

SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 18

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS October 7, 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 – working at Ashland Tower Site and shouldering Cedar Bluffs Highway (County Road X)
- Culvert Crew – moving to Project (885) County Road 28&Y&Z Triple 60"x41' CMP with steel headwalls. Will be moving to County Road 21&E&F Project (609) Swedeburg Southwest installing Twin 84"x50' CMP with steel headwalls on 10° skew LHB
- Contractor – Project (859) Weston Northwest County Road 27&28&L Triple Span 91'9" Slab bridge on 0° skew. Last week the contractor installed guardrail and placed rock on roadway. This week, contractor will seed project.
- Contractor – Project (879) Ceresco North County Road 18&19&B Twin 10'x10'x42' CBC 0° skew. Last week the Contractor back filled the box culvert and rocked the roadway. This week contractor plans on seeding project.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Smaus to open the Public Hearing at 9:08 a.m. for the vacation or abandonment of the public road in Far Hills Subdivision, Yutan known as "Far Hills Road, 5-15-9, Leshara Township. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Reece to close the Public Hearing at 9:10 a.m. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Thiessen to Adopt **Resolution #30-2025**, that the Saunders County Board of Supervisors recognizes described road is within the boundaries of Leshara Township. The Saunders County Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Saunders County Clerk to prepare an offer to relinquish the above-described road to Leshara Township pursuant to Nebr. State Statute 39-1726, by written notification that the Saunders County Board of Supervisors wishes to vacate, or abandon said road. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to adopt **Resolution #31-2025**, directing the Highway Superintendent to do a study of Nebraska Street in the Village of Wann that is being requested to be vacated. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Smaus to authorize the Highway Department to advertise for bids for the construction of a single span 90'-0" NU900 Prestressed Concrete Girder Bridge and other related incidental work; project is referred to as "Prague West, C-78(890), bids to be opened October 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Tim Johnson and Marc Johnson of Marietta Township spoke to the Board about County Road 10 again, they feel with what was said in the last meeting that was going to be done is not happening. The road just keeps getting worse.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Albrecht to convene as a Board of Equalization at 9:41 a.m. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS October 7, 2025

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

Chairman Reece called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m. and 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.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the application for Tax Exemption of Motor Vehicle taxes by Gillwell Foundation, Cedar Bluffs. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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Motion by Smaus, seconded by Lutton to take no action on Property Valuation Protest #193-2025, filed by Selcom LLC, Omaha, NE. The protest was post marked September 25, 2025 and received on September 29, 2025. The filing deadline for protests was June 30, 2025. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Lutton to levy the Tax Rates for 2025 pursuant to Statute 77-1601 to levy the necessary taxes for operation of all functions of county government and also all levies necessary to fund the tax requests certified under Statute 77-1632 that are authorized as provided in Statute 77-3442 to 77-3444, for taxing year 2025 (see attached). Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. 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 9:50 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Saunders County Clerk

Chairman Board of Equalization

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

Director of Facilities and Grounds reported on the following:

- ~Roofs done on the LEJC and Highway Department building – changing out ceiling tiles in the Highway Department Building
- ~Dirt brought in for the Courthouse yard bare spots, will be planting grass
- ~Vicki is painting the inside of the North entrance of the Courthouse
- ~There were a couple pieces of glass broken in the LEJC, they cost quite a bit to replace

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen to approve the change of lot to a non-conforming lot for a Fire Suppression Well, changing from Lot 5 to Lot 9 a 10x10 lot, Clear Creek Estates. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Reece and Hrdlicka. Lutton abstained. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Reece to appoint Lindsay Nelson, Yutan, to the Planning Commission. To fill the unexpired term of Dean Curtis. Term to expire July 1, 2026. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Smaus to accept the Annual Inventories as filed from the various County Officials, with their sworn oath and signatures attached thereto, stating that the foregoing inventory listed or attached is a just and true statement of all County personal property in their possession for the year ending June 30, 2025. All as per Nebr. Revised State Statute 23-347. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Zaugg to approve the Payroll of the October 17th pay period. 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 Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the Special Designated Liquor License applications by 1) Hy-Vee, for a wedding reception, October 18, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Woodcliff Community Center, Tract 8 N Shore Dr, Fremont and 2) ANDGO LLC, DBA The Woodcliff Restaurant for a wedding, November 15, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Woodcliff Community Center, 980 County Road W, T1018, Fremont. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

ALTEN – Mound of dirt is very high – need a lot more dirt

Public Safety Radio System – Emily from Verizon made an offer of \$2,500 per month and a 2% annual with a 10 year Contract, Board thinks there needs to be a higher percentage annual rate

Need to have batteries charged, since there have been delays, batteries need to be charged once a year to keep them under warranty. It will cost about \$9,000.00 to do this. County will pay up front for this, will try to recoup some Of the money from RFCC

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to give approval to John Smaus to sign invoices for generators. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Albrecht to approve the minutes of the September 16th and September 23rd. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development Committee – Saunders County Economic Development Corporation was established in 2010; the Greater Wahoo Development Foundation has been paying/keeping up the Corporation for years so as not to lose status.

Personnel Committee – Doug Pedersen, HR Systems LLC is no longer on retainer, will charge hourly as offices need his services

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Building Committee – received email from Doug Elting, Berggren and Assoc, regarding the contract

IT Committee – met with Josh in regards to Flex System, this is a program that the Sheriff's Office utilizes, Wahoo Police Department has had access to it for some years at the cost of the County, the update will cost a significant amount of money. Would like to charge the City of Wahoo \$750.00 per month. The City of Wahoo does not like this idea. Will also be reaching out to other area police departments to see if they are interested in utilizing it.

Board Member Hrdlicka attended a workshop on Leadership – it focused on Generational Leadership – bottom line, we all need to work together and be a cohesive unit

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Smaus to convene in Closed Session at 10:41 a.m. for Personnel (84-1410). Voting yes were Zaugg, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Thiessen was absent during roll call and not voting. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Albrecht to adjourn from Closed Session with no action taken and re-convene in regular session at 11:30 a.m. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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Chairman Lutton declared the meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Saunders County Clerk

Chairman Board of Supervisors