

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PROCEEDINGS  
January 27, 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 9:01 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. Will be Working at County Road 18&19&Ashland Road installing an 18" culvert
- ~Culvert Crew – working at County Road 23&S&T installing a new 24"x45' CMP. 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 finished the sheet pile for the abutments and then started on the base for the concrete on Abutment 1. Also last week the contractor is forming up and tying steel for abutment 1 with a possible pour if the weather permits. This week the contractor will continue to work on the abutments and deadman.
- ~Contractor – Project 577 Wahoo Northwest County Road M&19&20 3-span continuous concrete slab bridge 20° skew RHB. Last week contractor had test pile delivered and crane to site. Butler Power was also out last week and moved Powerlines. This week contractor is continuing to remove old structure and continue excavating on westside of Structure for abutment 1.

Jovan Lausterer of Bromm, Lindahl spoke to the Board about his client wanting to pay for a feasibility traffic study for a bypass around the City of Ashland to keep the Semis from going through the City. The Board will revisit this next week.

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Howard County for Joint Application – BUILD Grant Grouped Bridge Application was moved to next week's agenda

Director of Facilities & Grounds reported on the following:

- ~Last Week, Fire Alarms & Hood inspections were done in the LEJC. All is good
- ~Fixtures are removed from the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floor men's restrooms
- ~Public Defender & Assessor's Offices have no heat wants Trane to start over with the unit, all parts are under warranty
- ~Waiting for Gentleman to start on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor hallway

Bill Bonney, Veterans Services Officer spoke to the Board about a Law change for Veterans regarding personal property tax credit on vehicle registration with a disability of 0-100%, 1 vehicle per veteran per household. There are about 800 Veterans in Saunders County that are eligible. The Treasurer's Office has been outstanding helping to identify Veterans when they come up to license a vehicle and send them down to the Veterans Services Office to get the paperwork filled out. A question was asked about homestead exemptions from real estate property as of now the Veteran has to be 100% disabled to qualify

Grant Anderson, Emergency Management Director updated the Board about what is going on with Emergency Management. Mutual Aid Meeting tonight. Working with SMC to do a large-scale exercise this year. 2 phases will be having some tabletop trainings as well as a large-scale exercise possible active shooter type event wanting to include all entities and volunteers. Monitoring Ice Jams – Drones are being used in this process. Spring Storm season is approaching, working with Amateur Radio groups, they play an important role in storm spotting. Administrative funding meeting tomorrow w/NEMA information on EMPG funding, 3 phases – FEMA funding plan. Emergency Management Committee Meeting, Very important to have an EOC (Emergency Operations Center) at the County level, for large scale events

Sheriff Lichtenberg spoke to the Board about the Credit Cards; the current company has really become a problem. Wanting to go with a credit card program through NACO, County Attorney's office will work on

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Hrdlicka to convene in closed session at 9:55 a.m. for Real Estate Contract Negotiations (84-1410). Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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

Josh Moyer, IT Administrator discussed with the Board about needing to update/refresh computer network equipment. He will get 3 informal quotes and decide which one will be best and submit a claim for next week. We will do a Special Imprest for the one claim.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to authorize the Chairman to sign a Letter of Support for the City of Wahoo-BUILD Grant Application re:US77/W & 15<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Albrecht to approve the minutes of the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and Fee/Activity reports from the various offices for the month of December 2025. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. 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 11:39 a.m.

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

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Chairman Board of Supervisors