

SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 18

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS July 21, 2026

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

Vice-Chairman Smaus 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 at County Road D & Oak Road cleaning out ditch and improving intersection. Will be moving to County Road 20 & N&O
- ~Culvert Crew – Working at County Road 8&9&U 48"x50' culvert; had to dig culvert up, relay it pipe was undermined. 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. Last week, contractors finished work on grading, stripped forms, backfilled around headwall, installed guardrail and put road rock down on the road. This week, contractors will be on site to seed the project area.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Reece to approve the use of County Roads for Dozinky Doozy Bicycle Gravel Challenge on October 3, 2026. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Albrecht to open the public hearing at 9:15 a.m. for Application #1392 by Michael Rasmussen, rezone from AG-1 (Agricultural) to RE (Residential Estates), Parcel #004028000, 31-16-9, Leshara Township. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Larry Jobeun, Atty for Rasmussen's spoke to the board about the development
Tom Ackley, Koley Jessen PC, LLO on behalf of Scott Kastl HFSF LLC – concerns with development
Rita Goree a neighbor to the property spoke against it
Abram Marshall, Got It Covered – spoke to the Board, he is the developer
Tim Robinson a neighbor to the property spoke against it
Becca Minard a neighbor to the property spoke against it
Larry Jobeun, spoke again

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to close the public hearing at 9:39 a.m. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Zaugg to deny Application #1392 by Michael Rasmussen, rezone from AG-1 (Agricultural) to RE (Residential Estates), Parcel #004028000, 31-16-9, Leshara Township. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Abram Marshall spoke to the Board

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to approve Application #1422, by Lower Platte North NRD, construct 3 earthen dams, as part of the LPNNRD's Wahoo Creek Watershed Flood Reduction Project, 30-14-7, 12-14-5, and 23-14-5, Stocking Township, Newman Township, and Newman Township, respectively. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Albrecht to set the Public Hearing Date of August 18, 2026 for 1) Application #1404, by Joel and Rachel Woita, Cavalier Ridge Preliminary Plat, Parcel ID#001931001, 11-14-7, Stocking Township 2) Application #1405, by Joel and Rachel Woita, Cavalier Ridge Final Plat, Parcel ID#001931001, 11-14-7, Stocking Township 3) Application #1419, by Thomas Family Trust, Thomas Lakes 6th Addition, Preliminary Plat, 7-13-10, Clear Creek Township; 4) Application #1420, by Thomas Family Trust, Thomas Lakes 6th Addition, Final Plat, 7-13-10, Clear Creek Township. Voting yes were Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Thiessen to convene as an Equalization Board at 9:56 a.m. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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Chairman Reece called the meeting to order at 9:56 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 6056-6065 as presented by the County Assessor. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve 11 over/under valued property corrections as recommended by the Assessor. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Zaugg to open the public hearing at 9:59 a.m. for application for Tax Exemption on Real and Personal Property by Apace Foundation (name change; formerly known as Region V Foundation). Lot 12 and North Pt Lot 11 in Block 2, Chillbergs Addition to Wahoo; 1366 Walnut St, Wahoo. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Thiessen to close the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to approve application for Tax Exemption on Real and Personal Property by Apace Foundation (name change; formerly known as Region V Foundation). Lot 12 and North Pt Lot 11 in Block 2, Chillbergs Addition to Wahoo; 1366 Walnut St, Wahoo. Voting yes were Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Albrecht to approve the 2026 Cemetery list as presented by the Assessor, with no changes from last year. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Hrdlicka to set the date & time for the Joint Public Hearing for September 21, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room, 3rd Floor, Courthouse; on Proposed Property Tax Increases by various taxing entities in the County (County, Cities & Schools) that will exceed allowable growth percentage for FY 26-27 Budgets. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Zaugg to take final action on the following 2026 Property Valuation Protests as recommended by the County Assessor; 1 through 194, 196 through 210, 213 through 215. 195, 211 and 212 were duplicates and not acted on. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Zaugg to reject late filed protests 216 and 217; they were received after the June 30th deadline, and they were postmarked after June 30th. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, 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 Sine Die at 10:48 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:
~Received keys to the Wanahoo Building; Heath Smith to continue caring for the lawn; pest control will be continued by ABC, Fremont \$550.00 per year, spray every other month; Fish Window cleaning will continue their services out there 4 times a year

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~LEJC – Flattop Grill, safety switch bad & thermostat bad, will replace those could be a couple thousand dollars
 ~Bathrooms – Plumbers are done on 1st & 2nd floor bathrooms after inspector made them redo some insulation,
 Treasurer's office should be done by the end of this week then will be moving to 3rd floor. Drywall is almost all up – OAC
 meeting on Thursday, marble could possibly be here by mid-August

Carrie Rodriguez – Chief Probation officer of District 5 Probation and Morgan Campbell - Chief Deputy Probation Officer
 gave the Board a yearly update on the services provided to the County by District 5 Probation, which determines the
 budget request and gave a report about the Drug Court Problem Solving.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Hrdlicka to authorize the Chairman to sign the PSC (Problem Solving Court)
 Interlocal Agreement. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none.
 Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Albrecht to table the renewal of Hartford Insurance to next week's agenda. Voting
 yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Reece to authorize the that Jose Jaimes, Interim Public Defender, be paid the
 Public Defender's salary of \$111,588.00, retro back to June 22, 2026 and until the Public Defender's position is filled.
 Voting yes were Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Patrick Kreifels, Region V Systems, gave the Board a yearly update

Matt Kasik, Apace, gave the Board a yearly update

Amber Pelan, Youth Services Director and Grant writer gave the Board a yearly update

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Albrecht to approve the Satellite Applications for the operation of KENO
 1. Lanes End LLC, DBA Coconut Tree Lounge, 980 County Road W, Fremont, NE 68025
 2. Rise Up Weekend LLC, DBA Weekend Lakeside Bar & Grill, 339 Thomas Lake Rd, Ashland, NE 68003
 And authorize the Chairman to sign Form 50G – Nebraska Application for County/City Lottery for the County. Voting yes
 were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Thiessen to approve the Special Designated Liquor License Application by
 Burtonian Enterprises LLC for a Reception on October 10, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Woodcliff Community
 Center, 980 County Road W, Lot T1018, Fremont, and authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the local recommendation
 form. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Reece to approve Payroll for the July 24th 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 Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen to approve the Vendor Claims for the month of July, 2026. 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. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen to authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign Letter of Corrective Action to
 NDOT for Federal Grants for Audit of FY ended June 30, 2025. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka,
 Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Thiessen to approve the minutes of the July 7th meeting. Voting yes were
 Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Public Safety Radio System – Redoing Concrete pads again (3rd time) – contractor is not looking at the plans
 Economic Development – Lily should come before the board in 2 weeks

Committee Reports:

Personnel met w/ HR advisory committee expectations of working from the office vs. home

Frank Albrecht excused at 12:23 p.m.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Thiessen to convene in closed session at 12:25 p.m. for personnel (84-1410).
 Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Thiessen and Smaus. Zaugg was absent during roll call and not voting. Voting no were
 none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen to adjourn from closed session at 12:48 p.m. with no action taken.
 Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Smaus and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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 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 12:49 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
 Saunders County Clerk

 Vice-Chairman Board of Supervisors