

# SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 18

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PROCEEDINGS  
January 20, 2026**

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 – Cutting and shredding trees in road ditch. Also filling around culvert ends that are eroding
- ~Culvert Crew – working at County Road 23&S&T installing a new 24"x45' CMP. Will be working at County Road 6&M&N repairing bridge backwall. 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. Road is open to public
- ~Contractor – Project (890) Prague West County Road 29&Q&R, 90' span NU 900 Concrete Girder Bridge 0° skew. Last week contractor began driving the bearing pile and began to drive the sheets at abutment 2. This week the contractor will continue working on abutment 2.
- ~Contractor – Project 577 Wahoo Northwest County Road M&19&20 3-span continuous concrete slab bridge 20° skew RHB. Last week contractor put in access crossing and removed the old structure. This week contractor is moving in the crane.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Thiessen to amend **Resolution #8-2026** passed and approved January 6, 2026, to add Farmers and Merchants Bank, Ashland, to the list of Depository Banks for the County for the period from January 1, 2026 into January of 2027. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Hrdlicka to Authorize the Chairman to sign interlocal with Butler County for snow and ice removal from December 15, 2025 to December 15, 2026 on approximately 1 3/4 miles of Butler County Roadway. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Smaus to authorize the Chairman to sign the Annual Noxious Weed Control Report to the Nebr Dept of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Protection. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Thiessen to convene as a Board of Equalization at 9:08 a.m. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
PROCEEDINGS  
January 20, 2026**

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 9:08 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 Albrecht to approve Tax Corrections #6008 & #6009 as presented by the County Assessor. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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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 9:09 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.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Reece to open the public hearing at 9:10 a.m. for Application #1263 by the City of Wahoo for a Wellhead protection overlay district. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Jovan Lauster, Attorney for the City of Wahoo – explained the wellhead protection overlay district plans to the Board  
Ryan Hurst, Utilities Manager for the City of Wahoo – explained some things to the Board as well

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen to close the public hearing at 9:18 a.m. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Reece to approve Application #1263 by the City of Wahoo for a Wellhead protection overlay district, provided the Interlocal that will be presented is agreeable. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Albrecht to open the public hearing at 9:20 a.m. for Application #1288 by Got It Covered LLC, Final Plat, Pawnee Ridges (formerly known as Leshara Acreages), Lots 1-37, Parcel #004092002 32-16-9, Leshara Township. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Kyle Vohl, Civil Engineer, E&A Consulting Group spoke to the Board about the sub-division

Jerrod Scott, Yutan spoke in opposition to the sub-division

Jerrold Jenkins a resident of the area spoke in opposition to the sub-division

The Chairman of the Board reminded the board members that the applicants met the conditions the Board had set prior;  
Such as forming an SID and having the County Engineer do a study

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to close the public hearing at 10:21 a.m. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Reece to approve Application #1288 Got It Covered LLC, Final Plat, Pawnee Ridges (formerly known as Leshara Acreages), Lots 1-37, Parcel #004092002 32-16-9, Leshara Township. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were Thiessen and Zaugg. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Albrecht to open the public hearing at 10:23 a.m. for Application #1289 by Michael and Kellee Rasmussen, Final Plat, Pawnee Ridges (formerly known as Leshara Acreages), Lots 38-81, Parcel #004093000 32-16-9, Leshara Township. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to close the public hearing at 10:24 a.m. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Smaus to approve Application #1289 by Michael and Kellee Rasmussen, Final Plat, Pawnee Ridges (formerly known as Leshara Acreages), Lots 38-81, Parcel #004093000 32-16-9, Leshara Township. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were Zaugg and Thiessen. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Reece to set public hearing date for February 17, 2026 for Application #1227 by Josh Girmus Preliminary Plat, Knuth Subdivision First Addition, Parcel #001855003, 28-24-7, Stocking Township and Discussion/possible adoption of Saunders County proposed zoning regulations and map. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

The Board Recessed at 10:27 a.m.

Back in session at 10:34 a.m.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Reece to approve Application #1303 by Carsten Ruff to bring fill dirt in to a flood plain 711 Wann Road, Parcel #003370000, 12-13-9, Clear Creek Township. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was Application #1311 by Nick Josoff wanting to operate an event center, 730 County Road 6, Parcel #003551000, 10-13-9, Clear Creek Township.

Nick Josoff spoke to the Board about his plans and what he is wanting to do.

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Residents speaking in opposition to:

Mary Jane Frogge, Ashland	Vi Irvin, Ashland
Ernie Harold, Memphis	Lorus Luetkenhaus, Ashland
Austin Ziegenbein, Clear Creek Township	

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to Deny Application #1311 by Nick Josoff until he does a traffic study/road study and until the Board can see some plans/designs. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Thiessen to approve Annual Reviews for: MP#1718 – Dolezal Sand & Gravel – gravel pumping operation; MP#2704 – Larry Dolezal – gravel dredging and MP#6990 – Larry Dolezal – sand & gravel at Wolf Lakes. 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 withdrawal of \$1,000,000.00 of securities FirstBank of Nebraska, Wahoo. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to approve the payroll for the January 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to approve the claims for the month of January, 2026 except for 2 claims; 1 to the Wahoo Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$125.00 and 1 to the Greater Wahoo Development Foundation in the amount of \$244.00; the Board thinks we should join these organizations as a County and not by individuals. 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 Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

ALTERN – Village of Mead Chairman Bill Thorson signed the agreement he was hesitant to prior. He met with Newfields representative and NDWEE representative and his questions were answered

Public Safety Radio System – T-Mobile; waiting to hear back from them – can have 2 carriers per tower; Data should start May/June

Economic Development – Letter Drafter to Communities to set meetings, might be looking for a County Wide Economic Development Director

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Albrecht to approve the minutes of the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Starting Demo today on Bathrooms  
Safety Committee – Emergency Operations Center

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Reece to convene in closed session at 11:48 a.m. for contract negotiations (84-1410). Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Hrdlicka to adjourn from closed session at 12:21 p.m. with no action taken. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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Chairman Lutton declared the meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Saunders County Clerk

Chairman Board of Supervisors