supply, Whip Hose Standard 12"	\$9.24
Farm & City Supply, Bracket Shovel Wll Or Truck Mt.....	\$18.26
Farm & City Supply, Pistol Grip Grease Gun.....	\$69.86
Farm & City Supply O-Ring Kit (385 Pcj).....	\$30.09
Verizon, Service Nov. 27, 2025 - Dec. 26, 2025.....	\$137.87
Lincoln Winwater Works Co, 3/4" Meter Coupling Ford C38-23-2.5 NI (W919)	\$111.06
Lincoln Winwater Works Co, 1 1/4" Stop Box Plug Ford Pl (W852.1).....	\$65.56
Lincoln Winwater Works Co, 3/4" Ips Poly Tubing (W1617.5).....	\$101.73
Us Signal Company Llc, Microsoft Csp Nce Licensing.....	\$13.13
Core & Main Lp, 1" Mipt X Barb (Ptm-2-Nl) (W801.5)	\$31.35
Core & Main Lp, 3/4" Fipt Ball Curb Stop Ford B11-333m-NI Minn Thd.....	\$263.35
One Call Concepts, Inc, Locate Fees: Water	\$30.53
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel Expense December 2025.....	\$245.50
Farm & City Supply, Pool Test Strip Pkg/50	\$16.11
Core & Main Lp, 3/4" Cts Pj X Fipt Ball Curb Stop Ni Minn Thd (W91.....	\$492.89
Kansas Municipal Utilities, 2026 Kmu Affiliate Member Dues	\$20.00
Iamgis Group Llc Annual Software And Support 1/1/26 - 12/31/26.....	\$997.50
Farm & City Supply, 3/4"Mpt X 3/4" Hose Barb	\$13.38
Farm & City Supply, Clamp 11/16 - 1.5 Marin.....	\$11.54
Farm & City Supply, 1/2"Mpt X 3/4" Hose Barb	\$5.36
Falls City Auto Supply, Anco.....	\$27.93
Farm & City Supply, Plastic Weldr 5min 0.84oz.....	\$8.59
Farm & City Supply, Clevis Grb Hook Fs 5/16"	\$20.62
Farm & City Supply, Bucket Mini Wht Ae .5qt	\$1.92
True Ag & Turf, Llc, Freight.....	\$17.99
Core & Main LpAmr Black Touchpad #39a (3/4-10cf/182-100cf) (W995.....	\$483.75
Core & Main Lp, 5" Probe (W814).....	\$81.49
Lincoln Winwater Works Co, 11/16" Di Cutter	\$123.63
Lincoln Winwater Works Co, T-Bk-18-Gold Bit Kit.....	\$338.63
Lincoln Winwater Works Co, At-R18-T Threaded Rod	\$519.13
Falls City Post Office, Q2 Postage: Billing Feb. 2026 - May 2026.....	\$400.00
General Fund, Pilot - Excise Tax December 2025.....	\$4,066.00
Nebraska Dept Of Revenue Ne Local Sales Tax Return December 2025.....	\$1,651.37
Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Ne Local Use Tax Return December 2025.....	\$6.60
Utility Dept Petty Cash, Potage-Stamps 1.9.2026.....	\$37.44
Fund 610 - Water Total.....	\$1

NOTICE
In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska Estate of Charles Bauman, Deceased
Estate Number: PR26-2

Notice is hereby given that on January 16, 2026, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Tonya Griepenstroh was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before the 23rd day of March 2026 or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann
Clerk Magistrate
County Court of Richardson County
1700 Stone Street, Room 205
Falls City, NE 68355

Handley Law Office
Dylan L. Handley (24152)
217 E. 18th Street
Falls City, Nebraska 68355
Telephone: (402) 245-3088
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Email: dylanlhandley@hotmail.com

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Public Hearing Announcement

The Nemaha Natural Resources District (NRD) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 12th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the District office (62161 US Highway 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450) to receive written and oral testimony concerning the changes to the District's Groundwater Quantity Management Area (GWQMA) Rules and Regulations.

The changes to the GWQMA Rules and Regulations will apply geographically to include all lands and water bodies within the boundaries of the Nemaha NRD. Also, the proposed changes will apply stratigraphically to all groundwater located within the District. Upon NRD Board of Directors approval of the proposed changes to the GWQMA, the following changes will be enacted:

- Definitions – Additions, Deletions & Updates
- Well Spacing – Any well requiring a well permit to pump greater than 50 gallons per minute shall be constructed at least 1,000 feet from any domestic, livestock or "other" type well.
- Irrigation – Only one irrigation well will be permitted to supply groundwater through one delivery system and will be allowed to irrigate up to 25% of the number of acres within the section the well is to be located.
- Transfers – The transfer of groundwater will only be allowed for domestic, municipal and remediation purposes.
- Well Permit Ranking System – The well permit ranking system's well density equations have been updated. Also, the minimum score required for well permit approval will vary depending upon the aquifer region underlying the well permit location.
- Aquifer Regions – The paleovalley alluvial aquifer has been subdivided into West, East & South regions.

These actions are a general description of the changes to the GWQMA Rules and Regulations. A complete copy of the document may be obtained from the District office or the District's website: www.nemahandrd.org.

Those who are unable to appear at the public hearing or with lengthy testimony may wish to submit in writing. For testimony to be considered by the NRD Board of Directors for the purpose of this hearing, such written testimony must be submitted and received by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 11th, 2026, at the District office. The NRD Board of Directors will consider all testimony provided and consider whether to adopt or rescind any of the proposed changes to the GWQMA Rules and Regulations at the regularly scheduled Board meeting to be held on Thursday, February 12th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF
ATE FARMS LLC

Notice is hereby given that ATE Farms LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its registered office located at 1719 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The Limited Liability Company is organized to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. Said Limited Liability Company was organized on October 24, 2025 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Limited Liability Company are to be conducted by one or more managers as provided in the Operating Agreement and the initial managers are Todd Wright, Adam Wright, and Eric Wright.

Todd Wright, Co-Manager
Adam Wright, Co-Manager
Eric Wright, Co-Manager

WEAVER & MERZ
Douglas E. Merz #12807
1719 Stone Street
P. O. Box 569
Falls City, NE 68355
402-245-3015

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VILLAGE OF SALEM

Village of Salem
January 2026
The Salem Village Board met
January 6, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the
Community Building.

Chairman Strauch called the meeting to order, Kean and Wessel answered roll. Helmick and Vogele were absent: The open meeting poster was acknowledged. Wessel updated the board on recent visits to area community buildings. She also reported that three quarterly payments for Administration services for Community Building planning were due to SENDD. The board reviewed an agreement between Richardson County and the Village of Salem for the emergency siren. The County will pay for maintenance and the Village will insure the siren. Kean moved to sign the agreement, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, and Wessel voting yes. Helmick and Vogele absent. Claims were presented for payment. Strauch moved to pay the claims, seconded by Kean. Motion carried, Kean, Wessel, and Strauch voting yes. Helmick and Vogele absent. Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:37, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, Kean, Wessel, and Strauch voting yes. Helmick and Vogele absent. The next meeting will be February 3, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Carolyn Glathar
Village of Salem

CLAIMS JANUARY 2026
VILLAGE OF SALEM

OPPD 533.45 (utility) street 339.72
FRHL 35.39 combi 92.34 general 66.00
Robert McHenry 700.00 (water operator) water
Village of Salem/Water Fund 400.00 (transfer) general
RWD #2 1344.29 (water purchased for sale) water
NE Health Lab 15.00 (water testing) water
Schendel Pest Control 30.00 (service) combi
Robert Aitken 1850.00 (professional services) general
JEO Consulting Group 600.00 (professional services) street
Mary Jane Wessel 67.02 (expenses combi) combi
Carolyn Glathar 20.44 (postage and labels) general
Carolyn Glathar 500.00 (salary) general
200.00 street 200.00 water 100.00 (check 461.75)
USPS 92.20 (postage) water 61.00 general 31.20
US Treasury 229.50 (withholding quarter 4) general
Nebraska Dept of Revenue 334.72 (sales tax quarter 4) water
Richardson Co Mutual Aid Association 20.00 (dues) fire department
SEND 312.50 625.00 (Adm Services) general

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COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2026
CALL TO ORDER

The Annual meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Motion was made by Karas to reappoint John Caverzagie as the Chairman of the Board for 2026. Chairman Caverzagie called for a second to the motion and hearing none, motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion was made by Campbell to appoint himself as Chairman of the Board for 2026. Chairman Caverzagie called for a second to the motion and hearing none, motion died for a lack of a second.

After further discussion and later in the meeting, motion was made by Karas to appoint John Caverzagie as Chairman of the Board for 2026. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to appoint Rick Karas as Vice-Chairman for 2026. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-ye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie that the listed duties be designated to the following commissioners:

Commissioner Karas: County Roads, Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) and the Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council

Commissioner Caverzagie: Courthouse Building and Grounds and Law Enforcement Center, Region V Systems & Services, member of the Product Development & Public Policy Committee of the Greater Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE) and alternate to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC),

Commissioner Campbell: County Roads, The Greater Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Falls City Airport Road Committee and the Southeast Nebraska Health Board

Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reaffirm the appointment of Dr. Allan W. Tramp to the County Health Board for the year 2026 pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 71-501. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to reappoint Mark Jones, Charles Duryea, Dana Rathje to the Richardson County Planning Commission for a term of 3 years which expires December 31, 2028. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint Madeline Keller, Kristi Gerweck and Sandra Stalder to the County Visitor's Committee for a term of 4 years which will expire December 31, 2029. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He reported that the rock trucks and all the maintainers were out on roads.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:25 a.m. with Steve Darveau, Highway Supt. and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff to discuss personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to close the executive session at 9:50 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Sheriff's Department and Jail this past week. He reported 14 inmates currently being held in the Jail and reported on some staffing changes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:01 a.m. with Jerry Pigsley, special legal counsel via teleconference and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff, to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to close the executive session at 10:53

a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA
DIRECTOR and WEED SUPT.

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director presented to the Board the Cross-Jurisdictional Memorandum of Understanding regarding the coordination of delivery and alert, warning and notification messages through FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). This MOU does not include the counties of Pawnee and Johnson to have the ability to send messages through IPAWS for Cooper Nuclear Station at Brownville and will supersede the prior MOU that was approved February 7, 2025, and September 15, 2020.

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter into this Memorandum of Understanding regarding the coordination of delivery and alert, Warning and notification messages through FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) as presented today. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Brian Kirkendall, Noxious Weed Supt. presented to the Board the 2025 annual report of the Noxious Weed Control Plan program in Richardson County which will be submitted to the NE Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Protection.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the 2025 annual report of the Noxious Weed Control Pan program in Richardson County as presented and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Kirkendall explained to the Board that he will be traveling in the next month and that he does not carry 2 different cell phones and would need to change the service plan on the EMA Director cell phone while traveling. He requested approval from the Board to change this plan during his travels and that he would reimburse the County for the cost of the plan change during this time. The Board approved this request.

COUNTY TREASURER

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board the Semi-Annual Report of the county funds, July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. Motion was made by Karas to accept the report as submitted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY
OFFICIALS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reaffirm the appointment of Steve Darveau, Jr. as the Richardson County Highway Superintendent, License #S-1660 Class A for 2026 with an annual salary to be considered at a future meeting. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint Odis Field as the Richardson County Veterans Service Officer for 2026 with a salary of \$30.00/hour. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to reappoint Brian Kirkendall as the Richardson County Emergency Manager and the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent for 2026 with an annual salary to be considered at a future meeting. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-2026-23
ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARIES
2027-2030

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-23 establishing the salaries for county elected officials for the new term of office 2027-2030. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 88)

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Motion was made by Karas to reaffirm the salary increases effective January 1, 2026, that were included within the fiscal year budget 2025-2026 that will include a 2% increase to the following: deputy county clerk, deputy register of deeds, deputy election commissioner, deputy treasurer, deputy assessor, deputy clerk of district court, chief deputy sheriff, deputy EMA director, Extension Office clerical and Courthouse maintenance. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the requested salary increase for the office staff of the County Attorney's Office: full-time clerical/administrative from \$22.50/hour to \$28.00/hour and part-time clerical from \$18.50/hour to \$19.00/hour. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the

County Clerk during regular business hours.)

GENERAL FUND

Amazon, supp.....70.92
Ameriflex, fees.....70.00
DAS State Acctg., fees.....33.00
F&M Bank, fees.....52.00
Falls City Journal, ads.....93.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp.....200.65
Franzen, Linda, prior serv.....23.08
Fritz, Jed, serv.....720.00
Harring, Barbara, prior serv.....37.50
Hy-Vee, supp.....62.06
IAO Electric, serv.....2860.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv.....297.50
KexRx, serv.....1206.64
Kollasch Law Office, fees.....3047.00
Midwest Card & ID Solutions, subs.....2350.00
NE Notary Association, fee.....163.32
Norris, Dan Frank, prior serv.....156.00
Physicians Laboratory, fees.....4009.50
Quill, supp.....39.99
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb.....40.65
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb.....126.76
Richardson Co Sheriff, fees.....221.54
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb.....846.44
Riggs, Kim, reimb.....191.40
Schendel Pest Control, serv.....91.38
Stevicks, Billy L., prior serv.....208.80
SummerOne, serv.....258.29
Tyler Technologies, sub.....5.00
Wolfe's Printing, supp.....255.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND . \$17,737.42

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

City of Humboldt, serv.....89.86
Falls City Sanitation Service, serv.....60.00
NMC, supp.....2052.85
Operation & Expense Account, reimb.....60.00
Richardson County Vendor, tax.....2518.00
Salem, Village of, serv.....22.85
Unifirst, supp.....77.20
Verdon, Village of, serv.....33.52
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND\$4,914.28

DRUG COURT FUND

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, reimb.....199.50
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND...\$199.50

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John N. Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF OFFICES TO BE NOMINATED/ELECTED
ON THE RICHARDSON COUNTY 2026 BALLOT

Name of Office	# To Elect	Partisan/NonPartisan	Length of Term	Filing Fee	Filing Made With	Filing Deadlines	
						Incumbent	Non-Incumbent
<u>NATIONAL TICKET</u>							
United States Senate Class I Member	1	Partisan	6 years	1740.00	Secretary of State	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
U.S. Representative in Congress District 3	1	Partisan	2 years	1740.00	Secretary of State	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
<u>STATE TICKET</u>							
Nebraska Governor	1	Partisan	4 years	1050.00	Secretary of State	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
Secretary of State	1	Partisan	4 years	850.00	Secretary of State	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
State Treasurer	1	Partisan	4 years	850.00	Secretary of State	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
Attorney General	1	Partisan	4 years	950.00	Secretary of State	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
Auditor of Public Accounts	1	Partisan	4 years	850.00	Secretary of State	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
Member of the State Board of Education—District 5	1	Nonpartisan	4 years	25.00	Secretary of State	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
Member of the Board of Governors Southeast Community College District 2	1	Non-Partisan	4 years	None	Secretary of State	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
Nemaha Natural Resources District 8	1	Nonpartisan	4 years	None	Secretary of State	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
District 8	1	Nonpartisan	2 years	None	Secretary of State	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
District 9	1	Nonpartisan	4 years	None	Secretary of State	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
District 10	1	Nonpartisan	4 years	None	Secretary of State	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
At Large	1	Nonpartisan	4 years	None	Secretary of State	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
<u>COUNTY TICKET</u>							
Commissioner District 1	1	Partisan	4 years	360.23	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
County Assessor	1	Partisan	4 years	720.46	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
County Attorney	1	Partisan	4 years	936.60	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
County Clerk-Register of Deeds	1	Partisan	4 years	750.46	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
Clerk of District Court	1	Partisan	4 years	720.46	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
County Sheriff	1	Partisan	4 years	828.53	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
County Surveyor	1	Partisan	4 years	155.70	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
County Treasurer	1	Partisan	4 years	720.46	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
<u>CITY OF FALLS CITY</u>							
Mayor	1	Nonpartisan	4 years	54.00	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
Council Ward 1	1	Nonpartisan	4 years	42.00	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
Council Ward 2	1	Nonpartisan	4 years	42.00	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
Council Ward 3	1	Nonpartisan	4 years	42.00	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
Council Ward 4	1	Nonpartisan	4 years	42.00	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
Airport Authority Board	2	Nonpartisan	6 years	None	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
<u>CITY OF HUMBOLDT</u>							
Mayor	1	Nonpartisan	4 years	30.00	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
Council Ward 1	1	Nonpartisan	4 years	20.00	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
Council Ward 2	1	Nonpartisan	4 years	20.00	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
<u>BOARD OF EDUCATION</u>							
School District 70	3	Nonpartisan	4 years	None	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
School District 56	3	Nonpartisan	4 years	None	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
School District 23	3	Nonpartisan	4 years	None	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
School District 29	3	Nonpartisan	4 years	None	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd
School District 1X	3	Nonpartisan	4 years	None	County Clerk	Feb. 17th	March 2nd

OFFICIAL NOTICES OF OFFICES TO BE ELECTED ON THE RICHARDSON COUNTY 2026 GENERAL BALLOT

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Village of Barada	2	Nonpartisan	4 years	None	County Clerk	July 15th	August 3rd
Village of Dawson	3	Nonpartisan	4 years	None	County Clerk	July 15th	August 3rd
Village of Rulo	3	Nonpartisan	4 years	6.00	County Clerk	July 15th	August 3rd
Village of Salem	2	Nonpartisan	4 years	None	County Clerk	July 15th	August 3rd
Village of Shubert	2	Nonpartisan	4 years	None	County Clerk	July 15th	August 3rd
Village of Stella	2	Nonpartisan	4 years	None	County Clerk	July 15th	August 3rd
Village of Verdon	2	Nonpartisan	4 years	None	County Clerk	July 15th	August 3rd

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 4

District 1	1	Nonpartisan	4 years	None	Secretary of State	July 15th	August 3rd
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NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

Subdivision 1	1	Nonpartisan	6 years	25.00	Secretary of State	July 15th	August 3rd
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The above is a complete listing of the offices to appear on the ballot in Richardson County, Nebraska, at the Primary Election held on May 12, 2026, and/or the General Election on November 3, 2026.

An incumbent is anyone serving an elective office, even if they are filing for an office other than the one in which they are presently serving they are required

VILLAGE OF SHUBERT

Village of Shubert
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 5, 2026
Shubert Library

The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on January 5, 2026 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Donna Lockard opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with the following board members present: Gary Hays, Tom Borrego, Linda Patchen and Ron Ramer. Clerk was present to record the meeting. Chairman announced the posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none. One Visitor, R. Marquez was present to ask about the advertisement process for bid work and mowing questions. Chairman moved on to regular business. There was a motion and second (Hays/Patchen) to approve the December 1, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Patchen/Hays) to approve the account balance sheets and monthly claims, with the addition of one claim. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. General: Clerk has completed 8 hours of training. Water & Sewer: Board reviewed Tracy's report. Wood & Brush pile: Needs to be piled up. Buildings and Park: Community Building: Board discussed plans and current projects. Park: Bathrooms have been closed for the winter. Library is open every other Saturday morning. Check window for hours. Streets: Carport: Motion and Second (Patchen/Lockard) to pay for carport once delivery is complete (possibly next week, weather pending) Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Fire: None. The next regular board meeting will be Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shubert Library. With no further business: Motion and Second (Hays/Borrego) to adjourn meeting at 7:49 p.m. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried.

Jennifer Buchner
Village Clerk

NAME	MEMO	AMOUNT
Dearborne Group, Firemans		
Insurance.....	-\$55.04	
NPPD - Fire Barn, Fire Barn.....	-\$32.63	
Jennifer Buchner, Payroll.....	-\$676.01	
United States Treasury, Tax		
Deposit.....	-\$238.22	
Schendel Pest Control, Bug		
Control.....	-\$80.00	
Nebraska Rural Water Association,		
2026 Membership.....	-\$200.00	
Frontier Bank, Safe Deposit		
Box.....	-\$16.00	
Clerk Books, Software Renewal.....	-\$200.00	
Jennifer Buchner, Reimb. for Paper ...	-\$28.99	
HTRS School, Tobacco License- Still		
Centerfield 2026.....	-\$10.00	
HTRS School, Liquor License- Still		
Centerfield 2026.....	-\$300.00	
HTRS School, Liquor License- Still		
Centerfield 2025.....	-\$300.00	
Aue & Company, Mo Fee	-\$225.00	
NPPD - Community Building,		
Community Building.....	-\$33.88	
NPPD - Library, Library.....	-\$32.63	
JEO, Street Program.....	-\$600.00	
Rusty 13 Tire & Auto, Snow truck		
service.....	-\$102.48	
Gary Hays, Reimb. for fuel, wiper		
blade.....	-\$49.95	
NPPD - 8th & Elm, 8TH & ELM.....	-\$13.72	
NPPD - Streets, Streetlights.....	-\$310.51	
Aaron Davis, Payroll.....	-\$253.96	
Tracy Milke, Payroll.....	-\$507.92	
Tracy Milke, Expenses December		
2025.....	-\$53.89	
Aaron Davis, Mileage Dec.....	-\$50.00	
USPS Office, 100 Postcard stamps....	-\$61.00	
Falls City Sanitation Service, Trash		
service.....	-\$1,300.00	
State of Nebraska PHELWater Testing		
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Ace Farm & City Supply, Sewer		
Treatment Plant.....	-\$18.99	
Midwest Labs, Testing.....	-\$66.90	
Southeast Telephone Company, Well		
Phone.....	-\$107.61	
Village of Shubert - USDA Account,		
Transfer from W/S/G to USDA		
Account.....	-\$906.00	
Village of Shubert - Water Tower,		
Transfer to Water Tower acct.....	-\$1,000.00	
NPPD - Sewer, Sewer.....	-\$266.84	
NPPD - Wells, Wells.....	-\$232.23	
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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
JANUARY 14, 2026
CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie; Assessor Riggs and Clerk Eickhoff. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

TAX LIST CORRECTION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve 1 tax list correction (1482) as presented by Assessor Riggs. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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Winter weather highlights importance of home and vehicle preparedness

Recent snow and extremely cold temperatures served as a reminder that winter conditions can arrive quickly and impact daily routines. As winter continues, residents are encouraged to review home and vehicle readiness to reduce disruptions and safety concerns.

Cold temperatures place added strain on heating systems. Furnaces and heat pumps should be operating properly and air filters should be clean to maintain efficiency. Vents and registers should remain clear to allow consistent airflow throughout the home. Residents experiencing uneven heating or system issues are encouraged to address problems promptly to avoid further damage during colder periods.

Plumbing systems are also vulnerable during extended cold. Exposed pipes in basements, crawl spaces and exterior walls should be insulated. Homeowners should know the location of their main water shutoff valve in the event of a frozen or broken pipe. Allowing faucets to drip slightly during extreme cold can help reduce the risk of freezing.

Ice accumulation and snow buildup can create hazards around homes and businesses. Sidewalks, steps and driveways should be cleared promptly to reduce slip risks. Ice melt and salt products can improve traction but should be used according to instructions to avoid surface damage. Snow shovels and other removal tools should be in good condition and easily accessible.

Vehicles driven during winter weather should be properly maintained. Tires should be inspected for adequate tread and inflation. Windshield wipers and washer fluid should be suited for freezing temperatures. Batteries often fail during cold weather and should be tested if a vehicle shows signs of slow starting.

Ice and road salt can damage vehicles over time. Washing vehicles regularly during winter helps remove corrosive buildup from undercarriages and wheel wells. Keeping headlights and taillights clear of snow and ice improves visibility for drivers and others on the road.

Drivers are encouraged to keep emergency supplies in their vehicles, including blankets, gloves, a flashlight and basic safety items. Fuel tanks should be kept at least half full during winter conditions in case of delays or road closures.

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Emergency services: 911

For medical emergencies fires carbon monoxide concerns or situations where immediate help is needed.

Richardson County Sheriff's Department: 402 245-2479.

Local non emergency law enforcement in Falls City, 402-245-4422.

Useful for welfare checks road concerns or non urgent safety issues during storms. Dial 511 (within Nebraska). If you are calling from outside Nebraska's coverage area or if your phone service provider does not yet participate in the 511 effort, you will need to dial 800-906-9069.

Local power company outage reporting number: Falls City Utilities (Municipal). Important for reporting outages downed lines or receiving restoration updates. City of Falls City: 402-245-2851.

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In much of Southeast Nebraska, including areas near Humboldt, this is often Black Hills Energy or NorthWestern Energy.

Black Hills Energy (utility company): 1-888-890-5554. NorthWestern Energy (utility company): 1-800-245-6977.

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Important for those using oxygen CPAP machines mobility devices or other power dependent equipment.

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The Richardson County Transit (402-245-3664) provides, Door-to-Door transportation services in Falls City and surrounding areas, with priority for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Rides are by appointment only, and the service operates for general, local, and out-of-area transit.

Residents are encouraged to review these numbers before winter storms and keep copies near landline phones cell phones and emergency kits.

Home safety tips for cold weather

Winter weather can place added stress on homes particularly during periods of extreme cold snow and power outages. Taking steps to prepare ahead of time can help reduce safety risks and property damage.

Generators can provide temporary power during outages but must be used correctly. Portable generators should never be operated indoors or in garages even with doors open. They should be placed outside and away from windows doors and vents to prevent carbon monoxide buildup. Only extension cords rated for outdoor use and the electrical load should be used. Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed in homes and checked regularly.

Residents who rely on medical equipment that requires electricity should plan ahead for outages. This includes contacting medical providers or equipment suppliers to discuss backup power options. Some equipment may have battery backups or alternative power solutions. Keeping a list of emergency contacts and power dependent needs can help first responders or utilities prioritize assistance when possible.

Heating devices require careful use during winter months. Space heaters should be kept at least three feet away from combustible materials including furniture bedding and curtains. Heaters should be placed on stable surfaces and turned off when unattended or while sleeping. Extension cords should not be used with space heaters unless specifically approved by the manufacturer.

Fireplaces wood stoves and fuel burning appliances should be inspected and maintained regularly. Chimneys and vents should be clear of debris and buildup. Ashes should be fully cooled before disposal and stored in non combustible containers.

Frozen pipes are a common winter issue. Exposed plumbing in basements crawl spaces and exterior walls should be insulated. During extreme cold allowing faucets to drip slightly can help reduce freezing risk. Homeowners should know the location of the main water shutoff valve in case of a break.

Some winter mistakes can increase risk inside homes. Using ovens or grills for heat is dangerous and should never be done. Blocking vents or returns can interfere with heating systems and create unsafe conditions. Overloading electrical outlets with heaters or appliances can increase fire risk.

Taking time to review home safety practices before and after winter storms can help protect households throughout the season.

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