

# SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 18

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS July 22, 2025

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

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 9:02 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 – Working at County Road 26&I&J cleaning out ditch. Will be moving to County Road 13&C&D cleaning out a ditch as well. Will be moving to Cedar Bluffs tower site to repair road
- ~Culvert Crew – Working at County Road 10&11&C installing 48"x60' CMP drop pipe. Will be moving to Project (615) – County Road 7&8&Q Installing 72"x50' CMP with steel headwalls
- ~Contractor – Project (600) Ithaca Northeast County Road H&12&13 Triple Span 91'0" Slab Bridge on 0° skew. Last week, contractor drove H-pile at Abutment #2 and Bent #2, installed structural steel at A2 and B2, drove sheet pile at A2, poured deadman at A2, and hauled in soil to grade and compact on roadway west side of bridge. This week contractor is backfilling and compacting at Abutment #2 installing culvert pipes and driving a test pile at Abutment #1
- ~Contractor – Project (859) Weston Northwest County Road 27&28&L Triple Span 91'9" Slab bridge on 0° skew. Last week the contractor drove Bent #1 and Bent #2 test piles. Contractor also did a set-up for both piles. This week contractor is driving H-pile at Bent #1 and Bent #2 and setting deck slabs on Span #2. Next week contractor will drive test pile at Abutment #1 and Bent #1
- ~Contractor – Project (490) Mead East County Road 9&M&N Triple 12'x6'x59' CBC on 45° skew LHB. Last week the contractor excavated the area for the CBC floor, formed the floor and began to tie steel. This week the contractor will pour the floor at 10:30 on 7.22.25. They will then begin forming the walls. Next week the contractor hopes to form and tie the deck steel and pour the walls and deck

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen to authorize the use of County Roads for the Dozinky Doozy Bicycle Gravel Challenge on September 27, 2025. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Director of Facilities and Grounds reported on the following:

- ~Insulation for the refrigerant lines over at the jail has been pushed back a couple of weeks
- ~Working on the equipment room for the tower, working on electrical & hvac should be in a couple weeks

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to Authorize the Chairman to sign the Insurance Settlement Agreement with NIRMA closing out the pipe burst in the Boiler room that flooded the old jail. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Grant Anderson, Emergency Management Director gave the Board updates on what has been going on since he has been in the position. EMPG (State Managed Federal Funds) – off sets some of the salary costs for this position – needs authorization to sign the quarterly forms for reimbursement; Monthly the Emergency Management Region (about 10 Counties) meet and manage funds (from Homeland) for the region, looking to get weather radios to lower income individuals that live in flood plains (Platte River Corridor, etc); spending a lot of time trying to digitalize some things (mapping, tower site locations, warning siren locations) a lot of it was pen & paper, trying to get it set up on GIS or just for our own data collection; updating contacts, trying to make connections, trying to refresh connections; had Saunders County Mutual Aid meeting updated them as to his new position as Emergency Management Director, talked about the County Fair and the possibility of flooding that happens when there is rain and in case of inclement weather, making sure the Fair Board has procedures in place & proper shelter; trying to get information out that when there are events with large gatherings of people, his office can offer support for those events, (concerts, mud volleyball, fair etc), goal is wanting to relaunch AlertSense a software the County pays for to get alerts out (emergency & non-emergency alerts), going to get safety meetings going

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hrdlicka to convene as an Equalization Board at 9:40 a.m. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS July 22, 2025

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

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Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Zaugg to approve (2) over/under valued property corrections as presented by the County Assessor. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Lutton was absent during roll call and not voting. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Traci Comstock spoke to the Board about her protest #18-2025. The Board told her they approve the Assessor's recommendations and that she can protest to TERC if she doesn't agree with the outcome.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Hrdlicka to take final action on the following 2025 Property Valuation Protests as recommended by the County Assessor; 1, 2, 4, 8, 11, 12, 13, 18, 20, 21, 22, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 46, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55, 58, 60, 65, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 123, 126, 128, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 139, 141, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 189, 190, 191 and 192. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, second by Zaugg to take final action on the following 2025 Property Valuation Protest as recommended by the County Assessor; 52. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Lutton abstained. 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 Equalization were included in the agenda published or posted prior to said meeting.

Chairman Reece declared the meeting adjourned Sine Die at 10:22 a.m.

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

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Chairman Board of Equalization

Upon the adjournment of the Equalization Board, the Saunders County Board of Supervisors reconvened in their Regular Board meeting.

The Board recessed from 10:23 a.m. to 10:26 a.m.

Joni Cantrall of Shaw, Hull and Navarrette, CPAs appeared before the Board and presented them with a proposed budget.

Ms. Cantrall reviewed the Proposed Budget Highlights with the Board.

As per State Statute 23-906, said Proposed Budget is placed on file in the County Clerk's office for public inspection.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Hrdlicka to accept the Proposed Budget for FY 2025-2026 as presented and submit it to the State. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Zaugg to set the date and time of the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget for August 26, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. to be held in the Supervisors Room, Courthouse. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Reece to approve the payroll for the July 25<sup>th</sup> pay period; The Sheriff raised some concerns as to how the Payroll was submitted vs how it is being paid. The Board assured him that the next payroll will reflect the increases. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to the Saunders County Imprest Account for the full amount for all funds. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to approve the Vendor Claims for the month of July, 2025; the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to the Saunders County Imprest Account for the full amount for all funds. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Albrecht to approve the Special Designated Liquor License applications by 1) Midwest Catering and Events LLC, for a Wedding Reception, August 16, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Woodcliff Community Center, 980 County Road W, Tract 8, Fremont and 2) Aspire Cellars LLC dba Cellar 426 Winery for an Educational Event with Wine Tasting, August 4, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Lake Wanahoo Education Building, 1055 County Road 16, Wahoo. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

ALTEN: above ground wet cake has all been mixed and solidified (stabilized), just needs to be hauled out, submitting a remedial action plan to the Environmental Department for the lagoon solids that were left over after lagoons were drained; will be one more water application this fall then they are done; there will be a public hearing after the NDEE reviews the RAP (remedial action plan), will mix it with Portland and bentonite and bury it on site and spread over the existing lagoons

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and covered, clay soil that is there acts as a sealant, still a lot of work to do with equipment and structures; drilled new ground water monitoring wells showing hardly any impact from the seepage

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the minutes of the July 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and the Fee/Activity Reports from the various offices for the month of June, 2025. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:** Building Committee met with Doug Elting of Berggren and Assoc and Sand Creek Construction the one bidder of the bathroom remodel project. The bidder should be able to knock an estimated \$100,000.00 off of the bid, Doug Elting putting together a financial of cash flow over the next several years of budgeting, General consensus do project all as one instead of having two separate bids, one for plumbing and one for remodel

Road Committee – Bridge west of Memphis, damaged during flooding of 2024, FEMA did not approve on reimbursing because of previous damage, bridge is from the 40's, recommended to move this bridge to the one & six year road plan

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Zaugg to convene in Closed session at 11:13 a.m. for negotiations (84-1410). Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Hrdlicka to adjourn from Closed Session at 11:34 a.m. with no action taken. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht seconded by Reece to adjust William Bonney, Veterans Services Administrator salary up to \$60,000.00 per year and to adjust Josh Moyer, IT Administrator up 5% from current salary. Effective July 1, 2025. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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Chairman Lutton declared the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

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Saunders County Clerk

Chairman Board of Supervisors

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
JULY 23, 2025**

Pursuant to adjournment, a special emergency meeting was called for the purpose of approving a cash advance for invoices that had been emailed, but were blocked and not able to come through.

Present at the meeting in person were Bill Reece, Tom Hrdlicka and County Clerk Dee Anne Nice, present via Teams were Dave Lutton and John Zaugg and County Attorney Jennifer Joakim.

Chairman Lutton called the meeting to order at 2:49 p.m.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve a Cash Advance to HR Systems Inc for June Invoice #5020 in the amount of \$3,000.00 and July Invoice #5045 in the amount of \$3,151.76. Emails for these invoices were blocked and therefore not received. Waiting until August will cause a hardship for the company. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Chairman Lutton declared the meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

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Saunders County Clerk

Chairman Board of Supervisors