

SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 18

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS November 18, 2025

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board met with Bill Reece, Tom Hrdlicka, John Zaugg, Robert Thiessen, John Smaus and David Lutton present. Frank Albrecht 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 9:00 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).

Julie Rezac, CEO, Saunders Medical Center gave the Board a Quarterly Update – Great things are happening with and for Saunders Medical Center

Open Discussion from the Public – Caleb Fjone, Executive Director, Ashland Area Economic Development Corp, spoke to the Board about attending Nebraska Cultural Investment Corp and the impact that Art and Culture are having on the economy; spoke about growth in the County & State

Public Works Director reported on the following:

- ~Dirt Crew – working at County Road 6&P&Q, cleaning out ditches and cleaning around culverts
- ~Culvert Crew – working at County Road 18&E&F project (877) Ceresco North installing Triple 108"x59' CMP with headwalls on 20° skew RHB. Will be moving to project (880) Ceresco West, County Road 20&A&Ashland Road, installing Twin 84"x42' CMPs on 15° skew (RHB)
- ~Contractor – Project (765) Ceresco South, County Road 18&19&Ashland Road, building triple 12"x10"x42' CBC on a 15° skew LHB. Contractor poured the floor last Monday. Contractor plans on pouring the walls this Wednesday
- ~Contractor – Project (890) Prague West County Road 29&R, contractor plans on mobilizing this week

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to accept the Report of the Highway Superintendent to vacate the road in the Village of Wann known as "Nebraska Street" and adopt **Resolution #35-2025** calling for a Public Hearing. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Thiessen to adopt **Resolution #36-2025** vacating "Far Hills Road" in Far Hills Subdivision and ownership be reverted to the abutting property owners. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Smaus to authorize the Highway Superintendent to increase the wages of his Foremen; Lamar Cuda, Mark Rosencrantz and Ed Sladky and the Office Administrator Linda Niemann. The increase is \$2.00 per hour, effective September 1, 2025. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS November 18, 2025

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

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 Smaus, seconded by Thiessen to approve Tax Correction #6006 as presented by the Assessor. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. 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 9:43 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Saunders County Clerk

Chairman Board of Equalization

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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:

- ~Fire incident on Thursday November 13th - Roofing company was soldering soffit on the SW dome of the Courthouse, smelled smoke lifted the soffit, wood underneath had been smoldering and had hot embers. Scraped the embers away poured water on it & called the fire department just to be safe. The Courthouse was evacuated. No structural damage
- ~December 3rd will be a preconstruction meeting for the Bathroom Renovations

Bill Harvey & Melodi Szymczak of Big Red Keno, Omaha made a presentation to the Board about a couple bar/restaurants in the unincorporated (outside of Cities or Villages) areas of the County wanting to have Keno in their establishments. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Thiessen to set a Public Hearing on December 16, 2025 for Application #1264, Equestrian Hills subdivision, for a change of zone from Transitional Agricultural (TA-1) to Residential Estates (RE), 11-12-9, Ashland Rural Township. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Smaus to approve Application #1257 by Donald Shunk to bring fill into the flood plain. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to approve the Annual Reviews of MP#7130, LPSNRD, Camp Ashland Fuse Plug and MP#1032, Ralph Schnuelle, truck sales. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Reece to approve all claims for the month of November 2025 except for the claim to RFCC in the amount of \$6,594.80; 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 Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Zaugg to approve the payroll for the November 26th 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 Thiessen, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to appoint Tom Hrdlicka as Designee to vote for NACO officers at the NACO Annual Conference in the absence of the Chairman. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the Special Designated Liquor License applications and authorize the Chairman to sign the Local Recommendation Forms for the Woodcliff Veterans, Fremont for the following events at the Woodcliff Community Center, Tract 8 North Lake Shore Drive, Fremont.

- 1) December 5, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- 2) January 30, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- 3) January 31, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- 4) February 27, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- 5) March 13, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- 6) March 27, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

ALTEN – Governor will be coming and speaking at a meeting; New Director of NDEE is active is this project
Public Safety Radio System – Propane tanks are in; generators being installed

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the minutes of the November 4th Board meeting. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Thiessen to convene in Closed Session at 10:48 a.m. for Personnel (84-1410). Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Zaugg to adjourn from Closes Session with no action taken and reconvene in regular meeting at 11:36 a.m. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. 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 11:37 a.m.

ATTEST:

Saunders County Clerk

Chairman Board of Supervisors