

SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 18

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS September 22, 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 and Navarrette CPAs, discussed the budget process, the budget and the levy with the Board. Tax request for this year - \$13,979,305, Last year - \$13,515,716 of \$463,538 3.43% increase Valuations went up 10.53% Reduction in levy - last year .22670, this year .21210

Motion by Reece, seconded by Smaus to adopt Resolution #27-2026 appropriating funds to the various Elected and Appointed Officials and other various functions for the operation of County business for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. That said appropriated funds are adopted using a total tax levy rate of .212076. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Thiessen to approve the proposal from Kidwell for additional cameras in the amount of \$18,285.00. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Public Works Director reported on the following:

- ~Dirt Crew - working at County Road 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). Will be moving to County Road 28&V for a culvert repair.
- ~Contractor - Project 863 (Cedar Bluffs Paving Project) Contractor has finished patching County Road X. has started Milling work from County Road 25 going east.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Zaugg to convene as an Equalization Board at 9:36 a.m. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS September 22, 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 9:36 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 Hrdlicka, seconded by Smaus to approve application for exemptions from motor vehicle taxes by Calvin Crest Camp Conference and Retreat Center, Fremont. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, 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 Equalization were included in the agenda published or posted prior to said meeting.

Chairman Reece declared the meeting adjourned Sine Die at 9:38 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.

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Director of Facilities and Grounds reported on the following:

- ~Termites were found in the courthouse
- ~will be purchasing a new floor machine for the LEJC
- ~Bathrooms: plaster going on walls; marble installation is going slow
- ~Roof: with all of the rain, more leaks are popping up

Chase Manstedt – CFO/COO for Saunders Medical Center spoke to the board about the bonds, the amount of money in the fund. The hospital transfers to the County \$100,000.00 per month, to make sure that there are at least 18 months' worth of bond payments in the fund, per the Board's request when this was set up. The County Treasurer invests the money for the hospital. There are at least 6 years' worth of payments in there right now. He is requesting to pause making those payments for at least 3 years to be able to put that \$100,000.00 per month or \$1,200,000.00 per year towards projects at the hospital. Phase 1, adding on to the front of the hospital; Phase 2 redoing the therapy section; and Phase 3 surgical suite.

Motion by Smaus seconded by Reece to approve the request of Chase Manstedt, CFO/COO of Saunders Medical Center, to pause the \$100,000.00 per month transfers to the County for 3 years. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Ryan Hier of JEO spoke to the Board about the agreement they would have if JEO were to manage the office renovations at the Lake Wanahoo building and what that would entail.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Thiessen to add an emergency item to the agenda for BJA FY26 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies, this Grant needs to be signed and submitted by October 2nd, and the Board does not meet again until October 6th. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Thiessen to authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Application; BJA FY26 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies and for Amber Pelan to submit it. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Grand Anderson, Emergency Management Director reported on the following:

- ~There is a FEMA Grant available specifically for Emergency Operation Centers – it is a State Grant so NEMA would apply for it County would be a sub-recipient.
- ~Scheduled to do Capstone in November, it is the final step to get certified through NEMA and State of NE, plus taking other classes
- ~Grant and a few school administrators will be attending a safety summit in Omaha; regarding school security, school emergency planning, and school emergency response
- ~Gearing up for winter weather
- ~receiving requests to do tabletop exercises, School Districts, Municipalities, Hospital and a few others
- ~working to understand the process of flood waters, looking to get flood gauges online and adding some up north
- ~EM Pet Region – gave 50 radios to Saunders County – looking to get those distributed to people that maybe don't get good cell service where they live or maybe are financially struggling
- ~has talked to Mac about finding groups of volunteers, known as CERT "Community Emergency Response Team" Help out in Emergencies or disasters – support emergency management functions

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the proposed changes recommended to the travel/reimbursement policy. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Thiessen to approve the payroll for the October 2nd 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 Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to approve the Vendor Claims for the month of August, 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, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

HR Updates – October 1, Power DMS the policy tracking system should be live will involve training for employees
 Contemplating a Countywide subscription of Indeed
 Looking to get digitalized enrollment/employee navigator for AFLAC and looking at changing our AFLAC package
 Trying to get employee navigator for Medical Insurance as well, would like to get this done before open Enrollment
 Mac want to know what the Board wants her maternity leave to look like, do we get someone temporary to step in while she is gone, she only plans to be out a month

ALTEN – Do more treating of water to adjacent farms, have solidified 29,000 tons of sludge so far total will be 31,750
 Public Safety Radio System – Sidewalks for the towers for the Sabre fixes will be tomorrow morning

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Albrecht to approve the minutes of the September 15th board meeting and Fee and Activity Reports from the various offices for the month of August 2026. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hrdlicka to convene in closed session at 11:15 a.m. for personnel (84-1410). Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Thiessen to adjourn from closed session at 12:12 p.m. with no action taken and re-convene in regular meeting. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. 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 12:13 p.m.

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Saunders County Clerk

Chairman Board of Supervisors