

**Monday
June 16th, 2025**

The Rawlins County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session June 16th, 2025, with the following present: Commissioners Alan A. Solko, Mark Mosley and Lincoln Pochop; County Attorney Chris Rohr; County Clerk Rachel Finley and Deputy County Clerk Renee Sagel.

Commissioner Solko called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Mosley made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Pochop. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Department Head Meeting: Corey Castens read a letter to the Commissioners expressing his concerns with the Resolution that will be passed for the Appraiser position. **Chris Niermeier** expressed his concerns regarding the Appraiser appointment. **Megan Rippe** expressed concerns regarding the Appraiser position. **Jen Hurst** requested that the wage study is explained. **County Attorney Chris Rohr** explained the wage study process that was done in Thomas County. **Stacey Mentlick** explained how she researched the wages for her position. The Commissioners requested that departments compare wages with counties that are close to Rawlins County population. The counties with comparable populations include Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Graham, Logan, Sheridan and Trego. **Matt Wilson** with Reach IT informed the Commissioners that the internet with Vyve will need to be renewed by August. Wilson presented a 3-year renewal with Vyve. **Commissioner Pochop made a motion to approve the 3 Year Contract with Vyve, seconded by Commissioner Mosley. Motion carried.**

Road and Bridge: Mark Loop present. Loop and the Commissioners discussed the email that was sent to them regarding the machine that was listed with Gavel Roads and there is a \$37,500.00 reserve on the machine. Loop gave the Commissioners an update on the dozer and will be ready to go to L&M. The three new guys are doing great and are getting pointers from Loop and Lanning. The Commissioners and Loop discussed the tower road issue by the hospital.

Pine Ranch Real Estate: Diana Skiles present. Skiles informed the Commissioners that the current offer for the Highway 36 lot is \$30,000.00. The Commissioners discussed a counteroffer.

Landfill: Corey Castens present. Castens informed the Commissioners that he would like to publish a sealed bid ad for the concrete that needs crushed at the Landfill. County Attorney Chris Rohr informed all present that he would get an ad drafted and send it to the County Clerk. Castens requested that the ad included percentage payment basis.

Herndon Museum: Kyle Grafel present. Grafel thanked the Commissioners for the allocation and hopes to continue to receive funds for 2026.

Commissioner Mosley made a motion to Approve and Sign Minutes from Monday June 2nd, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Pochop. Motion carried.

City of Atwood: Dana Philpott present. Philpott requested that the Commissioners waive any dumping fees for the old city hall that will be hauled and dumped at the landfill. Corey Castens requested a copy of the asbestos results. The Commissioners agreed to waive the dumping fees for the old city hall. Philpott thanked the Commissioners and will send Castens what he needs regarding the asbestos.

The Commissioners, County Attorney Chris Rohr and Appraiser Alicia Baumfalk discussed the Resolution regarding the Appraiser appointment. The Commissioners and Appraiser Baumfalk agreed that Logan County will reimburse Rawlins County 50% of medical, dental and vision insurance, will work a two day minimum in Rawlins County, will give a schedule of days that Baumfalk is in Rawlins County and Baumfalk will receive four equal payments of her accrued sick and vacation. **Commissioner Mosley made a motion to approve the Resolution with changes, seconded by Commissioner Pochop. Motion carried.**

Commissioner Pochop made a motion to hire Wayne Lanning as the Road and Bridge Supervisor and will go into effect when Mark Loop retires, seconded by Commissioner Mosley. Motion carried.

The Commissioners, County Attorney Chris Rohr and County Clerk Finley discussed the letter received from Kansas Department Finance Authority.

Commissioner Solko made a motion to approve and sign the Engagement Letter from Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce, Faris Chartered regarding the 2026 Budget, seconded by Commissioner Pochop. Motion carried.

2026 Budget request received from DSNWK.

County Attorney Chris Rohr informed the Commissioners that Atwood Township picked up the paperwork to file for exemptions, however the paperwork has not been turned in, once the paperwork is received Rohr will review.

County Attorney Chris Rohr informed the Commissioners that he sent a proposal to City Attorney Charles Peckham regarding the dispatch services that are provided to the City of Atwood.

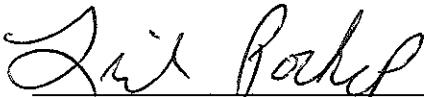
County Attorney Chris Rohr informed the Commissioners that the parcels for the tax sale have been resubmitted to Decatur Co. Title Company.

The next regular Commissioners meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1st, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Floor of the Courthouse.

Commissioner Pochop made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mosley. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.



Alan A. Solko – Chairman



Lincoln Pochop – Member



Mark Mosley - Vice-Chairman



Rachel Finley – County Clerk

