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The night Falls City answered - Remembering Braniff Flight 250

By Nikki McKim

Editor's note: This is the final installment of a three-part series commemorating the 60th anniversary of Braniff International Airways Flight 250, which crashed northeast of Falls City on Aug. 6, 1966, killing all 38 passengers and four crew members aboard. The series was compiled from the Falls City Journal's archival coverage; contemporary newspaper reports from communities along the flight's route and the victims' hometowns; the official Civil Aeronautics Board investigation and accident record preserved by the National Transportation Safety Board.. Because some accounts published immediately after the crash contained conflicting names, ages, locations and other details, information has been compared across multiple sources, with later corrected records and official findings used whenever available.

A Civil Aeronautics Board (CAD) team began examining a debris field that extended far beyond the main impact area. Investigators mapped where the major pieces fell, then used those locations, fracture surfaces and fire patterns to reconstruct the order in which the aircraft came apart. Parts of the tail and wing were found away from the central wreckage, establishing

Braniff Wreckage on Way to Kansas City

The initial load of pieces of the Braniff jetliner which crashed in a soybean field on the Antone Schawang farm the night of Aug. 6 went through town about 11:25 a. m. today, headed for the FAA hangar at Fairfax airport in Kansas City, Kas. Pieces of the aircraft which fell in outlying areas have been moved to the central crash site where all of the wreckage has been readied for shipment. The trucks which will move the BAC-111 wreckage arrived here Monday afternoon. It is expected that the removal project will be completed within the next couple of days.

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that the breakup began before ground impact. Engines were taken to Kansas City to be examined while 2,000 pounds of key debris and instruments were taken to Dallas to be analyzed. Three hundred people in the area were interviewed about what they had seen. The airplane carried both a flight-data recorder and a cockpit voice recorder, making the investigation the first fatal U.S. commercial-airline inquiry to use cockpit-recorded sound as evidence. The flight-data unit was badly burned and damaged, while the voice recorder yielded usable information. Investigators reported hearing a rushing-air sound roughly half a minute before impact. The recorders were important, but they did not tell the full story. The Board also had to examine weather observations and forecasts, air-traffic-control communications, crew and dispatch records, maintenance history, the powered flight-control system and the physical wreckage.

The early questions reflected the uncertainty of the scene: Had lightning damaged the airplane? Had a fuel

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DWEE seeks comments on proposed Falls City water project

By Nikki McKim

The Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment is accepting public comments through Sept. 4 on an environmental determination for Falls City's proposed lead service line replacement program.

DWEE issued a categorical exclusion for the project after completing an environmental review through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund process, which is based on the National Environmental Policy Act.

The categorical exclusion is an environmental determination. It is not a funding award. The document states that Falls City has applied for funding through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

DWEE determined the proposed work meets the requirements for a categorical exclusion because it is not known or expected to cause potentially significant environmental effects. The department made a preliminary decision that it would not prepare a finding of no significant impact for the project.

The document lists the total proposed project amount as \$4 million. It identifies an estimated \$2.4 million in loan forgiveness, an estimated \$400,000 mechanical inventory grant and an estimated \$1.2 million Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan. Those figures are estimates, and the document does not state that a loan or grant has been awarded.

Falls City applied for funding to investigate ap

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Grievance hearings held for county employees

By Brian McKim

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners gathered at the courthouse on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, for its weekly meeting. All Board members were present.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty met with the Board, discussing his proposed budget and providing statistics on call activity to the Sheriff's Department for July.

The Sheriff also noted the Law Enforcement Center was holding 14 inmates, five of whom were out-of-county holds.

Hardesty provided stats for July, showing 599 calls were received, 302 of which were traffic stops. Thirty-four arrests were made

in the month, 18 by the Sheriff's Department, 15 from other agencies and one from out-of-county.

Hardesty also provided numbers from January 1-July 31, 2026.

"We've had a total of 4,110 calls," Hardesty said. "Eighteen hundred and 58 were traffic stops. Two hundred and twenty-nine arrests, 51 were done by another agency, 11 out-of-county holds and 167 by the Sheriff's Office."

The Sheriff stated the average number of incarcerated persons from that same time period was 17. Hardesty broke down the age of those incarcerated during that time. The highest number fell between the ages of 31-45 with

101. His stats showed 179 males and 61 females arrested during the time frame provided.

During budget talks, Hardesty stated his original budget was approximately \$62,000 more than the previous year. However, since that time, nearly \$125,000 had been cut, including one patrol unit.

Budget talks were also held for the County Attorney's Office and the Clerk of the District Court Office.

A pair of grievance hearings were held with the Commissioners. The hearings involved Road Department employees Roger Glathar and Bryan Dettmann, stemming from incidents that occurred near the end of June.

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AUGUST

14 -American Legion Fish Fry
-Live music at Stanton Lake, 6:30 Pm
15 -House of Hope Open House, 2003 Abbott St., 1-3PM
-Brownville Village Art Walk, 10AM-4PM
17 -Bingo at the American Legion
20-23 -Cobblestone Festival 2026
22 -Live & Online Junior Erisman Auction, 71977 637 Ave. 10AM
-RC Historical Society Program and Meeting, 2PM
23 -Christ Lutheran Taco Feed, 5-7PM, 2310 Barada St.
28 -Rally for Democracy, Tecumseh Community Building 5:30 PM
29 -Eric Klepper Poker Run, DuBois, 10AM - 8PM
31 -Bingo at the American Legion

EARLY DEADLINES COMING UP

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Mason Cave reels in a whopper at Stanton Lake

Mason Cave had more than a fish story to share after an Aug. 4 fishing trip at Stanton Lake in Falls City. He had the photos to prove it.

Mason caught the enormous “buffalo fish” while fishing and carrying all his own tackle. Photographs show Mason proudly carrying the hefty fish across the park.

Mason told Valerie Buckminster that he had recently participated in a fishing tournament with his father, Pat Cave, where they caught a 30-pound fish. He believed the Stanton Lake fish was even bigger.

The young angler is no stranger to impressive catches. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission recognized Mason through its Master Angler Program for a blue catfish he caught and released in March. The program recognizes anglers who catch trophy-sized fish in Nebraska waters. A blue catfish caught and released must measure at least 40 inches to qualify.

After photographs were taken by Buckminster, the Stanton Lake fish was returned to the water.

Although buffalo fish are sometimes called buffalo carp, they are not carp. Nebraska Game and Parks identifies buffalo species as members of the sucker family. A buffalo fish must measure at least 26 inches if caught and released or weigh at least 10 pounds if harvested to qualify for a Master Angler Award.

The fish may be back in Stanton Lake, but Mason came home with another story worthy of a master angler.

Maybe those kids can keep an eye out for Mason’s fish during the Cobblestone Fire Department Fishing Contest in a few week’s!

(Photos by Valerie Buckminster)



This photo of Stanton Lake being stocked with carp in July of 1972 seemed like the perfect companion photo to go with Mason Cave’s big catch.



PERU FIRST program gives students affordable head start on college

High school students across the region have an opportunity to get a jump start on their college education through PERU FIRST, Peru State College’s dual enrollment and early entry program that allows students to earn college credit before graduating from high school.

The program is designed for motivated juniors and seniors who are ready for college-level coursework and want to begin working toward a degree while still completing their high school education. Eligible students can enroll in college courses for just \$60 per credit hour—less than one-third of the regular cost of tuition—and classes are available online, making it easier to fit college coursework into busy high school schedules.

“PERU FIRST gives students the opportunity to challenge themselves academically while saving both time and money on their college education,” said Susan Hogg, VP for Enrollment Management. “Whether students plan to attend Peru State College or another institution after graduation, earning college credit early can provide a significant advantage.”

PERU FIRST combines both dual enrollment and early entry opportunities into one streamlined program. Students who qualify can earn transferable college credits while

remaining enrolled in high school, and many courses may also satisfy high school graduation requirements, depending on their school district’s policies. Because the courses are taught at the college level, the grades students earn become part of their official college transcript.

Beyond the financial savings, the program helps students experience the expectations of college coursework while receiving support from both their high school and Peru State College. The experience can ease the transition to college and build confidence before students begin pursuing a degree full-time.

Students interested in participating must meet the program’s admission requirements, including being a high school junior or senior, receiving permission from a parent or guardian, obtaining a recommendation from their high school, and meeting academic eligibility standards. Peru State College encourages students and families to begin exploring PERU FIRST as they prepare for the upcoming academic year.

For more information about eligibility, available courses, enrollment, or the application process, visit the PERU FIRST webpage at peru.edu/perufirst.

Richardson County Fair Queen race names top ten

Fair queen field has narrowed the list to the top ten as of August 6.

The vote totals are: PJ Howe 45,312,618; Shyla Clark 18,376,272; Georgianna Melcher 6,851,723; Hallie Jones 3,204,943; Nora Jacobitz 3,414,083; Rayna Reyes 2,027,679; Eden Durycia 1,675,973; Colby Hedden 1,430,784; Eden Stewart 1,207,065; Ryann Westengaard 1,061,409.

The final vote count will take place at noon Saturday, Sept. 12. The queen will be crowned during the coronation at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Humboldt City Square Park.

Votes are given on transactions of at least 25 cents, with each cent equal to one vote. Candidates may not receive votes at a business where they are employed; where their parents, sister or brother are employed; or if they are the daughter or sister of the business owner.

Businesses accepting votes in 2026 are Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc.; AKRS Equipment Solutions, Inc.; Armbruster Motor Co. – Falls City; Bear Butte Enterprises, LLC; Blecha’s

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From the Journal Files

75 Years Ago, August 12, 1951 to August 18, 1951

The Falls City swimming pool was being filled with water and all the equipment was being put to the test. The new pool held 240,000 gallons of water and could accommodate around 200 people at one time. Due to increased construction costs, the bathhouse would have to be built at a later date.

Miss Barbara Arendt, 18, was elected queen of the Falls City Saddle Club.

According to census figures, the state of Nebraska gained 9,676 people from 1940-1950. Falls City went from 6,146 in 1940 to 6,203 in 1951.

William Randolph Hearst, an 88-year-old newspaper publisher, died at his home. His career spanned over 60 years, during which time he bought and founded newspapers, magazines, radio stations, a newsreel and motion picture company. At the time of his death, he was regarded as one of the nation's richest people.

A crowd of over 10,000 people lined Stone Street to view the Horseplay Days parade. The parade featured between 250 and 300 saddle horses, floats, bands, trucks and farm machinery.

Jack McIntire of Falls City and Dave Duey of Dawson were among 191 coaches attending the 1951 Nebraska Coaching School in Lincoln. Nebraska football coach Bill Glassford and Alabama's Harold "Red" Drew ran the school.

The Breezy Hill Drive-In Theater advertised a "carload for \$1.00 night."

Dr. Lloyd Diedricksen, Humboldt dentist and World War II veteran, was elected commander of the Harvey Mann American Legion Post 269 at Humboldt. Diedricksen succeeded Wayne Burow.

The trophy for the best float in the Horseplay Days parade went to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Larry Eugene Nedrow, eight years old, was taken to Children's Memorial Hospital in Omaha with a suspected case of infantile paralysis. Days later, it was revealed he had been diagnosed with polio.

Falls City Superintendent Ralph Andrews announced the start of classes to be on Tuesday, September 4.

The Kansas City Monarchs and Cuban Stars locked horns in action before a large crowd on the Humboldt ball diamond. KC ended up winning the contest 16-15.

50 Years Ago, August 12, 1976 to August 18, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor Jr., Verdon, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with some friends and family at their home in Verdon. Mr. Taylor, 75, was a native of Scotland and came to Nebraska at the age of seven. The couple was married by Rev. G.L. Schull in 1926.

Three Dawson-Verdon girls were selected as prep track and field "Athletes of the Year" for 1976, according to the editors of Coach and Athlete Magazine. The three DV stars were Julie Rogers, Debbie Bausch and Connie Huettner.

Construction pictures from around the area included the addition to the Vets Club, the new wing at Community Hospital, the storm sewer replacement project at the new Grandview Park and progress work on the Burlington-Northern bridge at Rulo.

Mrs. Elma Griffith was crowned the Old Settlers Picnic Queen at the celebration in Dawson. Approximately 1,000 people attended the festivities. Mrs. Genevieve Gergen awarded prizes for Bicentennial beards at the event, with prizes going to John Vaughn, Friedhelm Freytag and Don Giffiee.

The City Council discussed modifying

City Hall. The plans called for the expansion of the water and light department office, and the building would be outfitted to house the fire and police department. Previously, the police station was housed in the building at 111 E 17th St, which Richard Halbert owned.

Rainbow Skating Rink was reopening for the season. Admission was \$1.25, while skate rentals were 50 cents.

The Alibi Lounge, beneath Center Lanes at 1624 Chase Street, was holding a grand opening. Specials included 5-cent draws of Pabst Blue Ribbon and Coca-Cola.

Firestone in Falls City advertised tires for as low as \$27 and front-end alignments for \$12.75.

Eighty-four guests attended the Schawang reunion held at Pioneer Park. Lewis Finck was the oldest attendee, while Korey Schawang was the youngest.

The Falls City Dept. Store advertised a "Fountain Special" consisting of a steak sandwich with French fries and a tomato slice for 65 cents.

According to a column written by Del Sutherland, a Grand Island man, Bobby Mills, Jr., took it upon himself to compile a list of the state's high school football players who rush for more than 1,000 yards. (Editor's note. I still run into Bobby from time to time at events, and yes, he is still compiling the list of 1,000-yard rushers.)

25 Years Ago, August 12, 2001 to August 18, 2001

With the high school renovation yet to be completed, Falls City Superintendent Dr. Jon Habben said: "School will start on September 4th, no ifs, ands or buts." Rumors had been circulating that with the project unfinished, the start of school would be pushed back.

Retired MSgt. Jack P. Munford of Falls City graduated from Bellevue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in health care management.

Joe and Theresa Lyons of Ashland were the parents of a daughter born at Methodist Hospital in Omaha. Paternal grandparents were Marge Lyons and the late John Lyons and John and Bev Knobbe.

Michael Hillyard, a 20-year-old Falls City native, won the Club Championship at the Falls City Country Club. Hillyard shot a 37-38-37-33 for the win.

Former Irish standout Andrea Weaver entered her junior year at the College of Saint Mary as a co-captain for the 2001 Flames Volleyball team. Weaver was labeled "one of the top defensive specialists in the nation and one of the best athletes on the team" in the Flames media guide.

Daniel Freeman junior Dani Busboom announced her commitment to Husker Head Coach John Cook. The 5'10 junior was reportedly recruited as a setter.

Thanks to Donna Lape, president of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and members, the American Legion Club sported a new MIA/POW exhibit.

Civilian Melissa Kopf, daughter of Tom and Cindy Kopf, participated in the U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar in Annapolis, Md.

Winners of the Cobblestone Fishing Contest included Skylar Woods, Josh Stoller, Kayla Severin, Hayley Milam, Hannah Milam, Tayten O'Brien, Marrisas Stark, Dylan Wenz, Dani Richey, Alex Kaster, Crystal Thompson, and Dani Berry. Berry caught the largest fish, a 4-pound, 15-ounce carp.

Coach John Gibbs inked Kurt Lockard, a 6'6 center from Stella, to play for the Peru State basketball squad.

Public Record

COUNTY COURT

Andrew Reed of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$100; count three, no valid registration, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$25.

Steven M. James of Topeka, KS, count one, DUI-.15+, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500, jail for term of 14 days, credit for time served, license revoked for term of one year, interlock device; count two, drive left of center, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Bailey J. Jones of Falls City, count one, DV assault-3rd/threat/bodily injury, amended to disturbing the peace, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$100; counts 2-6 amended to dropped/dismissed.

Richard K. Martin of Falls City, count one, animal running at large, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, animal running at large, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes costs-only judgment.

DISTRICT COURT

Thomas J. Galvin III of Falls City, count one, terroristic threats, amended to assault-threaten/menacing manner, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 180 days, credit for seven days served; count two amended to dropped/dismissed.

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City, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 18 months, drug testing fee of \$90, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular of \$450.

CITATIONS

Nyanong Koung of Lincoln, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

Randy Bunch of Tulsa, OK, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined

\$125 and court costs. (Agena)

Heidi Alikpokou of Tomball, TX, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Agena)

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

Kevin Blue of Omaha, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Donnie Simmonds of Falls City, count one, negligent driving, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Wason)

Richardson Co. Sheriff's Office reports week's calls

Richardson County Sheriff's Office reported 116 calls for service.

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office reported 14 total inmates and 116 calls for service.

Calls included 57 traffic stops, 14 paper services, four suspicious person/vehicle calls, four VIN inspections, three animal calls and three traffic complaints.

The office also reported two 911 hang-up/misdial calls, two complaints, two fire calls, two HHS intake calls, two Humboldt city ordinance calls, two motorist assists, two protection order calls and two traffic hazards.

One call each was re-

ported for accident without injury, assault, assist public, burglary/robbery, Cooper Nuclear test, disturbance, harassment, Humboldt patrol, jail, juvenile, loitering, request for a call, transport, vandalism and welfare check.

Arrests

On July 28, Sarah Beth Fritts, 29, of Falls City, was arrested by Falls City Police Department for assault and was released on a \$5,000 personal recognizance bond.

Michael R. Snow, 33, of Omaha, was arrested on a Richardson County failure to appear warrant. Snow paid bond and was released.

Jeffery White, 62, of Lincoln, was arrested by Falls City Police Depart-

ment for disturbing the peace. White paid bond and was released.

On July 29, Forrest D. Rosenberger, 40, of Falls City, was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for contempt of court, with bond set at \$391. Rosenberger paid bond and was released.

Thomas J. Epperson, 67, of Shubert, was arrested for disturbing the peace and was released on a personal recognizance bond.

On July 31, Cassondra L. Smith, 32, of Falls City, was arrested by Falls City Police Department on a Richardson County warrant for contempt of court, with bond set at \$457.50. Smith paid bond and was released.

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leak, fire or explosion begun the sequence? Had a structural or mechanical defect failed first? Rumors even raised sabotage. The wreckage examination found no evidence that lightning, hail, static discharge or a pre-breakup fire initiated the accident. The fireball witnesses saw was attributed to fuel released after the wing failed.

Weather remained central to the investigation. The route crossed a squall line and actual conditions were more severe and more continuous than the crew's forecast indicated. The Board examined radar information, witness descriptions and the crew's decision to continue at 5,000 feet. Its report treated the storm and likely wind shear as conditions surrounding the crew's attempted evasive maneuver.

The Board found that an unwanted rudder application produced loads beyond the ultimate strength of the vertical fin and the right side of the tail-plane. The rudder moved to full travel while the powered control system was not providing normal artificial feel force. The vertical fin and right tail-plane failed; the aircraft then became unstable in pitch, and the right wing failed under negative loading. The airplane broke apart in flight.

The full Civil Aeronautics Board report, describes a chain of events rather than a single isolated act: incomplete appreciation of the storm's intensity, entry into hazardous weather, an evasive maneuver, abnormal rudder movement, structural overload and breakup.

In 1968, the final findings ended the period in which newspapers could describe the cause only as a mystery.

Civil litigation followed. In April 1967, the widow of passenger John M. Paul filed a wrongful-death action in federal court in Kansas City seeking \$1.3 million from Braniff. The filing alleged that the aircraft had been operated dangerously.



WHERE THE TROUBLE STARTED. This is a picture of a portion of the tail section and a part of the right wing. This was about three-fourths of a mile from the central crash area. (According to cut-lines from a 1966 Falls City Journal.)

A \$2,475,000 settlement was made in a suit filed by the families of 15 people killed in the crash. The settlement was at the time one of the largest ever reached in a damage suit filed in federal District Court. The largest individual settlement was for \$400,000 on behalf Frank Wilson of Fremont. Other families received \$350,000 to \$20,000.

The crash also left an impact on Falls City. In October 1966, Braniff sent the city a \$3,000 check in appreciation for the assistance rendered after the disaster. Mayor E. M. Baker said the city was interested in using the money toward a shelter-house in a public park. By June 1967, newspapers described the contribution as part of the financing for a shelter-house in the Falls City park system a modest public structure linked to an extraordinary act of service.

Braniff Airlines was the first major airline to file for bankruptcy in 1982. The airline began in 1928 with three employees and a tiny plane that few between Tulsa and Oklahoma City. During its heyday, Braniff served more than 80 cities in the United States, South America, the Pacific, Europe and the Far East. At the time operations ceased, the route system only included 49 cities.

Flight 250's investigation helped in reshaping how airlines, forecasters, controllers and crews understood thunderstorms.

The report exposed

the danger created when severe weather, incomplete or rapidly outdated information and the behavior of a powered control system intersect. Weather radar, dispatch practices, forecasting, pilot training, flight-control design and the culture of thunderstorm avoidance continued to develop in the decades that followed. No single accident to that point had produced all of those changes.

For decades, the crash site remained private farmland with no permanent marker. That changed in 2006, when the 40th anniversary brought survivors of the local response together with relatives of those aboard. A memorial marker was placed near the field, giving families and visitors a named place at which to stop, donated and erected by Kenny and Korey Schawang and Dan Scholl.

Ten years later, the Richardson County Historical Society organized a day of remembrance for Aug. 6, 2016 on the 50th anniversary. Participants gathered at the crash site near 714 Road and 655 Avenue for a memorial service that included locals, victims' families and former Braniff employees.

Wanda Biel of Verdon read the names of all 42-crash victims. A bell chimed after each name. Jim Davidson of the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard played "Taps."

Loren Duerksen whose sister Jean Duerksen, 22, had been on her first flight, spoke. Their brother would later move to Henderson, NE and find himself watching his daughter play volleyball at Prichard Auditorium, the same place where his sister's body was taken.

The 2016 remembrance also allowed families to tell what newspaper reports from around the country couldn't. They

described waiting at airports, children learning that a parent or sibling would not return, letters and photographs kept for decades and the uneasy experience of visiting the place where the flight ended.

Memories remained with the families who marked birthdays, weddings, babies and anniversaries without the person who should have been there. Memories live in the responders who can still picture the road, the mud, the auditorium, the smell or the glow in the sky. It lives in newspaper bundles, official reports, photographs and stories shared around town.

The 60th anniversary was a bit more quiet, but still demanded attention. The soybean field has long since returned to God's green earth. Horseplay Days morphed into Cobblestone. Prichard Auditorium again served public life hosting ball games and concerts. The intense national attention moved elsewhere. Time carried the visible signs of catastrophe away.

What remains are 42 names, the families forever changed by their absence and the memory of our town that answered an unimaginable tragedy with dignity, compassion and service. The lasting story of Flight 250 is not only how it fell from the sky, but how the people of Falls City came together in the aftermath.

Six decades later, we remember those aboard not as just victims of a disaster or names on a marker, but as individuals whose lives, and journeys will always matter.

This feature was put together and researched from Falls City Journal coverage; nearly one hundred state and national newspaper reports published Aug. 7-10, 1966 ; later follow-up coverage; and the official accident reports of the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration's copy of the Civil Aeronautics Board report. All photos are from the Falls City Journal archives.

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“Nebraska’s Budget Deficit Didn’t Happen by Accident”

Recently I read a statement by former State Senator Julie Slama lamenting that Nebraska has gone from nearly a \$2 billion budget surplus to projected budget shortfalls approaching \$1 billion. She isn’t wrong to criticize the fiscal direction of Governor Jim Pillen’s administration. However, she overlooks an important fact: she and many of her legislative colleagues helped create the policies that contributed to today’s problem.

One of those policies is LB 754, passed during the 2023 legislative session and supported by Senator Slama. Most Nebraskans have probably never heard of it, but they should because it affects our taxes and public services for years to come.

LB 754 accelerated previously approved reductions in Nebraska’s individual and corporate income tax rates. By 2027, both top rates are scheduled to fall to 3.99%. Before these changes, the state’s top individual income tax rate was 6.84%, while the top corporate rate was 7.5%.

Supporters argued these tax cuts would stimulate economic growth and eventually generate enough new revenue to offset much of the lost tax income. That remains their expectation. However, Nebraska’s current budget shortfalls suggest those gains have yet to materialize, and there is no guarantee they ever will.

It’s also important to remember the circumstances under which these tax cuts were enacted. Nebraska was enjoying unusually high revenues driven by federal COVID-19 relief funds, strong economic growth, and inflation that temporarily boosted tax collections. Those conditions created the appearance that permanent tax reductions were more affordable than they actually were.

I didn’t pay much attention to LB 754 until I filed my own taxes. While I owed money to the federal government, I received a sizable refund from the State of Nebraska. My wife, Vicki, and I have noticed that as our income has increased over the past several years, our Nebraska in-

come tax burden has actually declined. We certainly aren’t wealthy, but it made me wonder how much larger the benefit must be for those earning millions of dollars each year.

Here’s the problem. Nebraska still has to fund public schools, maintain roads and bridges, support Medicaid, provide public safety, and pay for countless other essential services. Those obligations don’t disappear because tax rates are lower. Until recently, the state could rely on cash reserves built during the pandemic years. Those reserves are shrinking rapidly.

Repealing or delaying some of the remaining scheduled income tax reductions would increase state revenue and help narrow the budget gap, but there appears to be little political appetite for doing so.

At the same time, Nebraska has increased its share of K-12 education funding in an effort to reduce pressure on local property taxes. If state revenues continue to decline, lawmakers will eventually face difficult choices, which may include increasing the property tax levies because the state can not fulfill its funding obligations.

One proposal receiving considerable attention is expanding Nebraska’s sales tax. Sales taxes affect nearly everyone regardless of income and generally consume a larger percentage of lower-income families’ budgets than higher-income families’. For that reason, economists often describe them as regressive. Whether expanding the sales tax is the right solution is a debate worth having, but it shouldn’t happen without honestly acknowledging the role previous income tax cuts have played in today’s fiscal challenges.

Personally, I believe income taxes are the fairest of the three major forms of taxation because they are based on a person’s ability to pay.

I recently watched a television interview in which a wealthy businessman argued that successful

(wealthy) people shouldn’t be “punished” by paying higher taxes. I disagree.

America’s prosperity didn’t happen by accident. Successful businesses rely on educated workers, reliable infrastructure, functioning courts, public safety, stable financial markets, and countless other public investments funded by taxpayers. Those investments create the environment in which businesses can thrive. There is a cost to maintaining that system, and those who have benefited the most from it should contribute accordingly.

The United States is now home to nearly one thousand billionaires. Some economists argue that a federal wealth tax on the richest households could generate hundreds of billions of dollars annually, although estimates vary considerably depending on how such a tax is structured and enforced. Regardless of where someone stands on that proposal, it’s reasonable to ask whether our tax system asks enough of those who have benefited the most from our economy and reaped the benefits of an environment that all taxpayers have provided for them.

Nebraska’s tax debate reflects a much larger national conversation. For decades, politicians have promised that cutting taxes on higher-income individuals and corporations will generate enough economic growth to offset lost revenue. Sometimes those policies produce economic benefits, but they rarely eliminate the difficult choices that come later when governments still have schools to fund, roads to maintain, and healthcare programs to support.

Meanwhile, many working families continue struggling with the rising costs of groceries, health insurance, fuel, fertilizer, housing, and farm equipment. Those are the issues that affect nearly every household in rural Nebraska regardless of political affiliation.

Former Senator Slama’s criticism of Nebraska’s fiscal situation would be more persuasive if she also acknowledged the role recent tax policy has played in creating it. Republicans currently control the governor’s office and hold overwhelming majorities in the Legislature. With that level of control comes responsibility for both successes and failures. Recent tax policy has disproportionately benefited higher-income Nebraskans while leaving lawmakers searching for ways to replace the lost revenue.

Too often our political debates are dominated by cultural controversies while questions about taxes, healthcare, education, wages, and economic opportunity receive far less attention. Regardless of where one stands politically, those economic issues have a far greater impact on the daily lives of most Nebraskans.

For those who say we need to cut more from the government I would say what are you going to cut? Money to pay teachers and run schools? Farm subsidies? Medicare? Social Security? Roads? Police? Child Protective Services? We have cut about as much as we can and we are already seeing negative effects to the system that allows us to accrue wealth in the first place.

Don’t fall for one liners like “big government vs small government” or “we need to run government like

a business”. Government is not a business. Business is motivated by making money. Government is about providing the conditions for an excellent quality of life. I propose focusing on creating a good and efficient government. Good government budgets honestly, raises revenue responsibly, invests wisely, and accepts responsibility when policies don’t produce the expected results.

Nebraska has long prided itself on fiscal responsibility. We can continue that tradition, but only if we’re willing to have honest conversations about both spending and revenue. If we do that, our state can once again put itself on a sustainable fiscal path while continuing to invest in the people and communities that make Nebraska strong.

Jack Bangert

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Rue earns Ironman Award at Cornhusker State Games

Falls City Youth Wrestling had a strong showing at the Cornhusker State Games held July 18-19.

Leo Rue earned the Ironman Award. He placed second in Folkstyle, first in Greco-Roman, and second in Freestyle. Rue is one of the first Tigers in several years to compete in the international styles. He spent the summer developing his technique and competing outside his comfort zone, with goals of wrestling at Fargo. The club congratulates Rue on the Ironman Award and appreciates him for paving the way for the next generation of Falls City wrestlers as the program looks to expand participation in Freestyle and Greco-Roman.

In the Folkstyle tournament, three Falls City fifth-graders each finished second: Cooper Lotter, Kenton Cochran, and Eli Cattrell.

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE RESULTS

Men's golf league results from Tuesday, August 4, 2026. The scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals.

Early League: Team 1 (1.00) Liberty, Brandon 35-33; Veigel, Merle 55-37. Team 7 (3.00) Sailors, Chuck (F); Romine, Alan 51-37.

Team 2 (1.00) Hays, Gary 40-35; Ebel, Bryce 42-37. Team 6 (5.00) May, Mark 40-35; Bennett, Chuck 45-35.

Team 3 (1.00) Ebel, Ron 37-33; Severin, Steve 56-39. Team 5 (5.00) James, Charles 38-33; Rowland, Rod 45-37.

Team 4 (6.00) Borg, Dave 43-38; Murphy, Jim 45-35. Team 10 (0.00) Hankins, Dan 54-42; Ker-moade, Terry 51-39.

Team 8 (2.00) Foster, Tim 39-34; Hillyard, Mark 46-38. Team 9 (4.00) Mullins, Jim 44-38; Kurpge-wei, Lee 39-33.

Late League: Team 1 (6.00) Dunn, Joe 34-34; Bippes, Drew 45-39; Coonce, Kyle 51-30. Team 9 (2.00) Kirkendall, Jeremy 38-37; Witt, Rich 42-33; Craig, Robbie 52-40.

Team 2 (4.00) Montgomery, Carter 42-40; Borg, Dave 42-36; Sly, Tony 51-36. Team 8 (4.00) Simon, Dan 41-39; Harmon, Galen 39-30; Waller, Doug (F).

Team 3 (6.00) Aitken, Bob 37-32; Craig, Jake 47-40; Scheitel, Logan 61-39. Team 7 (2.00) Scheitel, Trent 38-36; Froeschl, Joe 49-41; Bauman, Jackson 46-35.

Team 4 (1.00) Witt, Tom 44-42; Froeschl, Nathan 46-37; Morris, Adam 50-39. Team 6 (7.00) Bachman, Eli 38-37; Witt, Wade 42-36; Leyden, Derrick 49-36.

Team 5 (6.00) Simon, Steve 37-36; Daake, Brian 46-42; Merz, Mitch 59-32. Team 20 (2.00) Anderson, Dusty 48-40; Heckenlively, Tim 47-38; Dunn, Mike 51-34.

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The Cob's Weekly Archive Dive No. 8

Welcome to installment No. 8 of 'The Cob's Archive Dive', where each week, I'll share Associated Press headlines and excerpts from past articles printed in the Falls City Journal. No matter what your age, hopefully you'll find a piece of Husker football history that makes you feel the sights and sounds of game-day.

On this day in Cornhusker Football History:

October 5, 1970 – Headline: Huskers are Pointing Towards Missouri Tilt

The Nebraska Cornhuskers are pointing towards Saturday's Big Eight football opener against Missouri after dropping Minnesota 35-10. Nebraska's win Saturday was triggered by Jerry Tagge who scored one touchdown and passed for another. He completed 12 of 21 passes for 148 yards before leaving the game midway in the fourth quarter. The Huskers, who now have three wins and a tie, rolled up a 28-10 halftime lead to put the game away early. While Tagge's passes kept the secondary loose, Nebraska's fleet running backs ground out huge chunks of yardage. The ease with which the Big Eight power rolled past the outmanned Gophers dampened Minnesota's hope of being a title contender in the Big Ten.

(For Nebraska fans this is what is so upsetting about PJ Fleck and Minnesota owning Matt Rhule and the Huskers. Nebraska trounced Minnesota throughout the 70's and 80's. It's not that Minnesota grew superior, they are a solid team, but it just shows you how far the Cornhuskers have fallen. It's time for that to change.)

September 27, 1980 – Headline: 3rd Ranked Nebraska Smacks State, 21-7

The spotlight followed Nebraska when it left Beaver Stadium Saturday evening, but Penn State had to leave by searchlight. The No.3 Cornhuskers found the bone-jarring defense it needed to complement its high-octane offense. The unit recorded seven turnovers and nine sacks in a convincing victory. The sacks totaled 89 yards in losses. A record crowd of 84,565 and a national television audience saw NU roll up 445 yards total offense, including 287 on the ground. PSU had 156 yards ... total. A fumble recovery by Derrie Nelson in the opening quarter and Sammy Sims's interception in the second led to the Huskers first two touchdowns. Coach Joe Paterno said the turnovers hurt his team badly.

(No matter how good a team is overcoming seven turnovers is next to impossible. I remember being excited about Sammy Sim's interception as played against Sammy in high school while in Texas.)

September 10, 1990 – Headline: Huskers are Progressing

Tom Osborne says his 10th ranked Huskers are coming along slowly, although Northern Illinois coach Jerry Pettibone says progress looked more like a blur from his point on the sideline after seeing his team fall 60-14. Pettibone was Osborne's recruiting coordinator for three years and has said coming to play in Lincoln was a special event. After Saturday he wasn't so sure. "I don't think it's worth it," he said of playing the traditionally powerful Division I-A team. "It's great if you can come in here and be competitive. It's great for recruiting and its great exposure for your program. But what happened to us physically, I don't think it's worth it."

(Pettibone's comments are notable as this was a topic during the 80's and 90's. Teams liked coming to Lincoln for the payday but were so beat up afterwards that winning the next week was even more difficult for them. Several coaches over the years commented after losing a game that the game had been lost the week before due to playing Nebraska. The Huskers were known for their physicality, something that hasn't been around since 2000. There may have been a flash during the Pelini years, but it still wasn't the 80's and 90's teams.)

September 12, 2000 – NU Trying Not to Look at Lighter Side

After Saturday's 27-24 draining win at Notre Dame, the schedule makers have given the Big Red what appears to be some serious exhale time. The Huskers are off this week. Then come back-to-back home games against Iowa and Missouri, visits to Iowa State, Texas Tech, and a home game against Baylor. Not until October 28 – when its off to Norman to face No. 20 Oklahoma – does NU play a team in the top 50. However, Frank Solich noted the team is still wary of the dangers regardless of the opponent.

The Associated Press college football poll's Top 20 – 1. Nebraska, 2. Florida State, 3. Michigan, 4. Miami, 5. Wisconsin, 6. Texas, 7. Kansas State, 8. Florida, 9. Georgia, 10. Virginia Tech, 11. USC, 12. Tennessee, 13. Alabama, 14. Purdue, 15. Washington, 16. UCLA, 17. Clemson, 18. Ohio State, 19. Mississippi, 20. Oklahoma.

Notable coaches in the poll, Florida State-Bobby Bowden, Wisconsin-Barry Alvarez, Texas-Mack Brown, Kansas State-Bill Snyder, Florida-Steve Spurrier, Virginia Tech-Frank Beemer, Tennessee- Phillip Fullmer, Washington- Rick Neuheisel, Oklahoma-Bob Stoops.

(There were still multiple polls in 2000 which made naming a National Champion even more convoluted. There are people who will tell you they don't like the playoff system we have now, but it is a far better system than having multiple polls and a bunch of pollsters getting their heads together and voting for split national champions.)

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MEN'S GOLF

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Team 10 (5.00) Gist, Thomas 42-36; Poppe, Brian 49-40; Keller, Bart 50-33. Team 19 (3.00) Ebel, Ron 38-35; Bennett, Chuck 51-43; Gooch, Blake 42-33.

Team 11 (6.00) Siel, Jake 42-39; Froeschl, Lucas 39-32; Dunkhas, Gale 47-37. Team 18 (2.00) Chesnut, Justin 41-36; May, Mark 46-39; Harmon, Jason 47-37.

Team 12 (6.50) Liberty, Brandon 39-35; McNeely, John 46-39; Bek, Adam 45-34. Team 17 (1.50) Ebel, Bryce 42-37; Witt, Bailey 46-39; Godemann, Ted 50-38.

Team 13 (7.00) Ferguson, Don 42-37; Schawang, Cody 39-32; White, Christian 56-40. Team 16 (1.00) Hill, Dan (F); Steele, Brendan (F); Bauer, Trevor 53-42.

Team 14 (8.00) Hullman, Ben 38-34; Gerweck, Rob 39-35; Meysenburg, Fr. James 44-34. Team 15 (0.00) Van Dyke, Kyle 42-38; Cole, Gavin (F); Froeschl, Ethan 48-40.



Now here's a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

- Christmas lights are not just for Christmas these days. I see them hanging along the eaves of back porches and decorating the landscape to light up garden parties at dusk. Here's a great idea for a hanging lantern, using lights I picked up at my local thrift shop: I basically piled strings of lights in the sections of a three-tier wire hanging basket. I connected them together, and when they are plugged in, they look magical.
 - When your bananas hit your desired level of ripeness, put them in the refrigerator. The skin will darken, but the inside will remain white, allowing you to wait a day or two to eat it.
 - "Use pretty coffee mugs to plant some fresh herbs in your windowsill in the kitchen." — E.L. in Montana
 - One way to remove fuzz from between the keys of your keyboard is with a self-stick note. Peel off and run the sticky side of the note between the keys for a quick clean.
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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION JULY 29, 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, July 29, 2026. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie; Assessor, Kim 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 Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. 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.

REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION
Motion was made by Caverzagie to table the applications for Real Estate Tax Exemption for the tax year 2026 for Apace Foundation located in Falls City Metes & Bounds 11-1-16.17 acres PT W1/2 W1/2 and for APACE located at Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, Block 89, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LIST OF CEMETERIES IN COUNTY
Assessor Riggs presented the listing of cemeteries within the County. Motion was made by Karas to accept the listing as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.
John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 29, 2026 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2026. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. 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.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.
Motion was made by Caverzagie to close the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:06 a.m. with Steve Darveau, Hwy Superintendent to discuss possible 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 Campbell to close the executive session at 9:12 a.m. and return to the regular meeting

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

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. The crews have been doing improvement work on the "Pony Creek Road" which is close to completion. An update was also given on the Dawson NW project.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER
Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. A discussion was held regarding the replacement of patrol vehicles and including in this next fiscal year's budget.

Executive Session
Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:38 a.m. with Sheriff Hardesty, County Attorney Scheitel and Clerk Eickhoff to review a personnel situation and for the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to close the executive session at 9:49 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

PENNSYLVANIA COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Michelle Heim representing the Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society presented the annual report to the Board on the activity of the organization. The organization is requesting the continued funding of \$5,000 from the County for this next fiscal year. The Board relayed that the funding will be considered and the organization will be notified of this decision at a later date.

QUAD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Sandra and Duaine Stalder representing the Quad County Historical & Research Society presented to the Board the annual report of the organization. They requested continued funding from the County of \$5,000 for this next fiscal year. The Board relayed that the funding will be considered and the organization will be notified of this decision at a later date.

RICHARDSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Leon Wilhelm representing the Richardson County Historical Society presented to the Board the annual report of the organization. The organization is requesting continued funding from the County of \$10,000 for this next fiscal year. The Board relayed that the funding will be considered and the organization will be notified of this decision at a later date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
An executive session was scheduled for the consideration of a general assistance application. The applicant failed to appear.

FY 26-27 BUDGET PROPOSAL
The budget-making authority, County Clerk Eickhoff, presented to the Board the FY26-27 budget with each of the county departments proposed budgets. The Board will meet with each department in the next few weeks to review their requests.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Claim filed by Ron Jordening
The Board received a claim filed by Ron Jordening for medical expenses from February 16, 2026, incident on sidewalk area on the block of the Richardson County Courthouse. Motion was made by Caverzagie to table and forward the claim to the county's insurance carrier. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Complaint filed by Deven Nycum
On July 15, 2026, a formal complaint regarding official misrepresentation, public records violations, and county liability inducement by Sheriff Rick Hardesty was filed with the Richardson County Clerk by Deven Nycum. The complaint requested that this be submitted to the Richardson County Board of Commissioners and formally log the complaint as an official matter of public record.

The County Board of Commissioners reviewed the complaint with Sheriff Hardesty and the Sheriff responded that he has fulfilled and complied with the public records request as mentioned in the complaint. County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was also included in the review of this matter with the Sheriff.

CLAIMS
Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the payment of all claims that were 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
ABK Fire & Safety, serv 119.00
Clerk of District Court, fees..... 134.00

Culligan, serv.....	156.10
DAS State Accounting, serv ...	1009.30
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv.....	2469.25
Dept. of Property Assessment, fees	640.00
Dest Moines Stamp Co., supp.	149.00
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv.....	325.68
Epler's Carpet Cleaning, serv.	1100.00
Falls City Journal, adv	248.73
Handley Law Office, serv.....	1843.75
CR26-5 B. Rolfe	
Homolka, Morgan, serv	1063.60
Koch's Auto, serv.....	2009.21
Kollasch Law Office, serv.....	1210.00
CR25-79 A. Settrini, CR25-340 C.	
Ochoa	
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins.....	1569.99
SummerOne, serv	84.00
Unifirst, serv.....	96.80
US Signal Company, serv.....	880.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND ...	\$15,108.41
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	29303.88
NPPD, serv.....	47.60
Operation & Expense Account, reimb..	124.80
Unifirst, serv.....	43.40
Rulo, Village of, serv.....	30.00
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....	\$29,549.68
ADJOURNMENT	
A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the next regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office. John Caverzagie, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk ZNEZ	

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS July 2, 2026 2307 Barada Street Falls City, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 2nd day of July 2026, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: None. Absent: Froeschl, Johansen, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. Trevor Campbell recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairperson and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairperson and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairperson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

DUE TO THE LACK OF A QUORUM, NO MEETING WAS HELD

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairperson and Board on July 2, 2026, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.
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CITY CLAIMS

City of Falls City, NE	July 21-Aug. 5, 2026
Vendor Name	Description (Item)Amount
American National Bank HSA.	\$1,620.08
Wolfe's Printing Office Supplies - Ledger Book	\$10.48
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Attorney Fees June 2026	\$1,732.00
SENDIFY 27 Housing Dues.	\$1,240.00
SENDIFY 27 Membership Dues	\$2,125.00
Pest Control Services of SE NE Pest Control	\$50.00
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training - Qty Dues 2026	\$326.65
Farm & City Supply 2000 Flushes CLNR 2PK	\$17.97
Principal Life Insurance Company Dental Ins	\$602.40
Principal Life Insurance Company Vision Ins	\$108.06
Pro Serv SAV/IM C3000/C4500 \$273.50	
BLUE RIVERS AGENCY ON AREA 2026-2027 BRAA Interlocal	
Agreement	\$1,337.00
Brad Griffin Consulting Cloud Care - 3yr Antivirus License	\$1,902.04
TASC Funded HRA	\$125.00
Brad Griffin Consulting UPS Desktop-Battery Backups	\$356.00
AMERITAS BILLING 457 After Tax %	\$65.02
AMERITAS BILLING 457 Pre Tax Percentage	\$215.06
CWA Dues CWA Union Dues	\$111.47
Principal Life Insurance Company Dental Ins	\$602.40
Medica Insurance Group Health	\$17,280.02
IBEW Local Union #1536 IBEW Union Dues	\$121.47
International Union of Operating Engineers IUOE Union Dues	\$269.13
Dearborn Life Insurance Company Life Insurance	\$258.71
Nebraska Dept of Revenue Garnishment	\$250.00
Principal Life Insurance Company Vision Ins	\$108.06
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax	\$150.00
Ameritas Retirement 501a	\$11,398.64
Nebraska Department of Revenue State W/H Tax	\$3,764.82
Department of the Treasury Federal W/H Tax	\$8,744.23
Department of the Treasury Medicare Tax	\$3,699.72
Department of the Treasury Social Security Tax	\$15,819.34
BASEERISA Renewal 2026	\$275.00
Utility Department City Office	\$1,415.95
Utility Department Old City Hall Lease Property	\$76.65
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Internet/Phone	\$639.93
A Masterpiece Design, Inc. Amphitheatre Project - First Week 20% Balance Due	\$18,424.00
Fund 100 - General Total:	\$95,515.80
Fund 110 - POLICE	
Harmon's OK Tire Tire Repair	\$20.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Attorney Fees June 2026	\$2,000.00
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training - Qty Dues 2026	\$326.65
Meyer Home CenterRed Wire Nut, Capacitor, Fuse	\$42.19
Meyer Home Center Labor	\$95.00
Pro ServSAV/IM C3000/C4500	\$273.50
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc.Internet/Phone	\$267.31
Fund 110 - Police Total:	\$3,024.65
Fund 115 - ANIMAL CONTROL	
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Attorney Fees June 2026	\$580.00
Utility Dept Animal Control	\$15.07
Omaha Public Power District Service June 2026	\$46.35
Fund 115 - Animal Control Total:	\$641.42
Fund 120 - FIRE	
Dearborn Life Ins Co June 2026	\$115.35
Dearborn Life Ins Co July 2026	\$115.35
Dearborn Life Ins Co 2025 Year	\$1,681.80
Dearborn Life Ins Co January 2026	\$140.15
Dearborn Life Ins Co February 2026	\$140.15
Dearborn Life Ins Co April 2026	\$140.15
Dearborn Life Ins Co March 2026	\$140.15
Dearborn Life Ins Co May 2026	\$140.15
Utility Dept Ambulance Bldg.	\$102.62
Utility Dept Fire Station	\$225.22
Utility Dept Fire Station/Hydrants	\$4,426.34
Utility Dept Fire Station/Hyd.	\$90.01
SNC, Inc.Internet/Phone	\$129.36
Fund 120 - Fire Total:	\$7,586.89
Fund 130 - BUILDING INSPECTIONS & CODE ENFORCEMENT	
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training - Qty Dues 2026	\$326.65
Fund 130 - Building Inspections & Code Enforcement Total:	\$326.65
Fund 150 - PARKS	
Falls City Sanitation Service3 Extra Bin Dumps-May 2026	\$105.00
Falls City Sanitation Service June Service 2026	\$130.00
Farm & City Supply Supplies Materials	\$97.96
Farm & City Supply Washr SJ 1-1/4" M CD2	\$1.39
Amazon Capital Services Waterless 1101 1-gal Blue Seal Urinal Trap Liquid	\$81.99
Pest Control Services of SE NEPest Control	\$50.00
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training - Qty Dues 2026	\$326.65
Falls City Auto Supply Filter	\$18.57
Bruna Implement Company Mower Parts	\$128.23
Meyer Home Center Moen Cartridge 52100	\$90.95
True Ag & Turf, LLC Clutch	\$162.48
Farm & City Supply Cabot Dckrt Tint BS 1gl	\$38.99
Grimms Gardens Irrigation PGA Valve 1" (ea)	\$63.08
Amazon Capital Services Roller and Pin Assembly 2pk	\$37.54
Farm & City Supply Duct Tape Black 10yrd	\$7.99
Farm & City Supply Cabot Dckrt Tint BS 1gl	\$155.96
159 Lumber & Rentals 1x12x16 Lumber	\$294.36
Farm & City Supply Orig Pntr Tpe 1.88"x60yrd	\$39.96
Grimms Garden sash tree removal	\$4,050.00
Arbor Mastersprune 24 trees(Site 5 Downtown revit. zone, Libra)	\$6,888.00
Arbor Mastersplant 4 trees (Site 5 Downtown revit. Library)	\$800.00

Arbor Mastersreove 4 trees (Site 5 Downtown revit., Library)	\$2,000.00
Arbor Masters remove 3 tree (Site 4 Audit. Old City Hall, Pione)	\$1,500.00
Arbor Masters prune 38 trees(Site 4 Audit.Old City Hall,Pioneer)	\$10,906.00
Arbor Masters plant 3 trees(Site 4 Audit. Old City Hall, Pioneer	\$600.00
Arbor Masters remove 5 trees (Grandview Park)	\$2,663.07
Arbor Masters prune 43 trees (Grandview Park)	\$12,341.00
Arbor Masters plant 5 trees (Grandview Park)	\$1,000.00
Falls City Mercantile Urinal Block Cherry	\$16.75
Home Lumber Company Supplies/Materials	\$44.00
Utility Department Snack Shack New	\$691.07
Utility Department Stanton Lake Camper Sites/Caretaker	\$275.62
Utility Department Riding Club Site/City Usage	\$84.84
Utility Department Parks Dept New Shop	\$41.65
Utility Department Morehead Field/Irrigation	\$562.58
Utility Department Dallas Jones P – IRR MTR	\$9,336.20
Utility Dept Snack Shack Irr	\$114.42
Utility Dept Grandview Park	\$70.06
Utility Department Stanton Lake South Camper	\$66.67
Utility Department Stanton Lake North Camper	\$63.98
Utility Department F&M Bank Field	\$75.81
Utility Department Grandview Park	\$79.02
Utility Department Snack Shack-Old EL Only	\$176.06
Utility Dept Parks Dept New Shop	\$166.14
Utility Department Dallas Jones P – IRR MTR	\$44.26
Utility Dept Stanton Lake Cabin	\$60.09
Utility Department Dallas Jones Tennis Court	\$48.82
Utility Department Legion Park	\$49.89
Utility Department Hartman Field	\$63.31
Utility Department Stanton Lake Volleyball	\$61.98
Utility Department 4-H Barn	\$42.24
Utility Department SNC Field	\$42.24
Fund 150 - Parks Total:	\$56,856.87
Fund 151 - AUDITORIM	
Unifirst Corporation Mops/Towels	\$219.56
Trane U.S. INC Service for Job 351717	\$3,279.00
Meyer Home Center12.5 UFx370 Capacitor	\$15.00
Falls City Sanitation Service June Service 2026	\$130.00
Meyer Home Center12.5 UF x 370 Capacitor	\$16.13
Meyer Home Center Labor	\$95.00
Pest Control Services of SE NE Pest Control	\$50.00
Falls City Mercantile Urinal Clock Cherry/ Grey Can Liners	\$36.23
Utility Department Prichard Auditorium	\$3,328.84
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc.Internet/Phone	\$100.44
Fund 151 - Auditorim Total:	\$7,270.20
Fund 152 - AQUATIC CENTER	
Farm & City Supply Hi-Velocity FLR FN 12" BK	\$49.99
Rec Supply Ladder tread 19in sloping w/ hardware	\$304.41
Acco Unlimited Corporation ACCO 07-L	\$1,110.00
Acco Unlimited Corporation ACCO Liquid Chlorinating Solution-L	\$2,737.00
Rec Supply Printed Acrylic Lifeguard Umbrella 6.5" - Red	\$242.60
Amazon Capital Services Supplies/Materials	\$40.27
Falls City Mercantile INV 266892	\$779.22
Rec Supply Ladder tread19 in Sloping w/ hardware	\$304.41
Falls City Sanitation Service June Service 2026	\$65.00
Amazon Capital Services Uladis Size 6 Pool Basketball (2 pack)	\$24.99
Falls City Mercantile INV 267084 A	\$215.36
Farm & City Supply Plug in Co/Exp. Gas Alarm	\$69.99
Meyer Home Center Labor	\$140.00
Meyer Home CenterR-427A Freon	\$72.56
Falls City Mercantile INV 267262 B	\$752.68
Amazon Capital Services Replacement Spindle for toilet paper dispenser	\$6.55
Falls City Mercantile INV 267424 A	\$323.42
Mahaska/Pepsi Concession Items	\$270.00
Acco Unlimited CorporationSodium Bicarbonate 50# Bg	\$236.00
Amazon Capital Services Supplies/Materials	\$38.97
Falls City Mercantile Concession Items - Frozen	\$621.99
Falls City Mercantile Concession Items - Dry	\$313.41
Falls City Mercantile Concession Items - Cooler	\$22.73
Utility Department Aquatic Center	\$5,836.04
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Internet/Phone	\$158.27
Fund 152 - Aquatic Center Total:	\$14,735.86
Fund 170 - LIBRARY	
Bavco Backflow Apparatus & Valve/Watts Lead Free LF009 1"	\$560.00
Ingram 97528850	\$18.30
Ingram 97587465	\$24.96
Ingram 97474535	\$26.10
Ingram 97690342	\$287.87
Ingram 97972089	\$32.91
Ingram 97987962	\$181.01
Ingram 97587464	\$173.22
Ingram 97987961	\$115.85
Ingram 97787650	\$60.29
Ingram 97864098	\$63.44
Ingram 97813426	\$74.26
Omaha World Herald Omaha World Herald- Renewal	\$971.99
Falls City Sanitation ServiceJune Service 2026	\$65.00
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training - Qty Dues 2026	\$326.65
Amazon Capital Services Books/Supplies/Materials	\$116.09
American Library Association ALA Library Membership Dues	\$190.00
Library Petty CashJuly 2026 Petty Cash	\$259.53
Richard Gilkerson July 2026	\$210.00
Utility Department Library & Arts Center	\$3,330.74
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc.Internet/Phone	\$175.87
Fund 170 - Library Total:	\$7,264.08
Fund 180 - CEMETERY	
Falls City Auto Supply Sea Foam	\$19.78
Falls City Auto Supply Supplies/ Materials	\$17.29

Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training - Qty Dues 2026	\$325.65
Falls City Auto Supply Fuses	\$12.60
Bruna Implement Co Clutch	\$453.60
Harmon's OK Tire Tire/Stem	\$64.77
Falls City Auto Supply Filter	\$30.04
Farm & City Supply Foam Wax Car Wash/Wax 1gal	\$11.99
Farm & City Supply Grade 5 Bolts, Nuts, Washers	\$8.46
Utility Department Cemetery	\$134.32
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Internet/Phone	\$99.41
Fund 180 - Cemetery Total:	\$1,177.91
Fund 190 - STREETS	
BRANDON SCHAWANG Alley Grade & Pour-First Methodist Church	\$9,382.00
Brad Griffin Consulting Epson 2960 MFC Printer	\$125.00
Brad Griffin Consulting Epson 2960 MFC Ink	\$79.98
Falls City Mercantile Paper Towel Kitchen Roll	\$91.67
Farm & City Supply Handling for Shipping	\$10.00
Falls City Sanitation Service June Service 2026	\$65.00
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training - Qty Dues 2026	\$326.66
Harmon's OK Tire Tire Service	\$215.00
Utility Dept Dist 56 Stop Sign	\$42.24
Utility Dept Street Dept	\$362.04
Utility Dept Street Lights	\$6,359.43
Utility Dept Dist 56 S S Stop Sign	\$42.24
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Internet/Phone	\$51.03
Fund 190 - Streets Total:	\$17,152.29
Fund 195 - MECHANIC SHOP	
Farmers Repair & Machine Shop Roll 0.035 Welding Wire	\$48.91
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training - Qty Dues 2026	\$326.66
Bobcat of Omaha 46905274 X-CHANGE SH11D	\$2,232.54
Bobcat of Omaha 7427634 HOSE HYD PLIC	\$138.70
Bobcat of Omaha 46901697 BRACKET SPORD	\$20.23
Bobcat of Omaha 26GM10020 SCRE HE M3D2	\$6.02
Bobcat of Omaha 86F5 NUT HYDR M3D1	\$5.02
Bobcat of Omaha 7443176 HIOSE HYD PL1B	\$171.94
Bobcat of Omaha 720700 FTG HYD VB03	\$98.45
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Internet/Phone	\$1.03
Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop Total:	\$3,049.50
Fund 205 - DISPATCHING	
Language Line Services Inc June 2026 Service	\$7.67
Geo Comm	MSAG Maintenance Services
Geo Comm Address Assignment Services	\$1,206.25
Geo Comm GIS Data Layers	\$1,607.94
Maintenance Services	\$4,823.83
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training - Qty Dues 2026	\$328.66
Brad Griffin Consulting Cloud Care - 20 Licenses -3yr length of service	\$951.02
Lumen Service	\$3,196.79
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Internet/Phone	\$714.33
Fund 205 - Dispatching Total:	\$12,836.49
Fund 245 - RURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING	
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Attorney Fees June 2026	\$2,480.00
Fund 245 - Rural Workforce Housing Fund Total:	\$2,480.00
Fund 600 - ELECTRIC	
159 Lumber & Rentals 2x4x8	\$39.96
159 Lumber & Rentals Finance Charge	\$3.22
hug-engineering.com Supplies/Service	\$32,168.99
Tri-State Truck & Tractor Repair Supplies/Materials	\$57.28
City of David City, NE167 KVA 13800/7970 240/120 1PH PAD (E2500)	\$42,198.05
City of David City, NE100 KVA 13800/7970 240/120 1PH PAD (E2400)	\$15,398.30
Fast Forward Enterprise Package - thermal imaging	\$1,500.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLCAttorney Fees June 2026	\$908.00
Meyer Home Center2" PVC Union	\$15.64
Nebraska Power Review Board Fees -Neb. Power Review Board 2026	\$1,132.69
Farm & City Supply Supplies/Materials	\$448.45
Farm & City Supply Hi-side tool box Model 296-3-02	\$1,343.75
Farm & City SupplyWD40 Smart Straw 12 oz	\$38.96
Falls City Sanitation Service Monthly Trash Service June 2026	\$195.00
Brad Griffin Consulting Mini Computer, Ryzen 7,16gb memory, 256 gb Storage	\$415.00
Brad Griffin Consulting Acer 24" Monitor	\$75.00
Amazon Capital Services Kable Kontrol Cable Marker Zip Ties	\$150.44
Farm & City Supply4-1/2"x1/16" cutting wheel 10pk	\$30.41
Kansas Municipal UtilitiesKMU Level 3 Training - Qty Dues 2026	\$1,763.93
Border States8" x 3 3/4" x 4 3/4" wood crossarm Penta (E1245)	\$1,095.21
Cintas Corporation No 2Uniforms/Safety	\$160.48
Seiler Instrument & Manufacturing incCAT-OD-PR-10-NR	\$362.50
Wesco Distribution5/8" X 12" machine bolt 9912 (E1096)	\$117.17
Wesco Distribution Meter Socket/Break Comb 200 AMP MILBANK U5168-XTL	\$1,478.13
Wesco Distribution Arrestor, Surge 10 KV-Jos. ZHP010-0C00100***	\$491
Wesco Distribution36" drop braces Hughes 2045-E45-11-11 or9-11 (Pair	\$309.60
Wesco DistributionConnector Compression, WR-835 (E254)	\$119.97
Principal Life Insurance CompanyDental Ins	\$433.71
Principal Life Insurance Company/Vision Ins	\$66.65
Falls City Auto SupplyV-Belt	\$23.93
Brad Griffin ConsultingCloudCare - 3yr Antivirus License	\$1,141.23
Farm & City Supply7.9" Heavy Duty UV Black	\$12.57
Geo Consulting Group IncOn-call GIS services Project 231725.00	\$252.00
ECHO ELECTRIC SUPPLY1.25 DURALINE DUCT (E14.5)	\$2,301.53
ECHO ELECTRIC SUPPLY1 1/4" PVC coupling (E1285)	\$34.62
ECHO ELECTRIC SUPPLY1 1/4" SCH 40 PVC CONDUIT (E1227)	\$105.97
ECHO ELECTRIC SUPPLY1 1/4" 90 deg PVC elbow (E1275)	\$217.08

Core & Main LPFm 12S (13S) CL200, 120-480V 3PH Honeywell (E618.5	\$2,882.08
Wesco Distribution Estex 1180-45 Sign	\$103.20
Mary's AppliancesSMC1161KB 1.1 cuft. .	\$182.74
Border States Tape, Elec.-Scotch 130C 1"x30" Linerless rubber (E2	\$218.76
Dollar Fresh Bottled Water (E150)	\$252.00
RS Electric Utility Services VFD for testing & troubleshooting	\$3,420.08
TASC Funded HRA	\$75.00
Farm & City Supply Screws	\$2.96
Quill Corporation Office Supplies	\$27.96
Brad Griffin Consulting UPS Desktop-Battery Backups	\$213.60
Farm & City Supply Grade 5 Bolts, Nuts, Washers	\$7.61
Farm & City Supply60# Bag U Mix Concrete Mix	\$27.91
AMERITAS BILLING 457 After Tax %	\$299.82
AMERITAS BILLING457 Pre Tax Percentage	\$82.87
CWA Dues CWA Union Dues	\$256.84
Principal Life Insurance Company Dental Ins	\$433.71
Medica Insurance Group Health	\$15,592.26
American National Bank HSA.	\$3,194.71
IBEW Local Union #1536IBEW Union Dues	\$370.02
Dearborn Life Insurance Company Life Insurance	\$176.60
Principal Life Insurance Company Vision Ins	\$66.65
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax	\$1,918.26
Ameritas Retirement 501a	\$11,874.68
Department of the Treasury Medicare Tax	\$2,745.34
Department of the Treasury Social Security Tax	\$11,738.72
Nebraska Department of Revenue State W/H Tax	\$3,342.05
Department of the Treasury Federal W/H	\$8,566.29
Utility Department Inventory Bldg - 61	\$674.58
Utility Dept Power Plant -62	\$1,532.51
Utility Department Plant Water/Hi-Low -62	\$359.10
Utility Department Power Plant Unit #9 - 62	\$5,016.27
Utility Dept Station Power - 62	\$9,961.68
Utility Department Power Plant Water Dept - 62	\$4,450.89
Falls City Post Office1st Class Presort Permit	\$234.00
Falls City Post OfficeQ4 Postage: Billing Aug 2026 - Sep 2026	\$1,620.00
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc.Internet/Phone	\$638.77
Fund 600 - Electric Total:	\$199,922.94
Fund 610 - WATER	
Windsock Ag Services LLC Supplies/Materials	\$410.65
Lincoln Winwater Works CoCR - MJ Fittings, C	\$1438.60
Scheitel Feed & Seeds-Way Fescue, Fertilizer	\$104.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental LabLab Tests	\$250.00
Concrete Industries, Inc Concrete	\$1,585.25
Amazon Capital Services Caltric Deck Gauge Wheel w/ Arm	\$72.27
Mississippi Lime CoFuel	\$526.81
Mississippi Lime Co1/2 inch pebble lime	\$10,042.49
Mississippi Lime Co1/2 inch pebble lime flat charge	\$774.72
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INCCO2 tank telemetry	\$121.33
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC safety fee	\$34.76
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INCCO2 tank rental	\$1,698.55
Farm & City Supply Supplies/Materials	\$237.40
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha1 1/4" NL MIPT x PJ ADPT/PE PI, Poly Tubing Insert	\$87.86
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha Mueller Hyd Exten, Hydrant lubricating oil	\$725.84
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha21327 1 1/4" SCH 80 Check VLV	\$122.41
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Attorney Fees June 2026	\$38.40
O'Reilly Automotive Inc Hyd Hose, Mega crimp(2)	\$131.78
Lincoln Winwater Works Co Fire Hydrant Wrench	\$133.30
Bavco Backflow Apparatus & Valve/Watts 0009m; 1 11/4-2" #2ck Assembly	\$196.90
Edwards Chemicals Chemicals \$844.50	
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training - Qty Dues 2026	\$235.18
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc Delivery Charge	\$113.94
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INCFuel Charge	\$54.25
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INCCO2 liquid	\$5,799.74
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INCbulk Haz Mat Charge	\$32.65
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC haz Mat Charge	\$19.46
Farm & City Supply Stencil Kit HD 3" 36pk	\$9.23
Hiawatha Implement Co., INC. Pin \$7.48	
Seiler Instrument & Manufacturing incCAT-OD-PR-10-NR	\$362.50
Farm & City Supply Supplies/Materials	\$416.00
Utility Equipment Co.15/16" Chainsaw, replacement bar nuts, freight	\$757.49
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO. US Saws ext w/ lock	\$227.83
Brad Griffin Consulting CloudCare - 3yr Antivirus License	\$152.16
Hach Chemical Co Chemicals.	\$601.27
Farm & City Supply Screws	\$5.36
Geo Consulting Group Inc On-call GIS services Project 231725.00	\$33.60
Core & Main LP2" R2 10LL meter	\$1,148.08
TASC Funded HRA	\$10.00
Brad Griffin Consulting UPS Desktop-Battery Backups	\$28.48
Lincoln Winwater Works Co6" x 1" CC repair saddle 372-069009 (W1586)	\$92.45
Lincoln Winwater Works Co3/4" meter coupling Ford C38-23.25 NL (W919)	\$102.88
Lincoln Winwater Works Co8" x 2" CC tapping saddle 372-00090515-000 (W1588)	\$139.75
Utility Department Rulo Water Plant North Well	\$90.25
Utility Department Water Tower	\$118.12
Utility Department Rulo Water - Collector Well	\$9,466.24
Falls City Post Office1st Class Presort Permit	\$31.20
Falls City Post OfficeQ4 Postage: Billing Aug 2026 - Sep 2026	\$216.00
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc.Internet/Phone	\$363.90
Fund 610 - Water Total:	\$38,336.11
Fund 620 - GAS	
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc.2013 Ford F350 Super Duty - Battery Test	\$543.66

Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLCAttorney Fees June 2026	\$115.20
Concrete Industries, Inc1 yrd Concrete - Gas dept	\$214.50
True Ag & Turf, LLC Freight	\$16.58
Farm & City Supply Battery Alkaline AA 4pk	\$7.51
Falls City Sanitation Service Monthly Trash Service June 2026	\$65.00
Brad Griffin Consulting Acer 24" Monitor	\$74.99
Brad Griffin Consulting Mini Computer, Ryzen 7,16gb memory, 256 gb Storage	\$414.99
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training - Qty Dues 2026	\$705.57
PEFA, INC June 2026 PEFA commodity	\$26,859.03
Brad Griffin Consulting Cloud Care - 3yr Antivirus License	\$456.49
Geo Consulting Group Inc On-call GIS services Project 231725.00	\$100.80



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
The Board of Commissioners of the County of Richardson, Nebraska will meet weekly for a regular meeting on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m., Room 202 in the Richardson County Courthouse for the purpose of conducting any and all county business that will come before the Board. The agenda for the meetings are kept continuously current and are available for public inspection at the office of the Richardson County Clerk, Courthouse, Room 203, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE during normal working hours. The agenda is closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and is posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door, the 1st floor lobby and the Lower-Level lobby of the Courthouse and also on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncounty.ne.gov. The specific meeting dates are: July 22 and 29; August 5, 12, 19 and 26; September 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; October 7, 14, 21 and 28; November 4—no meeting scheduled, Tuesday the 10th, Wednesdays the 18th and 25th; December 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

The Board of Equalization of the County of Richardson, Nebraska, meet when times may necessitate on Wednesdays for the purpose of conducting any and all business that requires the action of the County Board of Equalization. The agenda for the meetings are kept continuously current and are available for public inspection at the office of the Richardson County Clerk, Courthouse, Room 203, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE during normal business hours. The agenda is closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and is posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door, the 1st floor lobby and the Lower-Level lobby of the Courthouse, on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncounty.ne.gov and notice is sent to all media outlets within Richardson County.

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Estate of DAVID KEITH WHEELER,
Deceased
Estate No. PR 26-35

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of July 2026, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued an Order of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, and Appointment of Personal Representative for the Estate of David Keith Wheeler, and that Ms. Jana L. Wheeler, whose address is: 64092 718 Road, Stella, Nebraska 68442, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claim(s) with this Court on or before the 29th day of September 2026 or be forever barred.

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

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NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Estate of Joe David Taylor, Deceased.
Estate No. PR26

Notice is hereby given that on July 24, 2026, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that Dawn M. Metschke, whose address is 63296 730 Road, Auburn, Nebraska 68305 has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before September- 29, 2026 or be forever barred.

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NOTICE
In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska
Estate of David J. McPherson,
Deceased
Estate Number: PR26-19

Notice is hereby given that on July 15th, 2026 in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Dylan L. Handley was appointed by the Court as Personal Representative(s) of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before September 29, 2026 or be forever barred.

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Attorney for Applicant

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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a Six Year Road and Street Plan for the Village of Stella, Nebraska as required by NEB. REV. STAT. Sec 39-2119 et Seq. R.R.S. has been recommended for approval by the Stella Village Board, and that a Public Hearing be held on said Six Yer Road and Street Plan on the 8th Day of September, 2026 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Stella Community Building at which time objection to or recommendations for said plan be heard.

Jana Wheeler
Stella Village Clerk

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**SALEM & FALLS CITY BRIDGES
NOTICE OF PROJECT
INFORMATION
STP-8-7(116); CN 13306**

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is currently soliciting public input on the proposed Salem & Falls City Bridges project in Richardson County, Nebraska. The project is located along Nebraska Highway 8 (N-8) and includes the removal and replacement of two bridges: the Salem bridge located approximately 0.6 miles east of the western corporate limits of Salem and the Falls City bridge located at the western corporate limits of Falls City. The project area includes each bridge and approximately 1,500 feet beyond each end of the structures.

The purpose of the project is to preserve transportation assets, improve the reliability of the transportation system, and perpetuate mobility for the traveling public. The need for the project is based on the age and condition of the existing structures and information from NDOT's Bridge Inventory Rating System, Bridge Division, and District 1.

The proposed improvements include replacement of both bridges, removal and replacement of adjacent pavement as necessary, culvert work, curb and flumes, grading, pavement markings, and guardrail replacement. Existing culverts near the Salem bridge and a concrete box culvert west of the Falls City bridge would be removed and replaced. Work would also include roadway reconstruction needed to accommodate anticipated grade raises and other associated improvements. Work within the Big Nemaha River waterway would be required.

Construction of the Salem bridge and the box culvert near the Falls City bridge would require a detour utilizing U.S. Highway 75 (US-75) and U.S. Highway 73 (US-73). The Falls City bridge would be constructed in phases and remain open to traffic. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to construction phasing. Additional property rights near the Falls City bridge are anticipated.

Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2027 and be completed by fall 2028.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on NDOT's website at ndot.info/13306. Information may be obtained, and comments submitted via Brian Beach, NDOT Public Involvement Specialist (402) 479-4994; Brian.Beach@nebraska.gov. Comments will be collected through September 11, 2026.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-100

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, TO ADD §1-925 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA PROVIDING FOR THE ROUNDING UP OR DOWN, TO THE NEAREST NICKEL, ANY CASH TRANSACTION CONDUCTED WITH THE CITY DUE TO THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE PENNY; REPEALING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the United States has discontinued the manufacturing of pennies, and the duration of their continued circulation remains uncertain;

WHEREAS the Nebraska Legislature passed LB 838, approved by the Governor of the State of Nebraska on April 17, 2026, which provides for the discretionary rounding up or down, to the nearest nickel, cash transactions with customers;

WHEREAS it is therefore appropriate and necessary for the City to adopt provisions like those included within LB 838;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA:

Section 1: Chapter 1, Article 9, §1-925 be added to the Municipal Code of the City of Falls City Nebraska to read as follows:

§1-925 FISCAL MANAGEMENT: ROUNDING OF CASH TRANSACTION TO NEAREST FIVE CENTS.

1. In any case in which a customer's total cash transaction amount with the City, including any taxes, fees, surcharges, assessments, and other governmental charges, or the final cash amount paid out or returned to a customer ends with one, two, six, or seven as the final digit of the number of cents for the transaction, the City will round down such number of cents to the nearest number of cents divisible by five.
2. In any case in which a customer's total cash transaction amount with the City, including any taxes, fees, surcharges, assessments, and other governmental charges, or the final cash amount paid out or returned to a customer ends with three, four, eight, or nine as the final digit of the number of cents for the transaction, the City will round up such number of cents to the nearest number of cents divisible by five.
3. Rounding pursuant to this Ordinance shall be applied solely to the final settled cash amount paid by, paid out to, or returned to a customer. Rounding under this Ordinance shall not alter (i) the sales price of any good or service; (ii) the amount of any tax calculated or imposed under state or local law; and (iii) any regulatory fee, government-imposed fee, surcharge, assessment, or other charge required by law.

Section 2. Any Municipal Code section, ordinance, or resolution in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

Section 3. If any section, clause, provision or part of any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or application of any other section, provision, or part of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

..PASSED AND APPROVED this 3 day of August 2026.

CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA,
Mark Harkendorff, Mayor

ATTEST:
Gary Jorn, City Clerk

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NOTICE
In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska.
In the Matter of the Estate of Dallas Lee Kinnison, Deceased.
Case No. PR26-28

Notice is hereby given that on August 4, 2026, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Amanda Kinnison, whose address is 500 SE Salem, Apt. A-201, Oak Grove, MO 64075, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the above-entitled intestate Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before October 12, 2026 or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann
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County Court of Richardson County
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Falls City, NE 68355

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WEAVER & MERZ
Douglas E. Merz #12807
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**FALLS CITY
CITY COUNCIL**

JULY 20, 2026

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 20th day of July 2026, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in Regular Session. Mayor Hardendorff called the meeting to order, Clerk Jorn recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Fouraker, Ferguson, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. Absent: F. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Council President Leyden publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

STANDING REPORTS

Reports were given by City Administrator and Chief Baker.

**APPROVAL CONSENT
RESOLUTION FOR JULY 20, 2026**

WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for July 20, 2026 meeting is hereby approved. 2.BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the minutes from the July 6, 2026 meeting is hereby approved. 3.BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Treasurer Report for June 2026 is hereby approved. 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for July 20, 2026 is hereby approved.

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the Consent Resolution as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden., "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Motion carried.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2026-100 TO PROVIDE THE ROUNDING UP AND DOWN TO THE NEAREST NICKEL

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Kaster to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2026-100. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Motion carried.

**SET LEVY FOR AIRPORT
AUTHORITY FOR 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR AT 0.047355**

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the levy for the Airport Authority at 0.047355 for fiscal year 2026-2027. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA", Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Motion carried.

SENDD ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND HOUSING DUES FOR \$3,365.00

A motion was made by Council person Fouraker and seconded by Council person Kaster to approve the SENDD membership and housing dues for \$3,365.00. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Motion carried.

REQUEST THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE FOR USE OF SCOOTERS AND E-BIKES ON PUBLIC STREETS AND SIDE-WALKS

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the city attorney to draft an ordinance for the use of scooters and e-bikes on public streets and sidewalks. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Motion carried. Mary Wissmann, Ernie Craig, and Ron Kelley spoke.

REQUEST FOR AN SDL FOR A BEER GARDEN AT THE ELKS CLUB ON AUGUST 22, 2026

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to give favorable comment on a SDL for the Elks Club on August 22, 2026. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None.

"Absent" F. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-101 TO PROVIDE FOR HOURS OF SALE FOR ALCOHOL BEVERAGES

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve first reading of Ordinance 2026-101. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R114 – 2026-2027 INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH LARM

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve resolution 2026-R114. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Motion carried.

SECOND QUARTER 2026 REPORT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LUCAS FROESCHL

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Kaster to approve 2nd Quarter EDGE Report. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Motion carried. Executive Director Lucas Froeschl spoke.

APPOINTMENT OF RYAN NOLTE TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
A motion was made by Council person Fouraker and seconded by Council person Buckminster to approve the appointment of Ryan Nolte to the Board of Adjustments. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR MATCH SUPPORT OF \$1,337.00 FOR BLUE RIVERS AREA AGENCY ON AGING
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COBBLESTON FESTIVAL 2026 REQUEST – CHAMBER & MAIN STREET EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AMBER HOLLE

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve the 2026 Cobblestone request. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:27 P.M.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Council on July 20, 2026; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least three copies of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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**VILLAGE OF
STELLA**

Village of Stella Board of Trustees regular meeting, August 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stella Community Building

Present: Ira Hall, Rick Ramer, Jim Donahoe, Kyle Gossman, Heath Stanley

Absent: none
Guests: Brian Stock and Kristy Fischer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Stanley and roll call was taken. Chair Stanley noted the posting of the open meeting act and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda was amended to include propane contracts to new business and tree trimming to the old business. Motion made by Gossman and seconded by Ramer to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yea.

Motion made by Donahoe and seconded by Ramer to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All voted yea.

Motion may be Hall and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. All voted yea.

Motion made by Ramer and seconded by Hall to approve the claims and payroll. All voted yea.

Communications: none
Committees: Streets – alley north of the community building needs repair. Motion made by Ramer and seconded by Gossman to purchase \$100 of Cold Patch asphalt for patching of the alley. All voted yea. Street lights – ok, Park – ok, Water and sewer – written report was given, library – ok, Maintenance – ok, Planning committee – ok, tree board – ok, community building – bee issue seems to be resolved.

Old Business: Sewer plant – still getting wipes. Nuisance properties – some properties have made improvements. The budget paperwork is in Julie Bauman's office. Tree trimming will be done in mid August.

New Business: One and Six year plan special meeting will be next month. Water – the sensaphone dialer quit functioning and was replaced. Motion made by Ramer and seconded by Donahoe for purchase of the new water control. All voted yea. Motion made by Donahoe and seconded by Ramer for propane contracts for a total of 1700 gallons of propane from Ag Partners. All voted yea.

Delinquent water bills were signed. No miscellaneous business.

Questions from the audience concerning the locked restroom by the large park. It was noted it was due to vandalism and will be unlocked again. Also the fox population and the feral cats were discussed.

Motion by Ramer and seconded by Gossman to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. All voted yea.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Stella Community Building.

Jana Wheeler, clerk

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Tracy Milke, water/sewer operator.....	500.00
Tracy Milke, expenses.....	243.00
Aaron Davis, assist water/sewer operator	300.00
Dennis Bahr, streets	187.50
Dennis Bahr, 3 mowings.....	540.00
Jody Bahr, cleaning	50.00
Ira Hall, library	135.00
Jana Wheeler, clerk.....	700.00
Midwest Lab, lab.....	49.85
NE Public Health Environmental Lab ..	492.50
Berwick Coop Oil, streets	128.21
Blue Rivers Area Agency services.....	83.00
Casey Agency, Inc, siren	159.00
Hydro Optimization & Automation.....	1211.64
American Recycling & Sanitation	1286.50
NPPD, streets.....	525.88
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Tri-State Pumping, LLC, sewer.....	1905.00
IRS, withholding.....	374.46
Harland checks, deposit slip.....	43.82
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