

SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 18

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS July 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).

Joni Cantrall of Shaw, Hull & Navarrette, CPA's PC presented the Proposed County Budget to the Board. Ms. Cantrall reviewed the Proposed Budget with the Board. As per State Statute §23-906, said Proposed Budget is placed on file in the County Clerk's office for public inspection.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Smaus to accept the Proposed Budget for FY 2026-2027 as presented and submit it to the State. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Zaugg to approve the allowable increase of an additional 1% for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget, as allowed per Nebr. State Statute 13-519(2). Voting yes were Zaugg, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Thiessen to set the date and time of the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget for August 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. to go over the budget, Public Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony for or against said budget. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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. Road is open to the public.

Director of Facilities and Grounds reported on the following:

- ~Had a meeting last week with Sand Creek – bathrooms should be done mid-September – Marble should be here Mid-August
- ~Plumbers should be done in the Treasurer's office this week
- ~Finishing drywall
- ~Plumbers will work on drinking fountain when done with 3rd floor bathrooms
- ~Board wants lines painted in parking lot & want the tree by the north door looked at by an arborist

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Reece to approve the Grant Application 2025 EMPG GAN and authorize Chairman to sign. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Josh Girmus spoke to the board about his Application #1227, for a Preliminary Plat, Knuth Subdivision First Addition, Parcel ID 001855003, 28-14-7, Stocking Township

John Mohr of Spheros, spoke to the Board about the water study he did in this area

Walker & Josh Luedtke spoke to the Board about setting precedence by approving this application

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Reece to approve Application #1227, by Josh Girmus, Preliminary Plat, Knuth Subdivision First Addition, Parcel ID 001855003, 28-14-7, Stocking Township. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Reece and Zaugg. Voting no were Smaus, Hrdlicka and Thiessen. Motion carried.

Dr. Terra Uhing, Executive Director, Three Rivers Public Health Dept -gave the Board a presentation of Nebraska Public Swimming Pool Regulations, and what they are proposing

Sheriff Lichtenberg spoke to the Board about one of his deputies taking a job with Dodge County, his decision to take the job is contingent on being able to take K9 Axel with him. The Sheriff asked the Board if they would agree to sell the dog and bite suits to Dodge County, he feels it is best that K9 Axel stay with the only handler he has known.

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Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to sell the dog and 2 bite suits to Dodge County in the amount of \$7,950.00 and to put that money into the K9 Fund when received. 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 a County Match of \$25,000.00 for the Apace Foundation for remodel of the kitchen at the Day Center. Apace has already raised \$50,000.00. This is a County owned building. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Reece to approve the Renewal of The Hartford Group Insurance Benefits, for Basic Life, Basic Dependent Life & Basic ADD. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Thiessen to approve the Special Designated Liquor License Application by Churchills The Cigar Bar, for a Wedding on October 3, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Woodcliff Community Center, T1018A North Shore Dr, Fremont, and authorize the Chairman to sign the local recommendation form. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

ALTEN – Don Bacon wants to see the sight
Public Safety Radio System – working with Cell Companies
Economic Development – Lily Teeple will be on the August 4th agenda

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Smaus to approve the minutes of the July 21st board meeting and the Fee/Activity reports from the various county offices for the month of June, 2026. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board Member Albrecht attended the monthly Veteran's Presentation – very nice – Bill Bonney, Veterans Service Administrator does a great job
Safety Committee – had a meeting this morning – concerns about blind spots with the cameras

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Albrecht to convene in closed session at 11:01 a.m. for the purpose of personnel and negotiations (84-1410). Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Reece to adjourn from closed session and reconvene in regular meeting with no action taken. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. 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 Supervisors were included in the agenda published or posted prior to said meeting.

Chairman Lutton declared the meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.