

# SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 18

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS February 17, 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. Hauling dirt to Yutan Rd & H&I to big culvert washout. Will be Working at County Road 18&19&Ashland Road installing an 18" culvert
- ~Culvert Crew – Hauling dirt to Yutan Rd & H&I filling big washout. Will be repairing bridge backwall at County Road 11&E&F. 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 (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. Contractor poured abutment 1 Monday 2/2/26. This week contractor will 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 excavated the area for Abutment 2. They drove test piling for Abutment 2. Contractor finished driving piling and sheet pile on Friday for abutment 2. This week, contractor will continue the preparation for the concrete for Abutment 2.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Smaus to Approve Title VI Plan for County Transportation and authorize the Chairman to sign. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hrdlicka to convene as a Board of Equalization at 9:04 a.m. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS February 17, 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 9:04 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 #6010. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, 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 Equalization were included in the agenda published or posted prior to said meeting.

Chairman Reece declared the meeting adjourned Sine Die at 9:06 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.

Director of Facilities and Grounds reported on the following:

- ~3<sup>rd</sup> floor hallway is replastered & ready for paint; The Board does not agree with that, they want it re-looked at, they want the texture to match & see some bubbling towards the bottom

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Discussion was had with Doug Elting of Berggren & Assoc and Derek Schmitz of Sand Creek Construction regarding Change Orders and how they can be handled in a timely manner. Usually when a change order needs approved, time is of the essence in order to continue the process. The Board agrees.

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Zaugg to authorize Bill Reece to authorize and sign change orders for the bathroom renovations; to be capped at \$15,000.00 with engineer approval 1<sup>st</sup>. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the change order as submitted by Sand Creek Construction in the amount of \$6,031.80; that was signed with the Chairman's signature stamp per his approval. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

The County Treasurer spoke to the Board about the letter she wrote them regarding the early payoff of the Law Enforcement and Judicial Center Bond. It will be paid off March 20, 2026 and there is no penalty for early payoff.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Smaus to open the Public Hearing at 9:26 a.m. for Application #1227 by Josh Girmus for Preliminary Plat for Knuth Subdivision First Addition, Parcel #001855003, 258-24-7, Stocking Township. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Josh Girmus and Travis Hazard of Hazard Engineering spoke to the Board about the Application  
Several people spoke to the Board against the subdivision with concerns of the water table/aquifer:

Randy Johnston, Wahoo; Walker Luedtke, Wahoo; Jim Countryman, Wahoo and Esther Jonas, Wahoo

Motion by Reece, seconded by Albrecht to close the public hearing at 10:22 a.m. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Thiessen to table Application #1227 and hire an Independent Engineer to look at water runoff, quantity, quality and retention; Hydrology. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no was Albrecht. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Hrdlicka to open the public hearing at 10:36 for discussion, possible adoption of the Saunders County proposed Zoning Regulations and/or Map. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Mitch Polacek, Planning and Zoning Administrator let the Board know that the Planning Commission approve the regulations and map at their January meeting. The Board would like the County Attorney to review it and come back with a recommendation.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Zaugg to close the public hearing at 10:40 a.m. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Hrdlicka to table the Zoning Regulations and Map until March, pending further review. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Application #1315 by Werner Construction, Inc to operate a mobile asphalt/concrete batch plant on parcel #000205000, 11-14-5, Newman Township

Terry Wilhelms, Werner Construction; spoke to the Board about the Application

There were several people in attendance against the Application:

Carla & Zach Kastl spoke in opposition of

Rachel & Josh Hladik spoke in opposition of

Mark Sander, Chairman Saunders County & Planning Commission spoke in opposition of, he was absent from the

Meeting where the Planning Commission approved this application. He would have voted against it

Dave Kastl spoke in opposition of

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Zaugg to deny Application #1315 based on safety due to the location. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen to approve Application #1320 by Josiah Nelson to operate Marvella Mercantile as a "small business," selling European décor and furniture, 467 County Road K, Parcel 003689002, 11-14-9, Marble Township. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Smaus to approve the following annual reviews: MP#512 NEBCO Inc for a gravel pumping operation; MP#7548 Western Sand & Gravel for a sand and gravel pumping operation; MP#8821 Helena Agricultural for a fertilizer and seed operation. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Smaus to approve the following Special Designated Liquor License Applications and authorize the Chairman to sign the Local Recommendation Forms: 1) J&J LLC dba Chip's Restaurant & Bar, Wahoo for a Craft Fair March 28, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Saunders County Fairgrounds, 635 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St, Wahoo; 2) Country Catering Inc, DBA Carl's at Mahoney, Ashland, for the Ashland Chamber of Commerce annual meeting March 21, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Camp Ashland Military Base, 220 County Road A, Ashland and 3) El Paraiso Dorado Inc, Lincoln for a Easter Family Celebration April 4, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Rancho Nuevo, 940

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County Road 3, Ashland. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the payroll of the February 20<sup>th</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 Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

ALTEN – Hearing to be held on remediation of Lagoons  
Public Safety Radio System – Verizon lease \$2,950.00 monthly rent; annual escalator of 3% would like rent to start January 1, 2028, \$6,000.00 sign on bonus  
Economic Development – Todd Johnson – Ashland Consultant

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Albrecht to approve the minutes of the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Sub-Committee for HR will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. to get a plan in place, would like to get someone hired starting the new FY

Motion by Reece, seconded by Albrecht to convene in Closed Session at 11:51 for Personnel (84-1410). Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Hrdlicka. Reece was absent during roll call and not voting. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Albrecht excused at 12:15 p.m.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Zaugg to adjourn from closed session at 12:22 p.m. with no action taken and re-convene in regular session. Voting yes were Thiessen, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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Chairman Lutton declared the meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

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

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Chairman Board of Supervisors

