

SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 18

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS May 19, 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 – Working on County Road L will be moving to County Road 30&31&O to clean ditch and repair road.
- ~Culvert Crew –Working at County Road 9&N repairing separated culvert. 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. Road is open to the public.
- ~Contractor – Project (577) Wahoo Northwest County Road M&19&20 3-span continuous concrete slab bridge 20° skew RHB. Supplier sent contractor wrong size rebar for bridge deck. Contractor is supposed to get the right size rebar today 5.19.26. Deck pour is set for next Wednesday 5.27.27 at 7:00 a.m.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Smaus to open the Public Hearing at 9:09 a.m. on the County's One & Six Year Road Plan. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Thiessen to close the Public Hearing at 9:15 a.m. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Zaugg to approve the County's One & Six Year Road Plan as presented by the Public Works Director. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Reece to authorize the Highway Department to advertise for gravel bids for County Roads for July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Bids to be opened June 23, 2026. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Smaus to convene as an Equalization Board at 9:16 a.m. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS May 19, 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 9:16 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 Corrections 6044-6050 three of those are a Personal Property Tax Refund Request by Scott Cernin due to his error of reporting on a piece of equipment. The refund is for tax years 2023, 2024 and 2025 as allowed by Statute and recommended by the County Assessor. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Zaugg to approve 14 over/under valued property corrections as presented by the County Assessor. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. 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 9:19 a.m.

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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.

Elaine Menzel, Legal Counsel for NACO (Nebraska Association of County Officials) they are visiting all 93 counties. She talked to the Board about the Events coming up such as The County Board Workshop in Kearney, June 3-4. Prior to the Board Workshop there will be a Land Use Permit Forum on the morning of the 3rd. Inheritance Tax Bill did not pass, but will probably be brought up again this session, Another bill that didn't pass was the bill to do with growth. Open Meetings Act language has changed effective July 18th, notice provisions for publishing, Zoning legislation – education for Board Members, County Attorney; Shot Clock for Zoning Applications. Omnibus Bill - Pink Postcard dates have been modified for 2027; Department of Revenue will be sending out notices instead of the County; geared more towards budget hearings. May 28th webinar for budget process.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Thiessen to authorize Chairman to sign Joint **Resolution #17-2026** with Saunders Medical Center regarding Lots 8, 10, and a portion of Lot 11 in Wahoo Industries Airpark that the County has obtained from Saunders Medical Center. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Application #1227 by Josh Girmus Preliminary Plat, Knuth Subdivision First Addition, Parcel #001855003, 28-14-7, Stocking Township. Josh Girmus spoke on the report of Mainelli Wagner of the study for Knuth Subdivision first addition Walker Luedtke spoke on the water
Josh Luedtke spoke against the application
Jim Jonas spoke against the application
Kerry Knuth – Spoke to the Board about they have done everything they have been asked to do

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Smaus to approve annual review of MP#9487 by Champion Feeders for a commercial feedlot. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Thiessen to table Application #1227. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Zaugg to authorize the Chairman to sign title for 2011 American Trailer Enclosed trailer to Dodge County. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Reece was absent during roll call and not voting. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Thiessen to Rescind the amount of the \$10,000.00 in the February 17th minutes regarding the signing of change orders by Bill Reece for the Courthouse bathroom remodel project. Remove the cap of \$10,000.00 and leave open for absolutely necessary changes for the project to continue to move forward. The Board still wants to know about the changes. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Smaus to approve the addition of \$780,000.00 pledged securities, FirstBank of Nebraska, Wahoo. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Thiessen to approve the Special Designated Liquor License Application by ANDGO LLC, DBA: The Woodcliff Restaurant, for a fundraiser, June 4, 2026 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 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, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

ALTEN – will start meeting every other month; still hauling dirt to put on the wet cake

Economic Development – Lily Teeple has been hired as Executive Director of Ashland Community Development Corporation, she will meet with the Board on July 7 to see what the County expectations are for her role in the County's Economic Development Meeting; will be meeting via zoom with Greater Omaha Chamber to see what the membership will look like, how it'll be used for the benefit of the County, etc., Board member Reece spoke with Brooke Aiken of OPPD, who is also a member of the Cass County Economic Development Corporation to see how that arrangement Worked, she said every County's relationship with the partnership is structured a little differently. Board members Reece, Hrdlicka & Zaugg were at the Greater Wahoo Development Foundation's meeting, to explain the why of what the County did what they did partnering with Ashland, it went fairly well.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to approve the minutes of the May 5th meeting. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Reece. Voting no were None. Lutton abstained. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Building Committee – Since the County has taken over the Wanahoo Medical Building, do we need to meet with an engineer, or a contractor to make modifications to the building, such as knocking out walls, etc. Have met with

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Grant Anderson, Emergency Management Director to see what his needs are, need to figure out what DHHS will want to do; June 16th will recess to take a trip out to the Wanahoo Building; Building Committee has an AOC meeting once a month, 2nd floor men's bathroom will have a final cleaning on June 18th the 19th will be the punch list walk through to see if everything has been done, going to be putting a film on the 1st floor bathrooms windows to prevent people from seeing in from the outside, would like the same films on all of the windows of the offices on 1st floor facing the hallway, discussion of brass fixtures, just clean & polish instead of replating

Safety Committee – would like to have active shooter training, Sheriff will look into it

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Albrecht to convene in closed session at 11:04 a.m. for negotiations & litigation (84-1410). Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to adjourn from closed session at 11:50 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 11:50 a.m.

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Chairman Board of Supervisors