

SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 18

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS June 16, 2026

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

Open Discussion from the Public: Josh Girmus spoke to the Board about the proposed Countywide Water Study
John Mohr of Spheros spoke on the proposed Countywide Water Study

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hrdlicka to authorize the Highway Department to advertise for bids for the construction of 3 concrete box culverts and other related incidental work for projects C-78(624) Road 24, between Road B & Road C; C-78(889) Road P, between Road 28 & Road 29; and C-78(908) Road T, between Road 17 & 18. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to authorize the Highway Department to advertise for bids for supplying materials required to construct corrugated metal pipes with steel headwalls and wingwalls and other related incidental work at five sites. Projects C-78(821) on Road 14 between Road R & Road S; C-78(886) on Road 31 north of Road Z/Linwood Road; C-78(888) on Road V between Road 30 & Road 31; C-78(893) on Road 6 between Road A & Road B; C-78(898) on Road G between Road 23 & Road 24. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Thiessen to allow the Malmo Volunteer Fire Department use of County Roads for their Annual Tractor Drive June 28, 2026. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hrdlicka to convene as a Board of Equalization at 9:08 a.m. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS June 16, 2026

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

Chairman Reece called the meeting to order at 9:08 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 Thiessen to approve Tax Corrections 6051-6055 as presented by the County Assessor. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Zaugg to approve 27 Over/Under Valued Property Corrections as presented by the Assessor. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

The County Assessor gave her Report to the Board on the 2026 Values.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Thiessen to adopt **Resolution #23-2026**, extending the filing deadline for the Nebraska Homestead Exemption Act for tax year 2026. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

The County Assessor presented her 3 year Assessment Plan to the Board.

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Albrecht to accept the Assessor's 3 year Assessment Plan. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to approve the Tax Exempt Application from motor vehicle taxes by Encounter Life Ministries, Mead. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, 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 at 9:28 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.

Director of Facilities and Grounds reported on the following:

- ~Water heaters fixed in the LEJC
- ~Trane working on chiller
- ~Bathrooms: Demos mostly done on the Women's 1st & 2nd floor
- ~Another Plumber is working on the 3rd floor bathrooms & the Treasurer's office

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Albrecht to approve Application #1383 by Douglas Ritthaler for a borrow pit operation, parcel 003132500, 27-16-8, Pohocco Township; with conditions and it be placed on Annual Review. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Doug Ritthaler spoke to the Board about some concerns; this borrow pit started operating in 2018

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Zaugg to approve Application #1393 by James Boelter to move fill within the floodplain, 1351 County Road Y, parcel #002922501, 32-17-8, Pohocco Township. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Zaugg to set a Public Hearing for July 21, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony for or against Application #1382 by Michael Rasmussen for a rezone from Agricultural (AG-1) to Residential Estates (RE), parcel 004028000 & 004028503, 31-16-9, Leshara Township. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen to approve the Reappointments of the Existing Board members to Planning Commission: Ryan Hall, Jake Mauer, Mark Sander and Lindsey Nelson; Board of Adjustment; John Trutna, Lezlie Thomas and Jodi (Curtis) Jurgensen; terms to expire in 3 years. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Albrecht to approve the County Treasurer's request to move all outstanding taxes that were not sold for want of bidders at the last annual tax sale to County Tax Sale. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to approve the withdrawal of \$190,000.00 and addition of \$575,000.00 of Securities, FirstBank of NE, Wahoo. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to approve the Equal Opportunity Plan Short Form as submitted by Amber Pelan and authorize the Chairman to sign. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Melodi Szymczak of Big Red KENO spoke to the Board about Resolutions and Interlocal Agreement.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Hrdlicka to table **Resolution #21-2026 & Resolution #22-2026** and the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Omaha regarding KENO, until the original agreement is found with percentages. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Albrecht to stay with the current deductibles offered by NIRMA/NIRMA II. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to accept the proposal of SPHEROS Environmental to do a Countywide Water Study. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

ALTEN: Meeting today at 4:00 p.m.

Economic Development: Lily Teeple starts with Ashland July 1, will meet with the Board July 7; Greater Omaha Chamber working on branding for Saunders County

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Albrecht to approve the minutes of the June 2nd and June 9th meetings. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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Committee Reports: Building Committee will be meeting with JEO Consulting with Grand Anderson & Amber Pelan

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Reece to convene in Closed Session at 10:43 a.m. for Contract Negotiations and Personnel (84-1410). Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Thiessen excused at 10:44 a.m.

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Hrdlicka to adjourn from Closed Session at 11:36 a.m. and re-convene in regular meeting. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

The County Clerk found the original paperwork submitted by BIG RED KENO, so the Board decided to take action on it.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to adopt **Resolution #21-2026**, approving an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Omaha for the operation of a KENO Lottery, approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Omaha for the operation of a KENO Lottery and adopt **Resolution #22-2026** Establishing Qualification Standards for any business seeking to have its location qualify as an authorized sales outlet location for conducting the KENO lottery within the County of Saunders. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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Chairman Lutton declared the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Saunders County Clerk

Chairman Board of Supervisors