

SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 18

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS April 7, 2026

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board met with Bill Reece, Tom Hrdlicka, John Zaugg, Frank Albrecht, John Smaus and David Lutton present. Robert Thiessen 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 of Saunders Medical Center introduced Stacie Sabatka, Director of Clinics; Stacie spoke the Long Term Care Facility receiving a 5 star Quality Rating, the Hospital received a National Quality Award, they are starting a Diabetic Wound Care Clinic; Julie Rezac was asked by the American Hospital Association to sit on the Board for Rural Hospitals; Julie spoke to the Board about the Hospital's Expansion Project, they will do some fundraising & are hoping to self-fund the expansion; Nick Breunig, Assistant Administrator of the Long Term Care Facility and Director of Edge Therapy & Wellness spoke to the Board for the need for expansion for the Therapy Department

Public Works Director reported on the following:

- ~Dirt Crew – Cutting and shredding trees in road ditch. Installed a 18"x30' CMP at County Road 18&19&Ashland Road
- ~Culvert Crew – Working at County Road 11&E&F installed backwall sheets. Road is open to the public. Working at Project (876) South T Corner Rd&County Road I installing twin 96"x48' CMP with steel headwalls. 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. Contractor poured the bridge deck yesterday 4.6.26
- ~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 on the 12th and the 13th. This week contractor is looking to backfill around Bent 2 then build the cofferdam for Bent 1.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hrdlicka to authorize the Highway Department to advertise for bids for the construction of three (3) asphaltic concrete overlay projects C-78(863); C-78(895) & C-78(896). Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Smaus to authorize the request of Bottom Road Bar the use of County Roads for an Easter Side-By-Side Hunt, the event was originally scheduled for April 11, 2026, the request was made for a date change to April 18, 2026. The Board approves as long as a new Hold Harmless Agreement is submitted. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Director of Facilities and Grounds reported on the following:

- ~Men's Bathrooms on 1st & 2nd floor coming along; when starting on the 3rd floor bathrooms issues were found, still has lead pipes and no flanges; will need to be brought up to code. Will probably require a change order.
- ~Roof – a synthetic material tile has been proposed

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Zaugg to convene as an Equalization Board at 9:42 a.m. Voting yes were Zaugg, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS April 7, 2026

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

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Chairman Reece called the meeting to order at 9:42 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 Zaugg to approve Application for Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption by VSL Wahoo LLC, Wahoo. Voting yes were 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.

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Chairman Reece declared the meeting adjourned Sine Die at 9:44 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 Hrdlicka, seconded by Smaus to authorize the clerk to do a Journal Entry in the amount of \$32,314.83 from the Emergency Management Director's budget to the General Miscellaneous Budget for updates to new pickup that should have been taken out of the General Miscellaneous Budget. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the payroll for the April 17th 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 Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to approve the Saunders County Economic Development Grant request by Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation (AAEDC) in the amount of \$15,000.00. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Smaus to approve the Withdrawal of \$1,500,000.00 and Addition of \$3,200,000.00 of Pledged Securities, Union Bank and Trust, Wahoo. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Zaugg to approve the following Special Designated Liquor License Applications 1) Country Drive LLC, Ashland for a Music Festival, June 25, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., June 26, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and June 27, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Country Drive Golf Course, 950 County Road 4, Ashland; 2) A & A Solutions LLC, North Bend, for a wedding reception, May 2, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at Woodcliff Community Center, 980 County Road W Lot %-1018, Fremont and authorize the Chairman to sign the local recommendation forms. Voting yes were Zaugg, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Public Safety Radio System – working with Verizon on Heights of the Wahoo Tower, Verizon will be sending the lease

Economic Development – Ashland will be making an offer to a Director – who will also be Director for the County 25% of the time and will represent the County at the Greater Omaha Economic Development Partnership; County should pay 25% of the cost of the Director for work for the County

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to authorize the County to pay 25% of the expenses for the Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation Director. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the minutes of the March 24th board meeting. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Albrecht to convene in closed session at 10:03 a.m. for the purpose of land negotiations (84-1410). Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Smaus to adjourn from closed session at 11:03 a.m. with no action taken. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. 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 11:03 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Saunders County Clerk

Chairman Board of Supervisors