

Meeting

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final draft for the Board to review. The County Budget Hearing will be held on August 24, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

At 10:50 AM Mr. Friess left the meeting.

At 10:52 AM, the Board recessed for a break.

At 11:05 AM, the Board reconvened.

Mr. Schuette moved to approve the June 1, 2026 minutes as presented. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

As per the State's mileage rate change, Mr. Schuette made a motion to increase the county mileage reimbursement amount from \$0.70 cents per mile to \$0.725 cents per mile effective July 1, 2026. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Schuette moved to enter into executive session at 11:10 AM for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and to review payroll reports and to reconvene at 11:20 AM. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

The Board reconvened at 11:20 AM with no action being taken.

The Board approved the following warrants and vouchers:

COUNTY GENERAL \$129,118.90 ROAD &

BRIDGE \$32,887.37
NOXIOUS WEED \$8,850.48
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS \$95,892.37
COUNTY HEALTH \$6,912.55
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
RESERVE \$35,618.35
EQUIPMENT
RESERVE \$41,332.06
EDWARDS COUNTY 911 \$813.37
24TH JUDICIAL DIST DRUG/ALC TEST \$35.00
TOTAL VOUCHERS & WARRANTS: \$351,460.45

Richard Neilson, County Works Director, joined the meeting.

Mr. Neilson gave a work in progress report which included mowing and sealing roads. A discussion followed regarding future road projects, increasing oil prices and not enough funding to support all of the road projects.

Mr. Neilson reported that the bids to replace the bridge north of Offerle should be going out sometime in September 2026. A discussion followed.

Mr. Neilson left the meeting.

With no further business to come before the Board, at 12:10 PM, Mr. Schuette moved to adjourn and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Pass it On

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you want to talk to Harold, you have to wander over to his workshop and knock on the door. There's something reassuring, almost spiritually grounding, knowing that amid a chaos of change, there's Harold, in his gray coveralls, with a wrench in his thick hands, willing to put his back into fixing the mechanical things that stress us out. Watching him work, slowly and methodically, is a Zen experience, gratifyingly meditative. Remove the old pipe, haul it to his truck, cut and thread a new pipe---the oil and shavings dripping into an old coffee can. He's done this hundreds of times and knows how not to make a mess, not

to rush. The pipe joint is dry-fitted, then pulled apart, pipe dope applied, then wrenched together. There's no frustration, no hurry, only an ease and satisfaction in things being done right.

At the end of Harold's life, his good deeds will come pouring out in the words of friends and family, a rush of appreciation that would have embarrassed their good-hearted neighbor with the skilled hands.

"He was there when I needed a hand," many will say. And indeed, what a valuable thing that is these days. After all, our purpose is not to get the most likes, but to like most what we do for others.

City of Spearville Meeting Minutes September 9, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with all council members present. Also in attendance were employees Ryan Blackburn, Dusty Crockett, Treasure Nichols, Pat Heeke, Brad Ackerman and four patrons.

Aaron Baugh moved to approve the minutes of the August 12th regular meeting. Matt Foos made the second. Motion passed 5-0.

Halle Ackerman and Aubree Ruiz, SHS Student Council officers addressed the council asking permission to have a bonfire and for police and fire department support for the homecoming activities on October 8 & 9. They were granted permission for a bonfire, parade, and pep rally.

Utility Superintendent Dusty Crockett gave the annual gas safety training for the city officials. There were no questions.

At 7:10 pm Mayor Luthi opened the 2027 budget hearing. Pat Friess of Kennedy McKee & Company presented the information. With there being no questions, the hearing was closed at 7:13 pm. Matt Foos made the motion to adopt the 2027 budget as presented. Steve Strain made the second. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasure Nichols updated the council on the cybersecurity audit. The first step before the audit can begin is to create secure email addresses. The Council directed her to move forward with establishing secure email addresses for each city department and each council member.

Justin Schulte made a motion to approve the August gas billing of \$9.25 per Mcf and Jason Sanko seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Police chief Ryan Blackburn presented a quote for new camera systems for the department. The technology would automatically begin recording as soon as the vehicles emergency lights were activated

and include pre and post recordings as well. This would provide accurate record of every law enforcement interaction. Matt Foos made a motion to approve the purchase of a Motorola 500E in car system and body worn cameras. In the amount of \$36,815.78 with a 5-year contract and the appropriate routers from United Wireless Communications. Steve Strain seconded the motion, motion passed 4-1.

Council discussed the possibility of creating a City Administrator position. This can be done by ordinance. No action was taken, and the city clerk will add this subject to the next meeting agenda.

Steve Strain moved for approval of bills as presented. Aaron Baugh made the second and the motion passed 5-0.

With no further business Justin Schulte moved to adjourn the meeting. Steven Strain made the second. Motion carried 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Mayor, Jeremy Luthi
City Clerk, Pat Heeke

City of Spearville Special Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2026

Mayor, Jeremy Luthi, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all council members present. City employees Pat Heeke, Treasure Nichols and Dusty Crockett as well as one patron also attended the meeting.

Matt Foos made a motion to approve ordinance 729-A establishing the office of city administrator and describing the duties of such. Aaron Baugh seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Aaron Baugh moved to offer Nick Hernandez a contracted position as an administrative consultant. Steve Strain seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Concluding that there was no more business to attend to, Steve Strain moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Matt Foos seconded, motion carried 5-0.

Mayor, Jeremy Luthi
City Clerk, Pat Heeke



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