

**NOTICE OF MEETING
Board of Supervisors**

Notice is hereby given that the Saunders County Board of Supervisors will meet at **9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2026** in the Board of Supervisor's Room, 3rd Floor of Courthouse, 433 N. Chestnut Street, Wahoo, NE, which meeting will be open to the attendance of the public.

Announcement of location of Open Meetings Act & Title VI Policy Statement

(A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available at the Clerk's desk)

Pledge of Allegiance

Those wishing to speak on items specific to today's agenda – must sign in with the County Clerk prior to 9:00 a.m. and list the agenda item(s) you wish to speak on. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes

Those wishing to speak on items relating to other County business not on the agenda may speak during the Open Discussion from the Public portion of the agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Open Discussion from the Public will be limited to half (½) an hour. These limits may be extended at the discretion of the County Board Chair.

AGENDA

Discussion and consideration of possible action on the following:

Open Discussion from the Public

Public Works Director – Reports on maintenance/repairs of Roads and Bridges, Noxious Weed Dept. and County Transportation:

Equalization:

- * Refund Request by Justin & Brooklyn Machecek for over assessment for 2024 and 2025
- * Tax Correction(s):6086 thru 6091
- * Valuation Corrections
- * Applications for Exemption of Motor Vehicle Taxes – St Wenceslaus Catholic Church/School & Bishop Neumann Central High School, Wahoo

Director of Facilities and Grounds – Reports on maintenance/repairs of grounds & buildings

(1-2) County Treasurer – submittal of Distress Warrants Report and request for authorization to pass uncollected Distress Warrants on to Credit Bureau Services, Inc. and striking of some Distress Warrants

Mac Rothe, HR Director - requesting a VPN

(3) Appointment of Joanna Uden to the Saunders County Public Defender Policy Board due to the request of Andrew Pease to be removed

Discussion/Possible Amendments to Reimbursement/Travel Policy

Planning & Zoning:

- ♦ Application #1464 by Kevin Indra to construct a pond, parcel #000716500, 24-17-5, Bohemia Township
- ♦ Application #1469 by Matthew Kucera, dirt work and bring fill into floodplain for dwelling, parcel#007800003, 13-13-9, Clear Creek Township

Annual Reviews:

- ♦ MP#6330 Doug Washburn – Commercial dog kennel
- ♦ MP#8488 Kyle Kern – River Life Airboats

Set Public Hearing – October 6, 2026

- ♦ Application #1465 by Weston Engel to amend Saunders County Zoning regulations: Section 6.01.05, to allow consolidation of two contiguous parcels under common ownership, into a combined parcel, less than 3 acres

Payroll for the September 18th Pay Period

Special Designated Liquor License Local Recommendation(s):

(4-6) Andgo LLC, DBA: The Woodcliff Restaurant, for a wedding, September 26, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., at Woodcliff Community Center, 980 County Rd W, Fremont

Fiscal Year Budget 2026-2027

- o Board review/change(s) of/to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget

Items of a routine nature for discussion:

- Matters pertaining to Declaration No. 1-2021 Disaster or Emergency in Response to Risk of Environmental Contamination (ALTEN)
- Discussion/Possible Action of Radios/Public Safety Radio System
- Discussion/Possible Action of Economic Development
- Discussion/Possible Action RE: space occupied by DHHS
- HR Updates

Items of a routine nature for approval:

(7-8) o Minutes of the September 1st meeting

Committee Reports

Meeting Dates – (Sept. 22 – Oct. 6,20&27 – Nov. 17&24)

~~Closed Session~~

Adjournment

This agenda is being kept continually current and available for the Public's inspection in the County Clerk's office or seen on the County's web site at www.saunderscounty.ne.gov. **An item listed on this agenda does not indicate that action will be taken at this Board meeting.**

Dee Anne Nice

Saunders County Clerk

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September 4, 2026

Saunders County Board of Supervisors,

There were 49 Distress Warrants turned over to the Saunders County Sheriff on November 1, 2025. The total amount of the Distress Warrants handed over for collection after any voided was \$76,248.00. The total collected by the Sheriff was \$20,248.80 which includes mileage and interest.

Per State Statute 77-1738 I am requesting we strike the taxes on the parcels below. Principal amount of unpaid tax is \$2,803.26.

#0004908503 Zach Alley	2023	\$91.02	Travel Trailer at Strode's Camper is gone, and Mr. Alley is deceased as of April 21, 2023
#0000003142 Richard Belter	2022-2024	\$2,332.44	Personal Property Mr. Belter passed away on July 8, 2022
#0004894500 Joel Gonzalez	2023	\$139.34	El Rancho Trailer Park is gone
#0003348000 Jerry Jackson	2022-2023	\$25.96	Trailer was demolished/uninhabitable
#0005925000 Patricia Oshay	2022-2023	\$42.48	Trailer was destroyed in a fire
#0004911703 Charles & Jennifer Thorpen	2022-2023	\$172.02	Travel Trailer at Strode's Camper is gone, no current Nebraska residency

We have fulfilled our responsibilities, and it is my belief that we will be unable to collect these taxes. Credit Bureau Services has also been unable to collect.

As of August 3, 2026, 19 Distress Warrants were returned to the Treasurer, with a warrant balance uncollected of \$55,999.20. This does not include additional interest or fees after the warrants were turned over.

The following list is of the outstanding distress warrants:

RE	Laura Ferguson	0005927000	2024	\$ 42.00
RE	Ruben Costaedo	0002009000	2022-2024	\$ 155.92
RE	Joel Gonzalez	0004894500	2023	\$ 139.34
RE	Christopher Selby	0002013101	2022-2024	\$ 170.54
PP	Advanced Drywall	0000002862	2024	\$ 761.60
PP	Alten LLC	0000001586	2022	\$14130.60
PP	Brown's Diesel Repair	0000002909	2024	\$ 414.02
PP	Casey Hakenkamp	0000002332	2022-2024	\$ 248.44
PP	J&B Industries	0000002991	2023-2024	\$ 121.34
PP	Johnson's Touch& Go	0000001138	2023-2024	\$ 315.80
PP	Pixie Porch Merc	0000002802	2024	\$ 39.52
PP	Redbox Automated	0000001903	2024	\$ 74.68
PP	William Thomas	0000000277	2023-2024	\$13309.36

These will be turned over to Credit Bureau Services for collection along with our continued efforts. Unpaid Personal Property and Mobile Homes are required to be on Distress Warrant for two years before we can strike taxes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber G. Scanlon
Saunders County Treasurer

23-3405. Public defender; policy board created; members; duties.

(1) Prior to making the appointment and negotiating the contract provided for in section 23-3404, the county board of such county shall appoint a policy board which shall ensure the independence of the contracting attorney and provide the county board with expertise and support in such matters as criminal defense functions, determination of salary levels, determination of reasonable caseload standards, response to community and client concerns, and implementation of the contract. The policy board shall consist of three members. Two of the members shall be practicing attorneys, and one member shall be a layperson. The policy board shall not include judges, prosecutors, or law enforcement officials.

(2) The policy board shall: (a) Receive applications from all attorneys who wish to be a public defender; (b) screen the applications to insure compliance with sections 23-3404 to 23-3408; (c) forward the names of any qualified applicants to the county board which shall make the appointments from the list of qualified candidates; (d) recommend to the county board the level of compensation that the public defender should receive and further recommend any contract provisions consistent with such sections; and (e) monitor compliance with such sections, including any continuing legal education requirements.

Source: Laws 1986, LB 885, § 2; R.S.1943, (1989), § 29-1825; Laws 1990, LB 822, § 5.

SDL - LOCAL RECOMMENDATION

NEBRASKA LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
301 CENTENNIAL MALL SOUTH
PO BOX 95046
LINCOLN, NE 68509-5046
PHONE: (402) 471-2571
FAX: (402) 471-2814
EMAIL: lcc.sdl.licensing@nebraska.gov
WEBSITE: www.lcc.nebraska.gov

088404 ANDGO LLC DBA: The Woodcliff Restaurant
License # Licensee Name/Non-Profit Organization

Event location name: Woodcliff Community Center

Event address/location: 980 C Rd W, T1018

Event Type: Wedding

Event date(s): 9.26.26

Event start time(s): 3:00 pm

Event end time(s): 11:00 pm

Indoor area to be licensed in length & width: 80 X 120

Outdoor area to be licensed in length & width: 50 X 120 (Must submit a diagram)

Estimated number of attendees: 100

Alternate dates/times:

Alternate location name/location:

Type of alcohol to be served: Beer ☒ Wine ☒ Distilled Spirits ☒

Event contact name: Brooke Goracke Event contact phone number: 402-721-2922

Event contact Email: thewoodcliffrestaurant@gmail.com

*Signature Authorized Representative: [Signature]

Local Governing Body completes below:

The local governing body for the City of _____
County of Saunders _____ OR
requested above. _____ approves the issuance of a Special Designated License as

Local Governing Body Authorized Signature

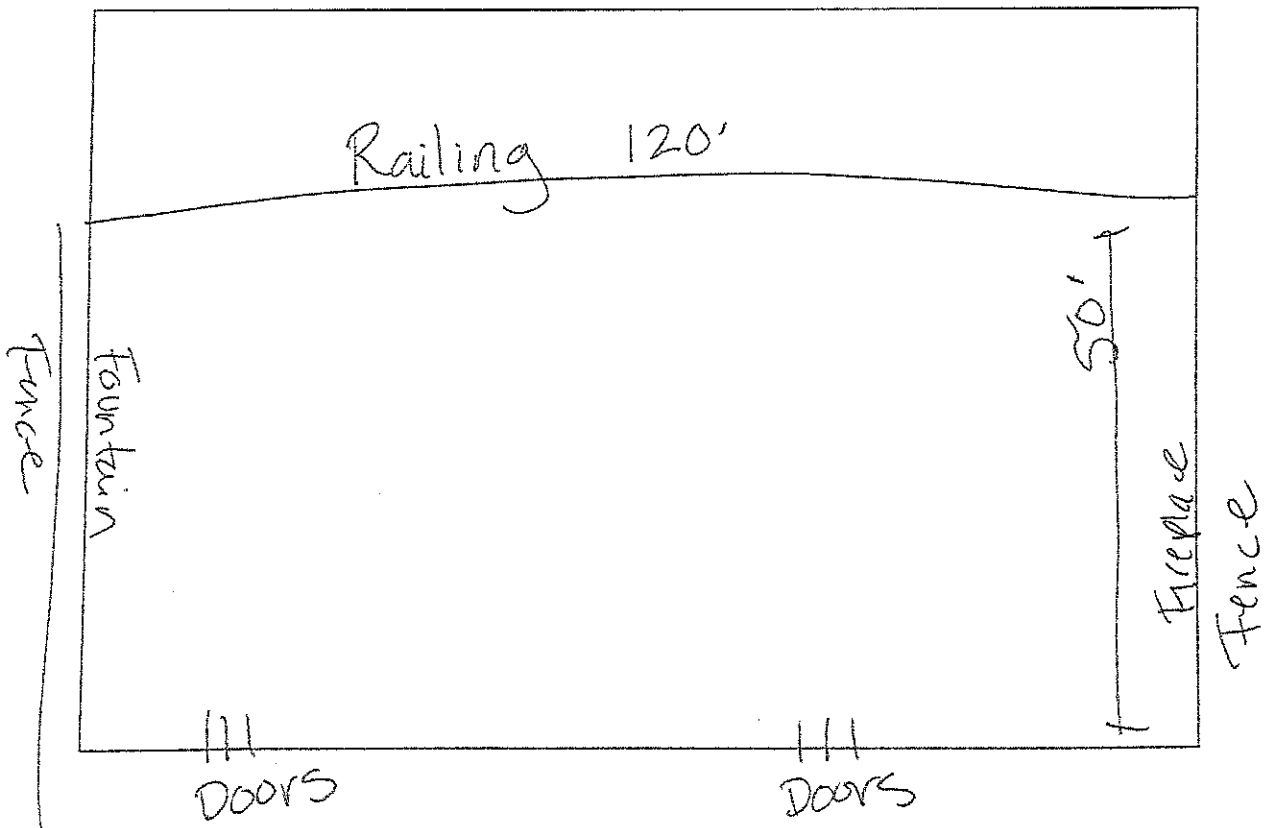
Date

OUTDOOR AREA DIAGRAM

HOW AREA WILL BE PATROLLED Security Provided

- IF APPLICABLE, OUTDOOR AREA MUST BE CONNECTED TO INDOOR AREA IF INDOOR AREA IS TO LICENSED
- MEASUREMENT OF OUTER WALLS OF AREA TO BE LICENSED MUST INCLUDED LENGTH & WIDTH IN FEET
- DOUBLE FENCING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS UNLESS FORM #140 IS FILED WITH THIS FORM AND IS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION
- RETAILER LIQUOR LICENSE HOLDERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DOUBLE FENCE, ALTHOUGH MEASURES NEED TO BE TAKEN TO SECURE THE AREA

DIAGRAM OF PROPOSED AREA:



Form 109
Rev Nov 2016

Saunders County Sheriff's Office

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SHERIFF

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WAHOO, NEBRASKA 68066

PHONE 402-443-3718 FAX 402-443-5118

CORRECTIONS
387 N. CHESTNUT STREET, SUITE 4
WAHOO, NEBRASKA 68066

September 8, 2026

AND GO LLC DBA: The Woodcliff Restaurant
980 County Road W
Fremont, NE 68025

Dear AND GO LLC:

The Saunders County Sheriff's Office has no objection to your application for the event scheduled at the Woodcliff Community Center located at 980 County Road W T1018, Fremont, NE on September 26, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sincerely,



Chris Lichtenberg
Saunders County Sheriff

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS
September 1, 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 emailing to all members of the Board and posting in the Courthouse and on the website. 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).

Melodi Szymczak, Big Red Keno, spoke to the Board about the Satellite Application by Woodcliff Restaurant LLC, DBA Woodcliff Marina, Fremont and reminded the Board about the contract percentages: Compensation and proceeds 8.75% to the County, 2% of the gross proceeds will be used by the City of Omaha to pay the State Lottery Tax, 1% of the gross proceeds retained by City of Omaha to defray Administrative Costs trying to eliminate work that the County Clerk would have to do and the remaining proceeds retained by the City of Omaha to be used for paid prizes and compensation for lottery

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen to approve the Satellite Application by Woodcliff Restaurant LLC, DBA Woodcliff Marina, Fremont for the operation of KENO and authorize the Chairman to sign. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Reece to Authorize the County Assessor to purchase a new refrigerator from Simons Home Store, Wahoo, in the amount of \$640.00 due to the fact that the refrigerator that she had purchased personally for her office stopped working when it was moved for the courthouse bathroom remodel. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Public Works Director reported on the following:

- ~Dirt Crew – Working at Main Road & County Road 27 working east cleaning ditches. Will be moving to County Road 20&N&O
- ~Culvert Crew – Working at project (880) Ceresco West, County Road 20&A&Ashland Road installing Twin 84"x42' CMPs on 15° skew (RHB)
- ~Contractor – Project (863) Cedar Bluffs Paving Project Contractor plans on starting September 7th
- ~Contractor – County Road 19&20&H Bridge Repair, Contractor has mobilized bridge repair. Will take about 2 weeks

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Reece to adopt **Resolution #26-2026**, reclassification of a minimum maintenance road, County Road 30 between County Road D and County Road E, Oak Creek Township. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Director of Facilities and Grounds reported on the following:

- ~South Parking Lot was striped Saturday
- ~McKinnis did some repairs on the roof to stop the current leaks
- ~Bathrooms – waiting on marble work, to be completed to be able to finish up the rest – Late Sept early Oct for Completion

Grant Anderson – Emergency Management Director gave the Board some updates

- ~FEMA released EMPG Funding for 25-26 FY, 26-27 should drop this Fiscal Year
- ~completed preliminary course work to receive his certification for Emergency Management through NEMA
- ~has had several requests for more exercises, just did another tabletop with SMC, working with the schools and cities and villages, working on one for the County
- ~Working with the Schools updating their safety plans
- ~not quite out of severe weather season but gearing up for winter weather
- ~PET Region, which consists of about 7 counties, EOC grant funding possible for 2027, it will be a managed grant by the State

Chris Meeks, Government & Community Relations Strategist – Public Affairs for OPPD spoke to the Board about some projects that OPPD is doing

- ~Integrated Systems Plan – Look at Generators Sources, Transmission Lines, Sub Stations, Distribution Network, it's an overview of how power gets from the generators to the actual houses of customers, it a 5 year look ahead for how to set up priorities for the system, wanting input from community leaders & customers, have sent out a survey, would like the Board to participate in that survey
- ~Smart Meters – soft launch to customers in Saunders County, 10,000 meters that were launched in the territory, in the next few months, customers will be seeing some of these meters installed. Start with commercial and irrigation customers. Saunders County is a difficult area, cellular meters that communicate with OPPD through the cellular network; field area network areas, such as Ashland and the eastern side of the County, areas closer to the Metro Area, which is WIFI; the meters have direct communication with OPPD; will let them know when there is an outage; greater insights on energy usage – to learn more about smart meters oppd.com/smart meters
- ~doing a lot of transmission projects, more to come in the next 5 to 10 years

- ~More generation, have 4 gas turbines under construction right now, in the last 2 years opened up 2 new stations
- ~new peak this summer for energy usage

Lily Teeple – Saunders County Economic Development Director updated the Board on Economic Development

- ~met with SMC, potential partnerships
- ~went out to the Extension Office and met with them, great facility
- ~went to the Yutan Pancake Feed
- ~met with Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Ag works corridor, potential partnerships
- ~went to Lincoln for 6 Regions One Nebraska Conference, potential partnerships for Childcare, Regional Infrastructure Partnerships, particularly water infrastructure, wanting more information on the Childcare portion it's an ongoing issue throughout the County and State, looking at developing a substitute pool, just like a substitute pool for teachers
- ~Ashland Community Development Corporation (ACDC) Annual Meeting coming up September 15th, 2026 at the Carol Joy Holling – Hazel Dillon Lodge, Ashland – Alec from the Greater Omaha Chamber will be there to speak
- ~Zoom meeting with NDOT on September 4th regarding the 2 projects they are doing in the County; any Board members are welcome to join in
- ~Presented Placer.ai software quote to the Board, beneficial for the whole County, visitors where they are going and where they are coming from; visitors spend data; Ashland has used this in the past, used an Economic Development Grant from the County to purchase it, the County or Cities and Villages can contact Lily to get the information for their area, Lily is the only one that can pull the data, because the more users that have access to it would be more money, this program receives this information from cell phones
- ~Has emailed Village Clerks to set up meetings

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen to approve the purchase of Placer.ai software in the amount of \$18,950.00 to be re-evaluated in a year. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to approve the Special Designated Liquor License applications by 1) Andgo LLC, DBA: The Woodcliff Restaurant, for a wedding, September 18, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., at Heartland Country Barn, 1063 County Road U, Fremont and 2) PIVO'S Tavern for a wedding reception, September 12, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., at Heartland Country Barn, 1063 County Road U, Fremont and 3) El Paraiso Dorado Inc, for an End of Summer Celebration, October 3, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at Rancho Nuevo, 940 County Road 3, Ashland; and authorize the Chairman to sign the Local Recommendation Form. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Reece to approve the payroll for the September 4th 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 Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to approve the written county policy for miscellaneous and travel expenses with corrections as presented by Jennifer Joakim, County Attorney and Mac Rothe, Saunders County HR Director. Corrections are to the travel time; employees should get their regular daily hours for travel during the week, but not for weekend travel, they are traveling on behalf of the County, they should be paid their regular hours for the week and not be shorted. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Zaugg seconded by Thiessen to approve the minutes of the August 25th meeting and the August 25th Public Hearing for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

The Board met with Jose Jaimes, Interim Public Defender about the reimbursement claim he submitted.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Zaugg to convene in closed session at 10:42 a.m. for personnel (84-1410). Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Thiessen excused at 10:45 a.m.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Zaugg to adjourn from closed session and re-convene in regular meeting at 11:44 a.m. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. 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 posted prior to said meeting.

Chairman Lutton declared the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Saunders County Clerk

Chairman Board of Supervisors

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