

SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 18

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS June 23, 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).

Open Discussion from the public:

Keith Gamrel from Teamsters Local 554 spoke to the board about negotiations and lack of communication from Woods Aitken, LLC, would like the Board to make sure communication & negotiations open up & proceed forward

Jerry Johnson, Mayor, City of Wahoo – spoke to the Board about KENO and the contract already signed with Big Red KENO & the City of Omaha. The City of Wahoo could have handled this as well & kept the funds local, the Board did not know this

Harriett Tomhave spoke to the board about a bridge being closed on County Road H. She lives on H & 20 a minimum maintenance road, bridge on 20 is going out. OPPD is doing work out there so her road is very busy, people are going down it & getting stuck, wants to know when they are going to be doing repairs on the bridge.

Joni Cantrall, Shaw Hull & Navarrette, CPAs, Fremont to present the Board their Proposal for Budget Services for FY July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. The Board would like the County Attorney to look it over and put it on next week's agenda.

Joni also presented the audit findings/financials/exit report to the Board

Public Works Director reported on the following:

~Dirt Crew – Working at County Road 17 & P cleaning out ditch. Will be moving to County Road D & Oak Road cleaning Out ditch and improving intersection

~Culvert Crew –Working at County Road 20&U installing 24" culvert that is 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 (577) Wahoo Northwest County Road M&19&20 3-span continuous concrete slab bridge 20° skew RHB. Bridge is completer Contractor is working on grading and installing culverts

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen to open Gravel bids at 9:26 a.m. and accept the one bid that was received: Bluff Aggregate LLC & Dolezal sand and Gravel Picked up rate \$21.00. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Hrdlicka to convene as Board of Equalization at 9:30 a.m. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS June 23, 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 9:30 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 Zaugg to approve 4 Over/Under Valued Property Corrections as presented by the County Assessor. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hrdlicka to set a public hearing on July 21, 2026 for Exemption Application Form 451 by Apace Foundation. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Zaugg to approve the Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes for Moses Merrill Camp & Conference Center, Linwood. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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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 9:32 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:

- ~Nothing new on the LEJC
- ~Courthouse, Bathroom project continuing, mostly plumbing in the bathrooms and the Treasurer's Office, some walls furred out
- ~waiting on marble to come in.
- ~board wants HR temporary office, carpeted & painted & ceiling tiles replaced

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Reece to approve the appointment of Jennifer Woita to the Extension Board. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen to approve the update of the Saunders County Extension constitution and bylaws and authorize the Chairman to sign. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Anne Tweedy, Saunders County historical Society gave the Board a yearly update

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Thiessen to accept the Financials/Audit finding as presented. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Grant Anderson, Emergency Management Director gave an update of Emergency Management Activities:

- ~A lot of time spent on training exercises
- ~will be taking local first responders to a training at NEMA in Lincoln
- ~Had a full scale exercise at Saunders Medical Center
- ~Did some table top exercises with Wahoo Public Schools, will be doing more to provide administration with leadership training
- ~working with Dodge County on a couple of their exercises
- ~peak event season; trying to support larger events in our County, this week is Country Drive Live
- ~FEMA/EMPG money has been approved

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Albrecht to authorize the Chairman to sign the Foreign National Vetting Process for the 2025 EMPG, FEMA/NEMA. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Zaugg to open the public hearing at 10:01 a.m., with regards to amendments to Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to close the public hearing at 10:06 a.m. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Reece to amend the budget as follows:

- ~5000-Medical Center – Increase of Revenues \$9,800,000.00 & Increase of Expenditures \$9,800,000.00.
- Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Thiessen to appoint Jose Jaimes as Interim Public Defender. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen to transfer from the General Fund Miscellaneous budget Miscellaneous Line the \$35,000.00 to the IT Administrator's Budget, due to it being over the amount of the Grant Writer's salary which was not figured in the budget at budget time. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Zaugg to approve Payroll for the June 26th 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 Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Smaus to approve Vendor Claims for the month of June, 2026, except for claim #2606000096 to Lutton Law in the amount of \$987.50; amend claim #2606000060 to Darren Hartman from \$358.02 to \$341.46 removing reimbursement requests the Board deems excessive. 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, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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Motion by Smaus, seconded by Albrecht to approve claim #2606000060 to Lutton Law in the amount of \$987.50. 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 Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Lutton abstained. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Smaus to convene in closed session at 10:40 a.m. for labor negotiations. (84-1410) Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Albrecht excused at 12:15 p.m.

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Smaus to adjourn from closed session at 12:19 p.m. with no action taken. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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Chairman Lutton declared the meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Saunders County Clerk

Chairman Board of Supervisors