

# Mead Messenger

## VILLAGE OF MEAD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

**A Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Village of Mead Board of Trustees was held on September 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Village Office.** Answering roll call were Chairman Thorson; Trustees Felty, Simon and Wielage. Absent was Trustee Lee. Also present were Clerk Cooper and Utilities/Maintenance Superintendent Luetkenhaus. Guests were John Zaugg, Bill Reece, Paulette Mayfield, and Cara Simon. Approved were the agenda, minutes of the August 12 Regular Meeting and Budget Workshop, Treasurer’s Report, and claims.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The Hearing was called to order at 6:05pm with the following answering rollcall: Chairman Thorson, Trustees Felty, Simon, and Wielage. Absent was Trustee Lee. Chairman Thorson reviewed the One- and Six-Year Street Plan. Public input was called. The following motions were approved: Resolution 25 -13; One- and Six-Year Street Plan, Resolution 25-12; Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025, and Annual Certification Program Compliance to NE Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2025. The board reconvened to regular session at 6:13pm.

**SCHEDULED GUESTS:** Bill Reece, Dist. 3 Supervisor, and John Zaugg, Dist. 2 Supervisor discussed the Saunders County Economic Development Commission.

**REPORTS:** Utilities/Maint. Supt. - Discussion was held regarding tasks completed and concern of trailers and inoperable vehicle parked on streets. Building/Zoning Administrator - Permit issued was 25-06 Jerome & June Moline to replace 3 sheds. Library - The August 2 Library Board Meeting Minutes were approved. Discussion held regarding concerns about the library budget, Library Board, and Library Director. Clerk - Discussion held regarding current and upcoming projects, and submission of Source Water Protection Grant Application. The following motions were approved: \$994 purchase of lighted decorations for holidays; Adjust the 10/1/25-9/30/26 library budget to \$37,984; Policy for submission of receipts to Village Clerk within 5 days of credit card purchase.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Discussion held regarding “The Keeping of Backyard Chickens”

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion held regarding Spectrum as new phone/internet provider. The following motions were approved: Special Permit for Mead Days Holiday Lighting event; Pavement Proposal for N. 3rd Circle and tarring of Oak St; Selling police car.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

**A Budget Hearing and Special Hearing of the Village of Mead Board of Trustees was held on September 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Village Office.**

**BUDGET HEARING:** The Hearing was called to order at 6:00pm with the following answering rollcall: Trustees Felty, Simon, Lee, and Wielage. Also present was Clerk Cooper. Approved was the Agenda. Public input was called. Motion approved to adjourn at 6:03 pm.

**SPECIAL HEARING:** The Hearing was called to order at 6:03pm, immediately upon adjournment of preceding Budget Hearing with the following answering rollcall: Trustees Felty, Simon, Lee, and Wielage. Also present was Clerk Cooper. Approved was the agenda. Public input was called. The following motions were approved: Adopt the October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 fiscal year budget, and Resolution 25-14 Final Tax Levy of 44.7389 cents per One-Hundred Dollars of Actual Valuation for the October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 fiscal year.

The Hearing was adjourned at 6:07 pm.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, October 14 at 6pm

Village Office, Village Board

Tuesday, October 7 at 6pm

Mead Public Library, Library Board

Monday, Oct 13 at 6pm

Fire Station, Fire/Rescue

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

William Thorson, Chairman

Jason Felty, Trustee

Jason Lee, Trustee

Daniel Simon, Trustee

Richard Wielage, Trustee

#### MEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Laurie VanAckeren, Director

402-624-6605

#### YUTAN POLICE DEPT

402-625-2112

#### MEAD FIRE DEPT

Nick Raver, Fire Chief

402-443-9688

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**CLERK/TREASURER:** Tawney Cooper

**UT/MNT. SUPT:** Shannon Luetkenhaus  
402-616-9204

**NOTICE:** Please be advised that automatic delivery of utility bills is currently unavailable due to a technical issue. While we work to resolve the problem, utility bills will continue to be sent by mail. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Village Office.



Wishing all our residents a safe, **spooky**, and fun-filled Halloween! Whether you're trick-or-treating, decorating your homes, or simply enjoying the fall season, we hope your day is full of laughter, treats, and happy memories..

Please remember to stay safe, be mindful of little **ghouls** and **goblins** on the streets, and enjoy the spirit of community that makes our village such a special place.

**Stay safe, have fun, and  
Happy Halloween**

EXPLORE THE CHURCHES' ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS ON FACEBOOK!

## ENCOUNTER LIFE MINISTRIES

1540 Co Rd 10 402-624-6125

**Sunday - Coffee Hour** 9:15 am - 9:45 am **Service** 10:00 am  
Evening Service held every third Sunday at 6:30 pm

**Wednesday - Kids in Action** 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm  
**Encounter Youth Group** 7:00 pm  
**Worship and Prayer with the Word** 7:00 pm

FREE Community Meal every third Wednesday from 6 pm - 6:45 pm

## ST. JAMES CATHOLIC

213 E. Eighth St. 402-624-3555  
www.stjamesmead.com

**Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday** - 4:30 pm

**Sunday** - 9:00 am

**Tue-Fri** - 7:00 am

## ALMA LUTHERAN

219 W. Fifth St.  
402-624-3015

**Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 am**

FREE Panera Bread to the Public—  
monthly on the Saturday  
following the second Friday  
from 9 am—2pm

## **MEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY**

LET'S GET  
**SPOOKY!**

⇒ **Friday, October 31**

⇒ **Mead Community Building**

Everyone's welcome - come for the  
candy, stay for the fun!

**Trunk or Treat—North Parking Lot**  
Bring the Halloween spirit! Everyone is  
welcome to decorate your car trunk and  
hand out candy. Arrive by **4:45 PM** to set  
up—the treatin' starts at **5:15 PM!**

**Festivities kick off at 5:30 PM**

Warm up with hot dogs & hot chocolate—  
Perfect fuel for a night of fun!

**Costume Contest** - show off your  
spooky, silly, or spectacular costumes!  
Prizes and judging for all ages right after  
dinner.

Proudly sponsored by  
**Mead Fire & Rescue Department**

## Mead PTO

**Stay Connected with Mead PTO!**

- ⇒ Follow us on Facebook: **Mead PTO**
- ⇒ Join us for our monthly meetings -  
held the **last Wednesday of each  
month at 7 PM** in the **High School  
Commons**.

**October 30: Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Help us support our amazing teachers!  
Keep an eye out for a **sign-up link** to  
help feed our teachers!

Questions? Email us at  
[meadpto@gmail.com](mailto:meadpto@gmail.com)

## Mead PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

PHONE: 402-624-6605

EMAIL: [meadlibrary@outlook.com](mailto:meadlibrary@outlook.com)

**NEW FALL HOURS:**

**MONDAY** 4-8p **TUESDAY** 8-11a & 4-7p **WEDNESDAY** 3:30-5:30p  
**THURSDAY** 4-8p **FRIDAY** 8a-12n **SATURDAY** 9a-12n **SUNDAY** 6-8p

**CLOSED** on **Wednesday, October 15** and **Saturday, October 25**

### OCTOBER EVENTS:

**SUNDAYS - Homework Help** is available for grades K-12 between **6p-8p**

**TUESDAYS** - Join us for **Coffee Time** from **9a-11a**. Stop in anytime!

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 - Mead Public Library Board** monthly meeting at **6p**.  
The session is open to the public.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 & 15 - Kids After School Program** from **3:30p-4:30p**. *Ages 5 & older please.*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 - Adult Book Club** monthly meeting at **6:30p**.  
All adults are welcome to join! We supply the book & snacks!

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 - No school for Mead!** Join us for a **Kids Movie Morning** at **10a**. Popcorn provided, bring your covered drink.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 - Adults!** Stop in at **6p** to make an adorable  
crocheted ghost to add to your Halloween décor! No Cost and  
No experience needed! **RSVP by October 9.**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 - Craft Retreat** from **9a-5p** at the Mead Firehall  
Stop in the library for more information & to register  
before October 11.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 - Kids ages 3 and Up!** Stop in anytime between  
**10a-11a** to make a cute **Scarecrow Craft!**

### **Stay Connected for Spooky Fun!**

Be sure to follow us on Facebook for the latest updates!

