

SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 18

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS May 20, 2025

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board met with Bill Reece, Tom Hrdlicka, Frank Albrecht, John Smaus and David Lutton present. John Zaugg and Robert Thiessen were out of the room during roll call.

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).

John Zaugg and Robert Thiessen now present.

Public Works Director reported on the following:

- ~Dirt Crew – Trimming and removing trees for Project (600). Will be moving to Cedar Bluffs tower site to repair road
- ~Culvert Crew – Working at Project (739) - County Road 32&M&N Installing Twin 84"x8' CMP with headwalls on 0° skew. Will be moving to Project (615) – County Road 7&8&Q Installing 72"x50' CMP with steel headwalls
- ~Contractor – Project (875) County Road 4&Industrial Road&A 150' concrete slab bridge on a 0° skew. Last week, the contractor graded roadway and ditches on east side of bridge. This week the contractor will grade roadways and ditches on west side of bridge
- ~Contractor – Project (322) County Road 31&G&H (Federal Aid Bridge) 130' continuous concrete slab bridge. Last Week the contractor armored banks and installed culverts on the south end of the project. This week Contractor will Continue grading the roadway and ditches. Guardrail is being installed weather permitting

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Hrdlicka to authorize the Flagmen Car Club and Prague American Legion Post #254 use of County roads for their 2025 Prague Tractor Drive to be held June 1, 2025. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Thiessen to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase 2 new motor graders from CAT. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Director of Facilities and Grounds reported on the following:

- ~Skylight in Jail leaking, someone is coming to look at
- ~Flat roof part of the LEJC- insulation is buckling – not leaking right now – will get bids – insurance will not cover

Motion by Reece, seconded by Hrdlicka to authorize advertising for bids for bathroom to be opened July 1st. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Smaus to open the Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony for or against a Liquor License Application by Lanes End LLC DBA Coconut Tree Lounge, Tract 2, North Lake Shore Drive, Fremont, NE (Woodcliff) for a Class C, (Beer, Wine, Spirits On & Off Sale). Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

The applicant was present if the Board had any questions. No one appeared against said Liquor License.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Thiessen to close the Public Hearing at 9:32 a.m. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Albrecht to approve the Liquor License Application by Lanes End LLC DBA Coconut Tree Lounge for a Class C (Beer, Wine, Spirits On & Off Sale) Liquor License. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Patrick Kreifels, Regional Administrator, Region V Systems – Thanked Supervisor Reece for being on their Board & now also the executive committee. Explained County Matching Funds and Programs.

Matt Lasik, Director, APACE – gave an update on APACE and their services

Caleb Fjone, Executive Director, Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation, spoke to the Board about his application for Saunders County Economic Development Grant monies and what the monies will be used for.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Reece to approve the application of the Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$15,930.00. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Patrick Tarr, Saunders County Public Defender spoke to the Board about the hiring of Logan Sullivan as a law clerk for the summer months; still looking to hire a Deputy Public Defender, has had 3 applications and has had 1 interview so far, will be doing the others soon.

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Motion by Smaus, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the Vendor Claims for the month of May, except for Claim #25050088 for Lutton Law Office, Ashland in the amount of \$18,024.00 for court appointed counsel services; the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to the Saunders County Imprest Account for all other claims for the full amount for all funds. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton, . Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Zaugg to approve Vendor Claim #25050088 for Lutton Law Office, Ashland in the amount of \$18,024.00 for court appointed counsel services; the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to the Saunders County Imprest Account for the full amount for said claim. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen Albrecht, Smaus and Reece,. Voting no were none. Lutton abstained. Motion carried.

ALTEN: Will be having 1st meeting in a long time

Bids were received for Generators for the Shelters for the Public Safety Radio System Project:

SECO	\$246,928.00
Total Power Services	\$192,006.72

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to approve the purchase of 40KW Generators from Total Power Services in the amount of \$192,006.72. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Bids were received for Propane Tanks for the Shelters for the Public Safety Radio System Project:

Frontier	\$37,112.52	for 3 new sites & 1 existing site
OOP	\$30,623.16	for 3 new sites & 1 existing site
Schuyler COOP	\$ 5,660.00	per site for 2 sites

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Thiessen to approve the Bid of Schuyler COOP in the amount of \$5,660.00 per site, they only bid 2 sites, so this motion is contingent on all sites being the same price. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to approve the change order on the shelters adding access from the outside to bring temporary generator in if original generator fails. Amount of this change is \$3,900.00 per site. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Smaus to approve the minutes of the May 6th Board meeting. Voting yes were Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Lutton abstained. Motion carried.

Committee Reports – Solar Farm some trees are not doing well, MDS working on it
Personnel – Grant Anderson has accepted the position of Emergency Management Director, due to the retirement of Terry Miller
Verizon is interested in renting room on the Wahoo Tower

Open Discussion from the Public: Jerry Johnson, Mayor, City of Wahoo and NRD Board Member wants to be added
To next week's agenda to discuss zoning

Motion by Reece, seconded by Albrecht to convene in Closed Session at 11:01 a.m. for Personnel (84-1410). Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Albrecht to adjourn from closed session with no action taken at 11:31 a.m. 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 11:31 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Saunders County Clerk

Chairman Board of Supervisors