

SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 17

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS April 28, 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).

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Albrecht to convene in closed session at 9:01 a.m. for contract negotiations 84-1410. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Lutton excused at 9:40 a.m.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen to adjourn from closed session at 9:41 a.m. with no action taken and reconvene in regular meeting. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Public Works Director reported on the following:

- Dirt Crew – Installing culvert at County Road 25&W 36'x55' CMP & cleaning ditches
- Culvert Crew – finishing up 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. Last week the Contractor poured the headwalls for the north driveway and drop-pipe. They were also working on the grading of the south side. This week the contractor is installing the drive pipe on the SW corner of the project and hopes to finish the roadway grading and ditch slopes. The Guard rail and seeding are planned for the end of the week and are weather dependent. Next week if weather cooperates the contractor will be rocking and reopening the roadway.
- Contractor – Project (577) Wahoo Northwest County Road M&19&20 3-span continuous concrete slab bridge 20° skew RHB. Last week, contractor formed and poured the concrete for Abutment 1. This week, they will work on the falsework for the bridge deck as well as stripping the forms for Abutment 1, pending concrete break info. Next week they plan on starting work on their bridge deck rebar
- May 12th County Road L will be closed most of the day. Will be trying the Bind-X product

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Thiessen to adopt **Resolution #15-2026** vacating Nebraska Street in the Village of Wann and reverting ownership to the butting property owners. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Albrecht to approve the procedure for vacation and abandonment of county roads with some additions. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Woita and Denise Lawver spoke to the Board about the County Promotion Fund and the County Improvement Fund grants.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen to approve the applications presented for the County Promotion Fund and the County Improvement Fund grants. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Denise spoke to the Board about the Library building updates. Library will be 20 years old in June. New meeting room, children's area, building south 13'. They are doing an outdoor music garden, have some pentatonic flowers to play music.

Sheriff Lichtenberg spoke to the board about claims from his office that were denied at the April 21st meeting.

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

- Severe Weather preparedness meeting
- Will be meeting with Country Drive on their plan for their 4 day music festival event in case of severe weather
- Still no FEMA money – Education portal turned back on, was shut down for about 120 days due to lack of funding
- Funding opportunity brick grant, May 1 deadline, received 2 ½ weeks ago, no time to get paperwork done for this
- NEMA – sending Fire suppression and Bridge Projects to them
- Mass Fatality Trailer – will sign title over to Dodge County Emergency Management

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to adopt **Resolution #16-2026** establishing an HR Committee. Voting yes were Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Thiessen to approve the Special Designated Liquor License Application by Burtonian Enterprises LLC, for an event, June 6, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Woodcliff Community Center, 980 County Road W Lot T-1018, Fremont and authorize the Chairman to sign the local recommendation form. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Albrecht to approve the Payroll for the May 1st 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 Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to add Emergency Management to the General Fund for FY '26-'27. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Public Safety Radio System – working through some issues at the Cedar Bluffs & Prague sites getting heating and Air quotes – Local companies not wanting to bid
Economic Development – ACDC hired a new director to start July 1. Board would like monthly updates on the Economic Development monthly until things are settling in

Board Member Reece had a call from one of the Hospital Foundation members, maybe County would relinquish land to the north of the Hospital to the Hospital Foundation for possible Cottages/independent living facilities – need to discuss more

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Thiessen to approve the minutes of the April 14th meeting. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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

Committee Reports – Public meeting on Highway 92 corridor at Yutan Country Club
Building Committee – Bathrooms moving along, soffits look good, drop ceiling going in today

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.

Vice-Chairman Smaus declared the meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Saunders County Clerk

Vice-Chairman Board of Supervisors

