

# SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 18

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS January 28, 2025

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board met with Bill Reece, Tom Hrdlicka, John Zaugg, Robert Thiessen, Frank Albrecht, John Smaus and David Lutton present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by published notice in a legal newspaper as shown by the proof of publication filed in the County Clerk's office. Notice of the meeting was emailed to all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and agenda is attached. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public, except when in closed executive session.

Chairman Lutton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. informed the public of the location of the posting of the Open Meetings Act & Title VI Policy Statement are posted on the North wall (right hand side) as you enter the Board Room).

Public Works Director reported on the following:

- ~Dirt Crew – Hauling dirt & rock from Yutan Solar Farm to Yards in Wahoo & Morse Bluff Patrol shed, getting the rock & dirt for free.
- ~Culvert Crew – Working at County Road 16&J repairing separated culvert. Will be moving to Project 848 - County Road 13&14&E Twin 84"x46' CMP with steel headwalls on 20° skew LHB
- ~Contractor – Project (322) Federal Aid Bridge – County Road 31&G&H, 130' Continuous concrete slab bridge. The grading is on hold till March due to ground being frozen
- ~Contractor – Project (875) County Road 4&Industrial Road&A 150' concrete slab bridge on a 0° skew. Abutment 2 Sheet pile has all been driven, Bent 1 forms were stripped last Friday (Bent 1 – 7 day breaks had an average of 3,505 PSI, Abutment 1 is being formed up and should be poured this week. Bent 2 piles will be driven this week also
- ~Contractor – Project (856) County Road 7&M&N Triple 12"x12' CBC on 15° skew LHB. Rebar and forms are going together for walls, wings and the deck. Contractor will continue to work on rebar and forms this week
- ~Contractor – Project (322) County Road 31&G&H (Federal Aid Bridge) 130' continuous concrete slab bridge. The Grading is on hold till March due to ground being frozen

Mitch Polacek, Planning & Zoning Administrator was asked by a couple of the Board Members to come & talk to the Board about the application Ralph Schnuelle, Small Business Truck Sales, Parts of the S ½ of the SE ¼, parcel Number 003666000, 3-14-9, Marble Township. He told the Board that there would not be many trucks there. There are several and the Zoning office has had complaints. Mitch was instructed by the Board to email Mr. Schnuelle to come and appear before the Board.

Terry Miller, Emergency Management Director spoke with the Board about Emergency Management Activities

- ~Hazard Mitigation Plan through Lower Platte North - JEO hired to re-write the plan – gaps identified – need to be identified to apply
- ~Local Emergency Operation Plan being revised.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to authorize the Chairman to sign the application and certified assurances for the SFY 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application. Hoping to replace analog cameras in LEJC. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to authorize the transfer of remaining funds of \$124,682.00 from the COVID American Rescue Plan Fund (2580) to the Public Safety Radio System Fund (940). Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to move the Board of Supervisors April 15, 2025 Board meeting to the Hospital. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Patty McEvoy, Clerk of the District Court had one question about maternity leave, about using up the sick and vacation leave before there is to be an unpaid leave. The Board said there could be updates/addendums made to the Handbook as we go along, just wanted to get it in place today.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Albrecht to approve the County Employee Handbook as presented and have the committee appointed make any amendments/updates as needed. The handbook is to be effective as of today, January 28, 2025. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Smaus to approve the Minutes of the January 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting and the Fee & Activity Reports from the various offices for the Month of December, 2024. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Board Member Hrdlicka learned there is another large settlement for this. He would like to see the expansion of Programs

Open Discussion from the Public:

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Caleb Fjone, Executive Director of Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation spoke to the Board on

- May - New Brewery set to open
- April - Inviting the Board for a Tour & would like the Board to have their meeting in Ashland
- March - Placer.ai to renew, wants to know if the County wants on it
- Working on Economic Development Grant going to use it for Tourism - This year is the 10 year anniversary of the Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation
- CCCFF - Applying for Community Center Project
- City signs Commission

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the Electrical work for OPPD to do the work for the Ceresco Tower & the Cuda Tower and Butler Public Power District to do the Touhy Tower and authorize the Chairman to sign the "Contracts for Electric Service." Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Patty McEvoy, Clerk of the District Court spoke to the Board about LB216 which would eliminate the position of the elected Clerk of the District Court and make current Clerk of the District Court employees of the judicial branch of government. NACO opposes this and she would like the Board to oppose it as well.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Albrecht to convene in Closed Session at 9:50 a.m. for Possible Litigation (84-1410). Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Zaugg to adjourn from closed session at 11:03 a.m. with no action taken and re-convene in regular meeting. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

The proceedings of the foregoing meeting were recorded and are on file in the County Clerk's office. All items considered by the Board of Supervisors were included in the agenda published or posted prior to said meeting.

Chairman Lutton declared the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Saunders County Clerk

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Chairman Board of Supervisors