

SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 18

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS March 24, 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. Will be working at County Road 18&19&Ashland Road installing an 18" culvert
- ~Culvert Crew – Working at County Road 11&E&F to install backwall sheets that have rusted out. 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 started forming the turndowns and forming the bridge deck. This week the contractor will continue grading operations and finish tying the turn downs and start placing deck pans.
- ~Contractor – Project (577) Wahoo Northwest County Road M&19&20 3-span continuous concrete slab bridge 20° skew RHB. Last week contractor finished their forms for the Bent 2 concrete. Contractor poured concrete for Bent 2 on Wednesday, drove the test pile for Bent 2 (the 12th) and the 13th. This week contractor is looking to backfill around Bent 2 then build the cofferdam for Bent 1.

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Albrecht to convene as an Equalization Board at 9:06 a.m. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS March 24, 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.

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Chairman Reece called the meeting to order at 9:06 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 Smaus to Open the Public Hearing for consideration of action to be taken with regards to the Permissive Exemption Application form 451NF(For Profit Nursing Facility, Skilled Nursing Facility, or Assisted-Living Facility). Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Oxford Nebraska Capital LLC filed a Permissive Exemption Application form 451 NF, but they filed past the December 31st deadline, the County Assessor denied the application. They did send a letter appealing the decision and the Assessor reversed her decision.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Hrdlicka to close the Public Hearing at 9:08 a.m. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Zaugg to approve the Permissive Exemption Application form 451 NF as recommended by the Assessor. 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 Equalization were included in the agenda published or posted prior to said meeting.

Chairman Reece declared the meeting adjourned Sine Die at 9:08 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.

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Grant Anderson, Emergency Management Director gave the Board an update on Emergency Management

- ~Large Fire Southwest of Wahoo – Started Saturday Afternoon and was finally completely extinguished Monday Morning – Challenging; A Declaration of Emergency had to be declared to be able to get resources and mutual aid from surrounding Communities; with what is going on in the Western part of the state, there was more access to resources a Task Force came from North Platte, they were originally from California and Utah – All went well considering. Overall went well, always room for improvement & lessons learned
- ~Winter Storm event was pretty uneventful for the County, a few road closures
- ~Had a meeting with Lower Platte North NRD it went great discussed flood events & how he could help in case this issue arises again
- ~EMPG funding is still in a holding pattern and not available yet – may not be available this FY
- ~Had some tabletop exercises also was invited to participate with Dodge County in some exercises
- ~Ice Jam season over February 9th was the worst day for this
- ~Severe weather week this week
- ~High praise from Grant from Yutan Fire Department
- ~Board Thanked Grant for his handling of the Fire

Director of Facilities & Grounds reported on the following:

- ~McKinnis got on roof last week – damage more widespread than they thought, they do not agree with NIRMA's engineer, think we should hire our own; tile will take 12 to 18 months for the tile to be made
- ~Bathrooms - Framing the soffit – working on water lines, marble guy will be in sometime this week, change order Was signed for hear
- ~Doing load bank test on generator today
- ~Assessor & Public Defender HVAC now working

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to adopt **Resolution #14-2026** authorizing the Execution of an agreement with the NDOT for installation & operation of Automated License Plate Reader on State Highways within the County. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Thiessen to approve the payroll for the April 3rd 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 Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Smaus to approve the Vendor Claims for the Month of March, 2026. 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.

Public Safety Radio System: Waiting on Dave Pieczynski – need financials, need to get movement on Prague and Cedar Bluffs sites to get the equipment installed. Still an issue of Sabre replacing the concrete pads

HR Committee – Making progress Heidi Loges, HR from Butler County came to the meeting to help out with what we would want in an HR director

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Thiessen to approve the minutes of the March 17th meeting and the Fee/Activity Reports from the various offices for the month of February 2026. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hrdlicka to make a correction to the March 17th minutes, incorrect figure for the New Holland PowerStar Tractor, typed \$116,146.00 should have been \$92,700.00. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Had a safety meeting this morning, cameras working well. Cameras, monitors; still safety concerns for the Courthouse. Workplace active shooter training should be done by all employees

Motion by Reece, seconded by Albrecht to convene in closed session at 10:14 a.m. for personnel (84-1410). With County Attorney, County Sheriff and Highway Superintendent present. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Smaus to adjourn from closed session at 11:08 a.m. with no action taken. 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 11:08 a.m.

ATTEST:

Saunders County Clerk

Chairman Board of Supervisors