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, November 17, 2026** in the Board of Supervisors 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:

County Government Day – Welcome of Students

Open Discussion from the Public

Public Works Director – Reports on maintenance/repairs of Roads and Bridges, Noxious Weed Dept. and County Transportation:
(1) • Authorize Chairman to sign updated Saunders County Public Transportation Passenger Handbook

Equalization:
- ∞ Valuation Corrections
- ∞ Approve Corrected Levy for Ashland Greenwood Public Schools – Bond Fund from .181443 to .18442 and QCPUF Fund from .010016 to .010015

Director of Facilities and Grounds – Reports on maintenance/repairs of grounds & buildings:
(2-4) • Discussion/Possible Action – ESRI for proposal of Damage Analysis Retainer Agreement

Discussion/Possible action - SMC Board of Trustees Vacancy

Mac Rothe, HR Director – recruiting/HRIS system proposal

(5-16) Lily Teeple – Saunders County Economic Development Director – November Update Economic Development
(17) * Discussion Possible Action Scope of Services – SENDD for Saunders County Economic Development

Tim Sopinski – Public Defender – update of office since being appointed

(18) Authorize Chairman to sign Certification Statement for the Countywide Cost Allocation Plan submitted by Maximus

Chris Lichtenberg – Co Sheriff, permission to do a reverse entry from the Sheriff's budget to the General Misc Budget

Planning & Zoning:
- ○ Discussion regarding Conditional Permit #9579 – M.E. Collins use of a Borrow Pit in 11-15-8, Marietta Twp.

Vendor Claims for the month of November

Payroll for the November 25th pay period

Discussion/Possible Action Quotes for Engineering Services for Wanahoo Office Building and Courthouse Roof

Carried over Items:
- * Sanctioning of Legal Holidays for Calendar Year 2027 into 2028 – waiting on negotiations with Union

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:
(19-32) ▪ Minutes of the October 20th & October 27th meeting

Committee Reports

Meeting Dates – (**Nov.** 24 - **Dec.** 1,15&22 – **Jan.** 5, Reorg. 19,&26)

~~Closed Session~~
- ❖ Jail Administrator
- ❖ Jose Jaimes – Deputy Public Defender

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

Posted 11.9.26 8:50 a.m.
Updated 11.10.26 10:28 a.m.
Updated 11.12.26 2:56 p.m.
Final Update 11.13.26 3:51 p.m.

SAUNDERS COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
PASSENGER HANDBOOK INFORMATION

PASSENGER HANDBOOK

I am requesting approval of the updated Passenger Handbook. I have updated the Handbook to include more detailed information for the riders. It includes the following information:

- INTRODUCTION:
  - General information at a glance
- SERVICE DESCRIPTION:
  - Description of demand response
  - Included service map
  - Added information regarding electronic payments (ePass & Pass Card for Trip Master)
  - More information regarding a Personal Care Attendant (PSA)
- TRIP RESERVATION PROCEDURES:
  - Included description of a subscription service
- PICK UP & TRAVEL PROCEDURES:
  - Expanded on information for Door-To-Door Service, transporting packages and baggage, transporting animals, and wheelchair securement.
- VIOLATIONS/DENIALS:
  - List of conduct that will lead to denial of services
- GENERAL PROVISIONS:
  - Added a reasonable modification section

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Retainer Agreement

Forensic Storm Damage Analysis
Site Condition Assessment

This signed agreement confirms that Engineering Specialists, Inc. (ESI) has been retained by the undersigned on behalf of the Saunders County Courthouse, to provide forensic storm damage analysis, site condition assessment, and structural engineering services to determine the extent of storm related damage/destruction to the building structure and site located at 433 N Chestnut Street, Wahoo, NE 68066.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that (s)he has the authority to retain ESI to provide the aforementioned services, and this retention has been made with the full consent of the client and the owner of the property listed above.

The nature and scope of the services to be provided by ESI shall be agreed upon and between the parties prior to the acceptance of this assignment and commencement of any work performed by ESI. All services provided by ESI shall be provided on a fixed fee and expense basis in accordance with the ESI's estimated cost of services as listed below, in effect on the date of execution of this document.

The parties agree that Saunders County shall be the sole source of payment of all fees and expenses for forensic storm damage analysis, site condition assessment, and structural engineering services to be provided by ESI. The undersigned further acknowledges that payment shall be made in a timely manner in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. An initial retainer fee of ($8,250.00) 50% of estimated cost of investigation, at a fixed fee not less than a dollar amount of $16,500.00 will be due immediately and payable by Saunders County upon acceptance of this assignment.

2. The retainer fee and this signed agreement should be submitted to ESI's home office, 15858 W Dodge Rd, Suite 300, Omaha, NE 68118, promptly, in order that work might continue on this matter. This retainer will be applied to the final invoice issued to this specific file.

3. ESI will submit to Saunders County or other authorized representative service invoices at the end of each calendar month. All service invoices are due and payable immediately upon receipt and no later than 15 calendar days from the date of issue, or the client's bill will be subject to an unconditional applied late payment fee of $250.00 per whole or partial month the payment is late in being received by ESI.

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4. The parties agree that Saunders County shall make payment of any invoiced charges for services provided, expenses incurred, and late fees accrued on any past due service invoice.

5. ESI will make reasonable attempt to minimize the cost of all expenses incurred on the client's behalf. Any expenses incurred in the handling of any assignment shall be charged by ESI at actual cost plus a 25% handling and carrying charge or in accordance with ESI's current rate of $375.00 per hour (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday) for forensic storm damage analysis, site condition assessment, and structural engineering services to determine the extent of storm related damage to the building structure as listed above. Any additional travel-related expenses beyond the initial site visit for litigation purposes, mediation, appraisal, or meeting review visits with the insurance entity and/or other parties will be charged to the Saunders County for scheduled (with 20 days advance notice) site visits and coordinated work for the investigation with 20 days advance notice.

6. The forensic storm damage analysis, site condition assessment, and structural engineering assessment of the subject building shall include a report by a certified environmental specialist, mechanical engineer to review mechanical equipment and a structural engineer to evaluate the exterior elevations and roof covering with photographic documentation of all storm related damage to the exterior and interior of the building structure.

7. Work beyond the scope of this agreement, unscheduled travel without 21 days' advance notice or any additional site visits necessitated by the client beyond the original scope of work shall be requested in writing and will be charged at a rate of $375.00 per hour and cost of related travel expenses plus 25% handling charge.

8. ESI reserves the right to submit any invoices, which are thirty (30) days or more past due to a collection agency or an attorney for collection. In the event it becomes necessary to retain a collection agency or an attorney to collect any past due invoices, Saunders County will be held responsible for any collection agency or attorney fees and court costs related to collection efforts in addition to any amounts past due. If it becomes necessary, the proper venue for any suit for collection will be in the location of ESI's home office, Omaha, Nebraska.

9. By the signature below, Saunders County hereby agrees that all invoices shall be paid in full and in a timely manner without regard to the investigative findings, testing results, deposition or trial testimony provided, the findings of any litigation procedure or any failure of a third party, client, or related interest, to pay the undersigned.

10. ESI may receive and otherwise be exposed to confidential and proprietary information relating to Saunders County Courthouse Building and their cases. ESI acknowledges the confidential and secret character of client information and agrees that the information shall remain confidential and proprietary information.

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By our signatures below, each of us confirms that each has read and understands the above Forensic Analysis and Site Investigation Service for evaluation of storm related damage retainer agreement and that each agrees to abide by the stated and implied conditions for retaining ESI's services in the above matter.

Saunders County
Nick Wiese, Director Facilities & Ground
387 North Chestnut Street
Wahoo, NE 68066

Printed Name_____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Insurance Co._____ Policy Number _____

Claim Number _____ Type of Policy _____

Structure Commercial Loss Wind/Hail Date of Loss _____

ENGINEERING SPECIALISTS INCORPORATED

Printed Name_____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

S. Anthony Siahpush, President
Certified Environmental Specialist
Engineering Specialists Inc.
15858 West Dodge Road
Suite #300
Omaha NE 68118
402-571-8800

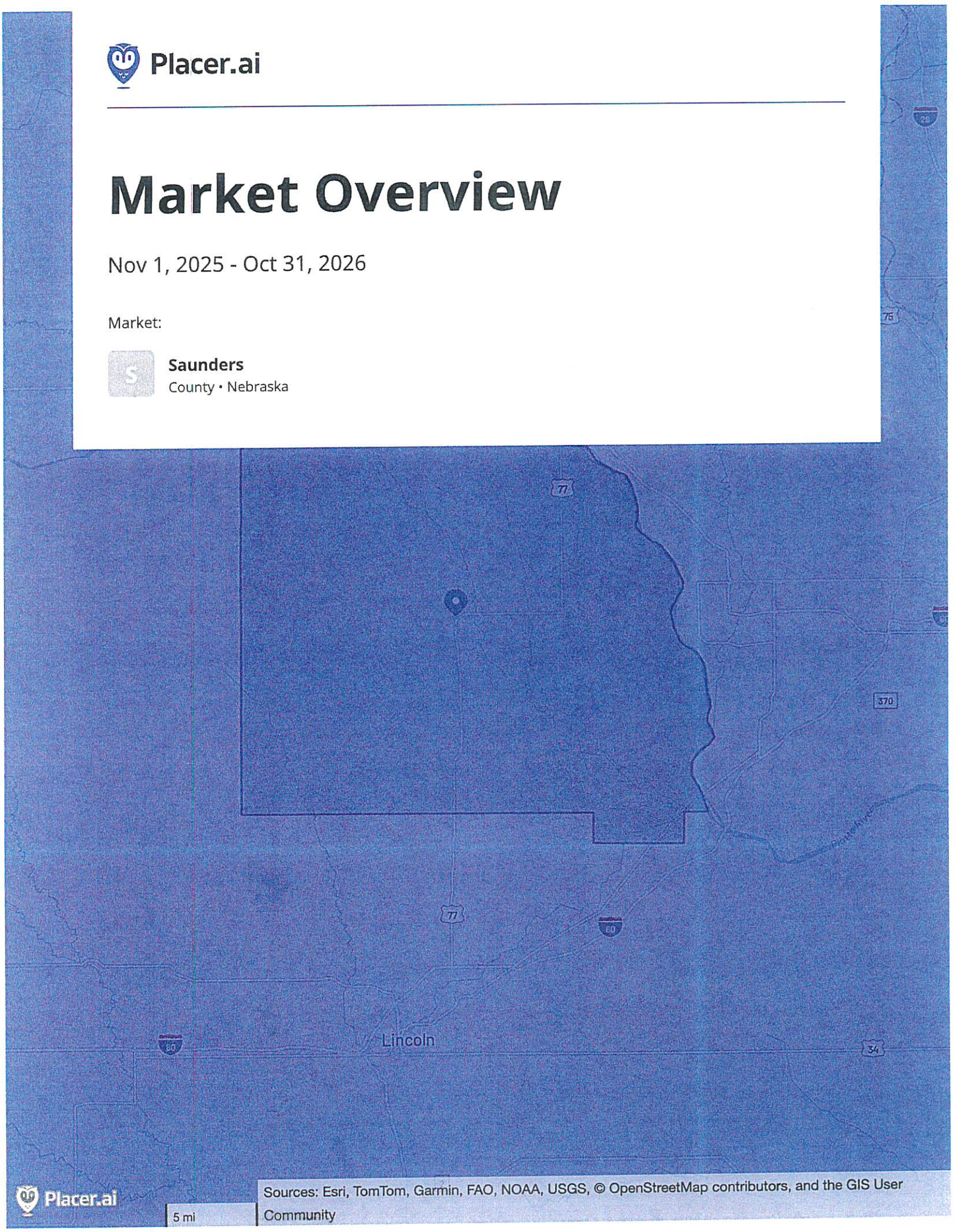
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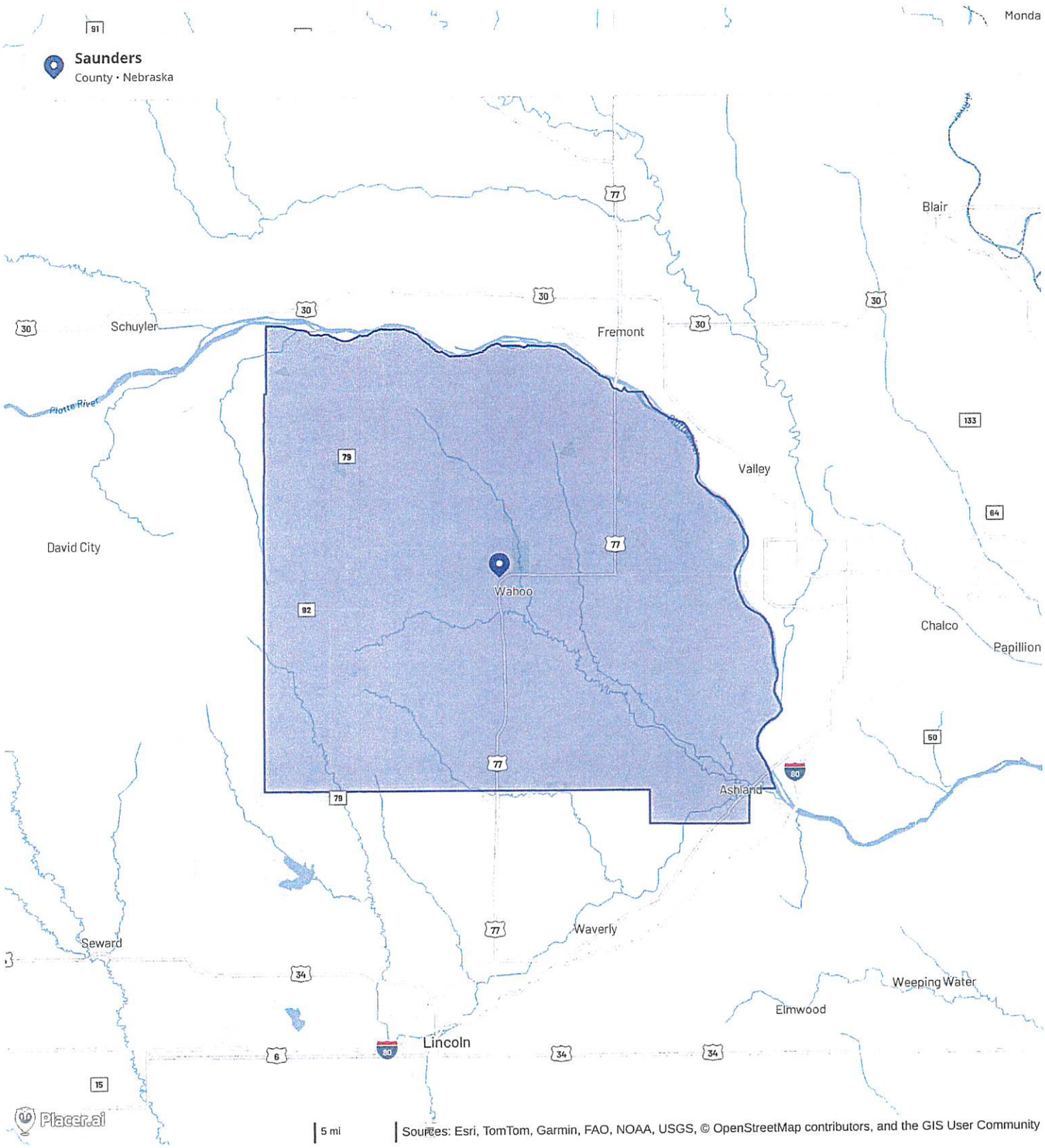
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Market Population Metrics

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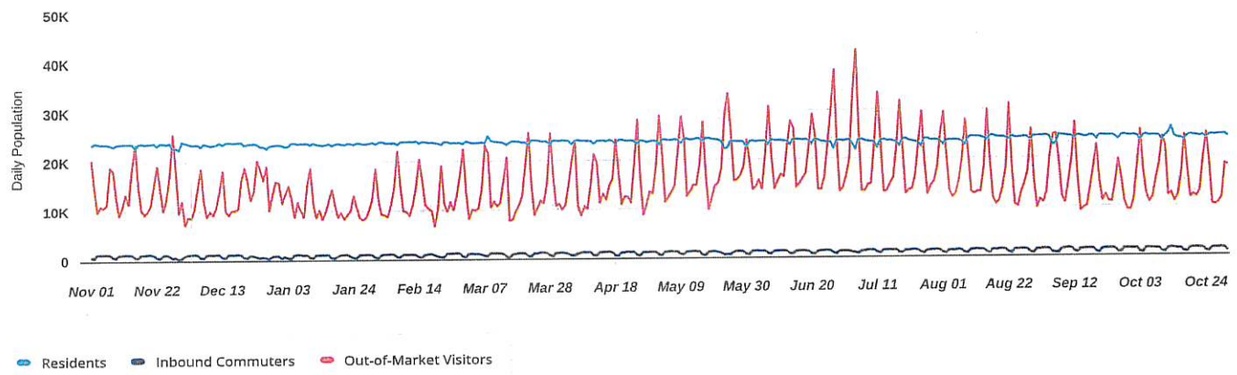
Resident Population (Census 2024)	23K (+1.3% vs. 2023)	Employees	8.5K (-4.4% YOY)
Out-of-Market Visitors	1.2M (+1.6% YOY)	Daytime Population (STI: Workplace 2025)	16.5K
Non-Resident Visits	6M (+2% YOY)		

Compared to: 1 Year Ago | Nov 1st, 2025 - Oct 31st, 2026
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Top Visited Places

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Rank	Name	City	Total Visits
1	**Ashland Brewing Company** 810 S 9th Ave, Ashland, NE 68003	Ashland	131.4K
2	**Saunders Medical Center** 1760 County Rd J, Wahoo, NE 68066	Wahoo	110.8K
3	**Saunders County Fairgrounds** 635 E 1st St, Wahoo, NE 68066	Wahoo	64.3K
4	**Fariner Bakery** 120 N 14th St, Ashland, NE 68003	Ashland	57.5K
5	**Country Drive Golf Course** 951 Co Rd 4, Ashland, NE 68003	Ashland	52.9K
6	**Rusty Rooster Saloon** 411 2nd St, Yutan, NE 68073	Yutan	51.2K
7	**Bottom Road Bar** 119-201 Maud St, Morse Bluff, NE 68648	Morse Bluff	47.5K
8	**The Weekend Lakeside Bar & Grill** 339 Thomas Lake Rd, Ashland, NE 68003	Ashland	47.3K
9	**Chip's Restaurant & Bar** 1499 N Chestnut St, Wahoo, NE 68066	Wahoo	41.9K
10	**Azria Health** 1700 Furnas St, Ashland, NE 68003	Ashland	41.6K

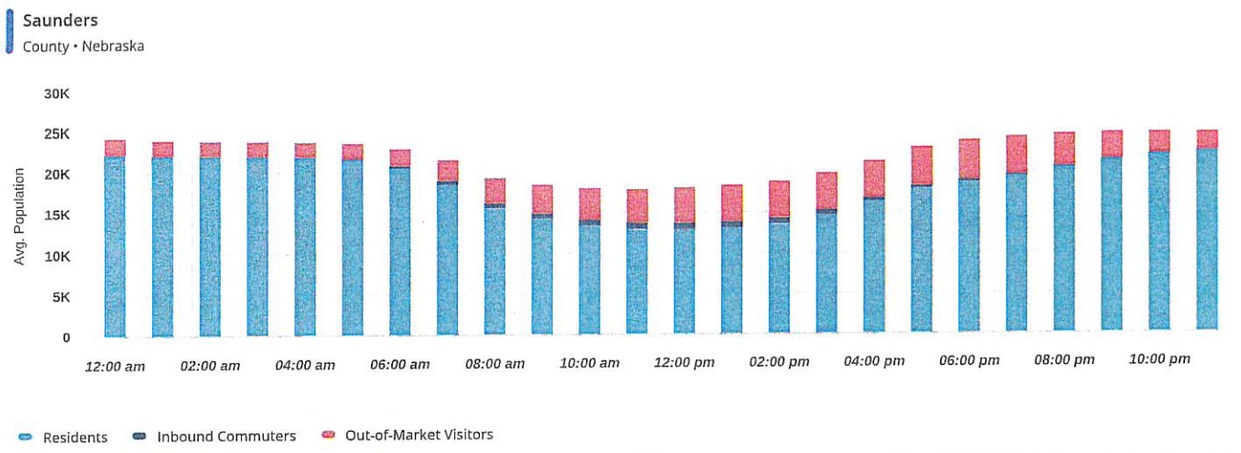
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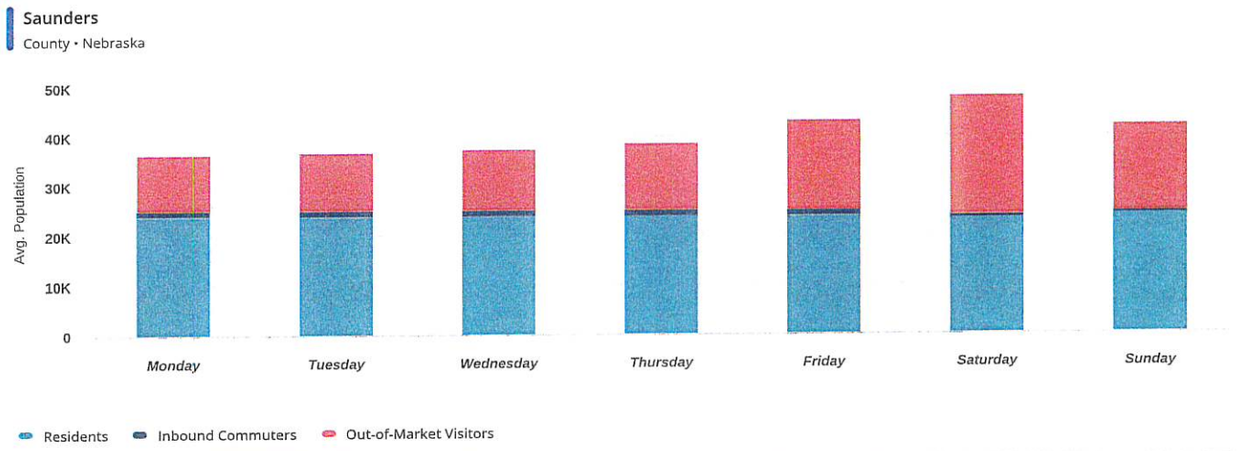
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Hourly Activity



Avg. Population | Nov 1st, 2025 - Oct 31st, 2026
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Daily Activity



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Market Visitors

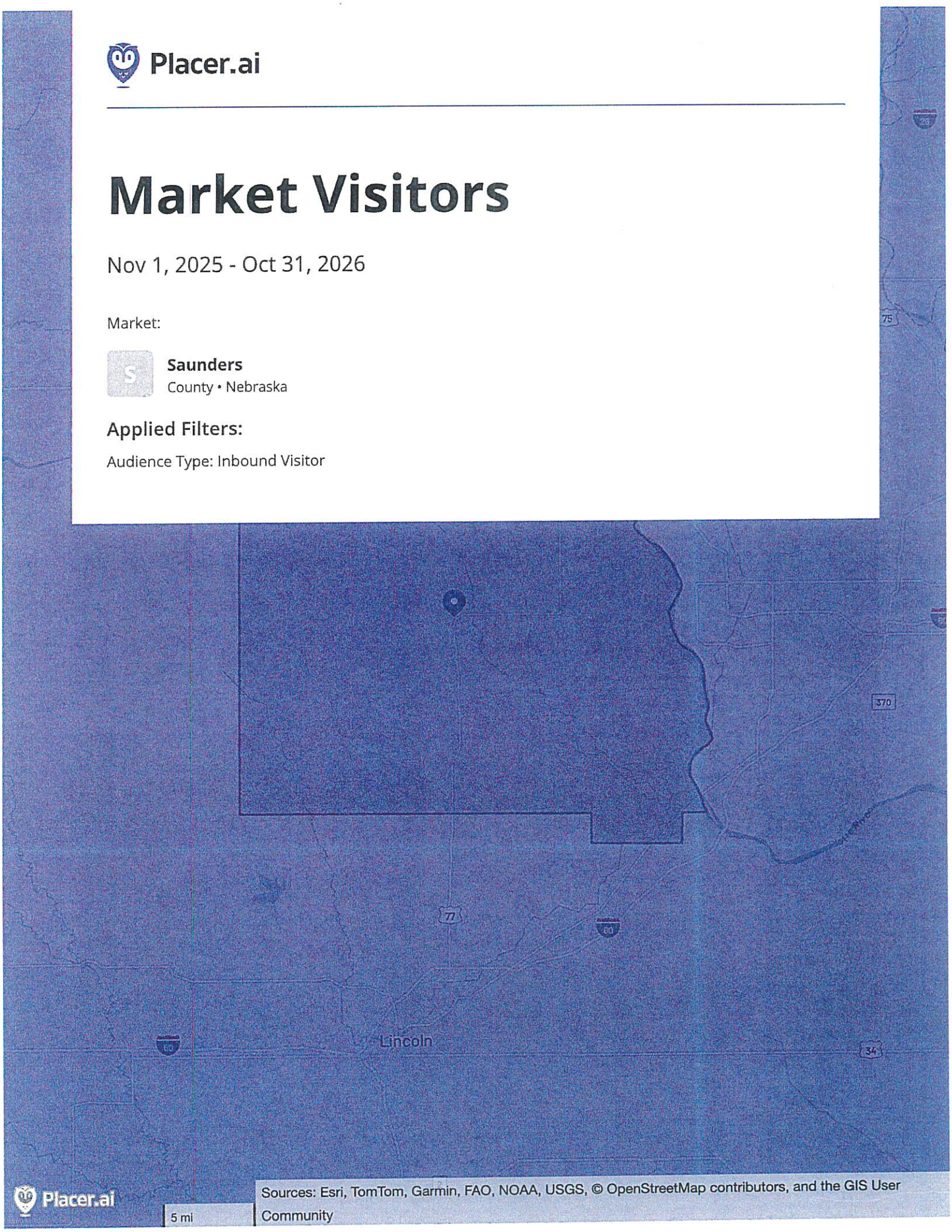
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Applied Filters:

Audience Type: Inbound Visitor



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Visitation Metrics

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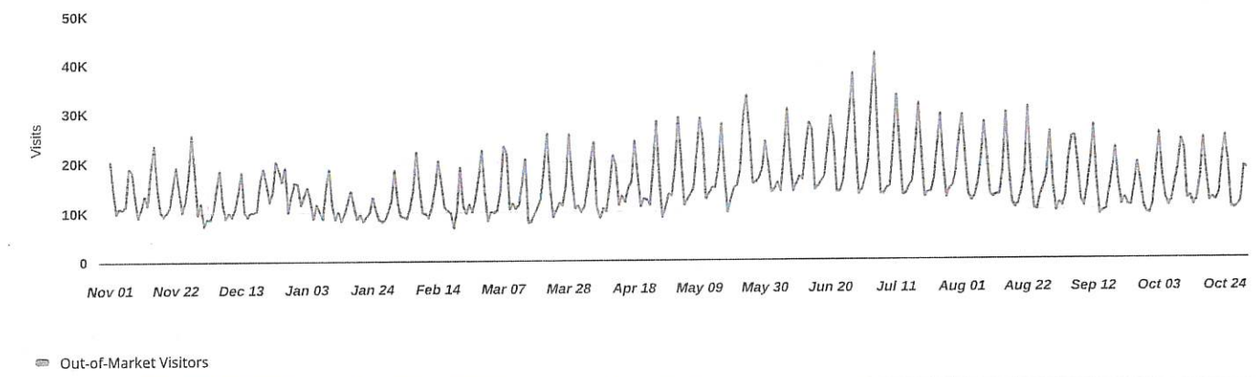
Out-of-Market Visitors	1.2M (+1.6% YOY)	Visits	5.6M (+2% YOY)
Avg. Days in Market	4.6	Avg. Daily Time Spent in Market	241 min
Median Daily Time Spent in Market	110 min		

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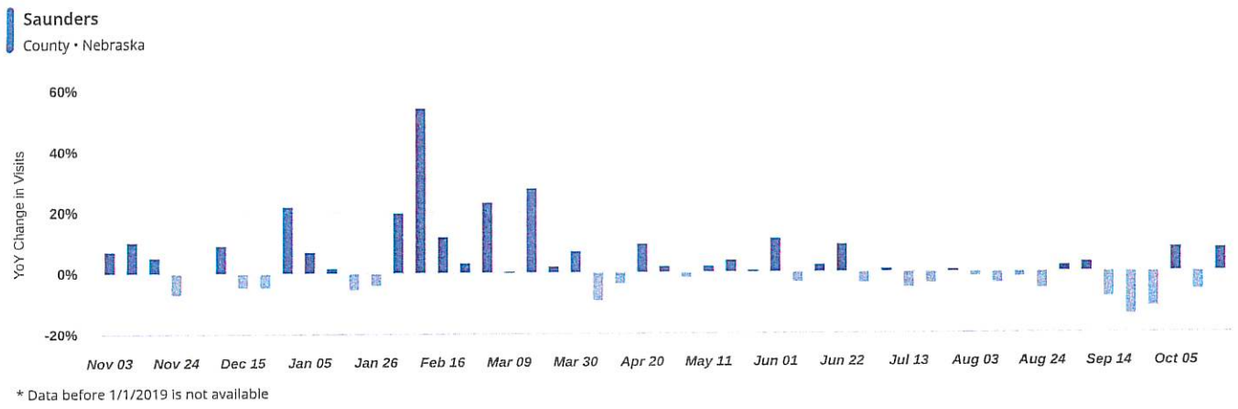
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Visits Variance



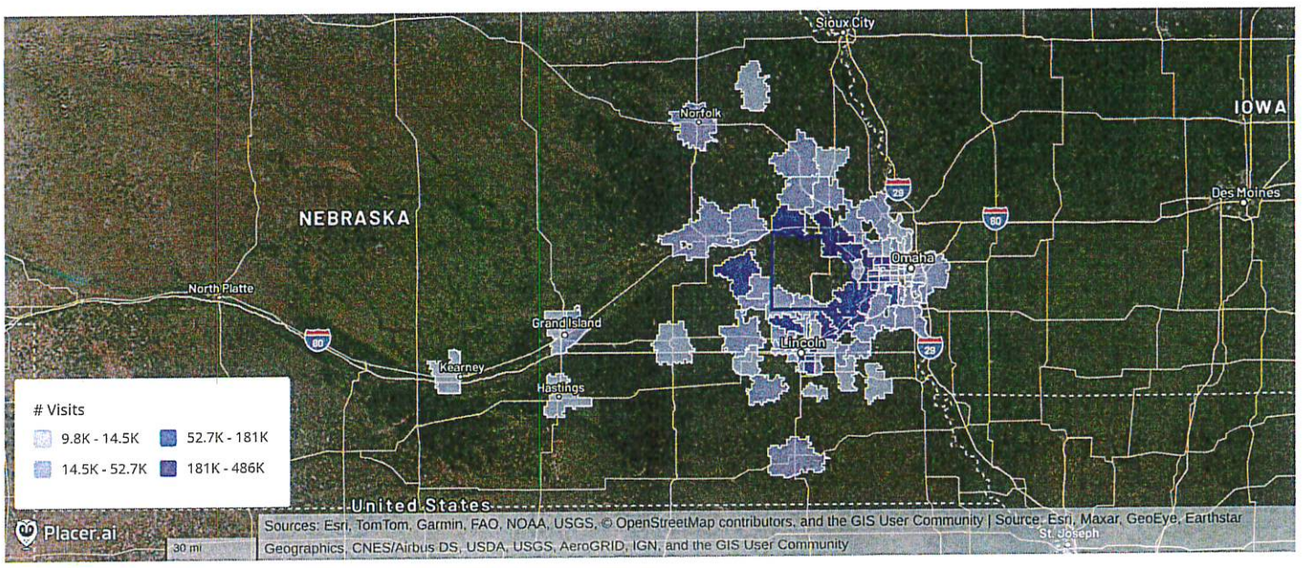
* Data before 1/1/2019 is not available

Weekly | Compared to: 1 Year Ago | Nov 1st, 2025 - Oct 31st, 2026
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Visitor Origins



Zip Codes	Visits (% of Total)
68025 Fremont, NE	486K (8.6%)
68022 Omaha, NE	184K (3.3%)
68521 Lincoln, NE	169K (3%)
68028 Gretna, NE	137K (2.4%)
68516 Lincoln, NE	133K (2.4%)
68135 Omaha, NE	116K (2.1%)
68136 Omaha, NE	103K (1.8%)

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Zip Codes	Visits (% of Total)
68116 Omaha, NE	95.7K (1.7%)
68130 Omaha, NE	90.5K (1.6%)
68462 Waverly, NE	88.5K (1.6%)

Visits | * Showing data for top 10 Zip Codes of of this market | Nov 1st, 2025 - Oct 31st, 2026
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Visitors' Top Places

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Rank	Name	City	Total Visitors
1	**Ashland Brewing Company** 810 S 9th Ave, Ashland, NE 68003	Ashland	126.8K (10.25%)
2	**Glacial Till Cider House & Tasting Room** 1419 Silver St, Ashland, NE 68003	Ashland	41.4K (3.34%)
3	**Fariner Bakery** 120 N 14th St, Ashland, NE 68003	Ashland	36.1K (2.92%)
4	**The Weekend Lakeside Bar & Grill** 339 Thomas Lake Rd, Ashland, NE 68003	Ashland	33K (2.67%)
5	**Cellar 426 Winery** 1402 Dennis Dean Rd, Ashland, NE 68003	Ashland	31.5K (2.55%)
6	**Rusty Rooster Saloon** 411 2nd St, Yutan, NE 68073	Yutan	29K (2.34%)
7	**BW's Pub & Grill** 115 N 14th St, Ashland, NE 68003	Ashland	23.5K (1.9%)
8	**Bottom Road Bar** 119-201 Maud St, Morse Bluff, NE 68648	Morse Bluff	23K (1.86%)
9	**Ernie's In Ceresco** 318 S 2nd St, Ceresco, NE 68017	Ceresco	21.2K (1.71%)
10	**Luna Azul Mexican Restaurant** 202 Us-6, Ashland, NE 68003	Ashland	20.9K (1.68%)

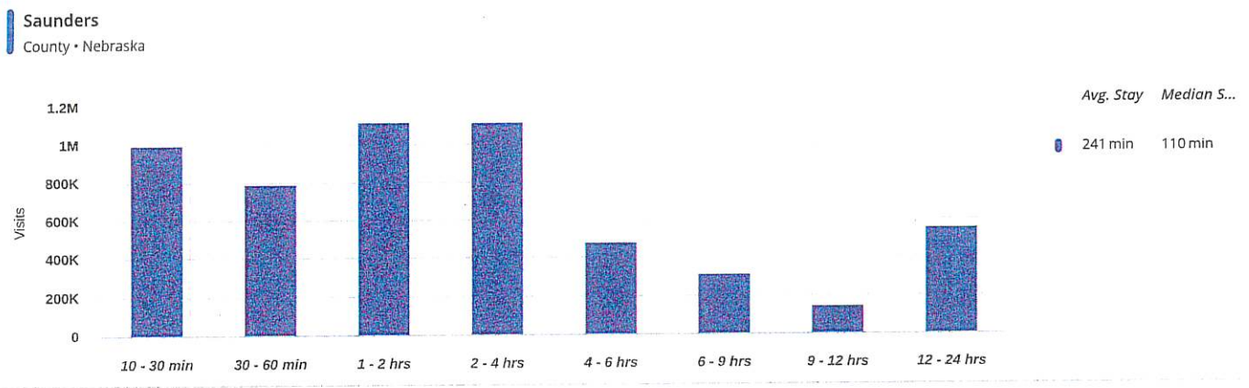
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Daily Time Spent In Market



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DRAFT FOR NOVEMBER 17 2026 BOARD DISCUSSION

Saunders County Economic Development Scope of Services

Prepared for Lily Teeple by Amanda Staab, Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD)

Purpose

SENDD would facilitate four or five economic development listening sessions focused on how Saunders County can help businesses start, stay and grow. The sessions would identify what limits business growth and where county action could make a difference.

Proposed Services

Plan the sessions. Review the supervisors' economic development priorities with Lily. Select locations across the county and recruit business owners and employers, with targeted outreach beyond Ashland and Wahoo. Prepare a discussion guide, invitations and a brief overview of county business services.

Facilitate the discussions. Lead sessions of up to 90 minutes with business owners, employers, municipal leaders, economic development partners and participating County Supervisors. Ask what would help businesses open, stay or expand. Discuss workforce, financing, available sites or buildings, and infrastructure where it directly affects business growth.

Deliver a final report. Summarize barriers and opportunities for business growth across the county. Compare what businesses identify with the supervisors' priorities. Recommend three to five first-year actions with suggested leads and timing. Include one round of revisions after Lily's review.

Estimated Fees and Mileage

Activity	Four sessions	Five sessions
Kickoff and discussion guide	6 hours	6 hours
Outreach materials and coordination	5 hours	5 hours
Session preparation, facilitation, travel time and notes	20 hours	25 hours
Analysis, final report and one revision	11 hours	11 hours
Estimated labor total	42 hours / $4,200	47 hours / $4,700
Estimated mileage at $0.76 per mile	240 mi / $182.40	300 mi / $228.00
Estimated total with mileage	**$4,382.40**	**$4,928.00**

Labor is estimated at $100 per hour. The mileage budget assumes one 60-mile round trip from Lincoln per session and uses the IRS business rate for July through December 2026 as a benchmark. Mileage would be billed for actual miles driven at the rate agreed before kickoff.

Schedule and Responsibilities

Allow six to eight weeks from kickoff, depending on availability. Lily would provide existing materials, coordinate venues and distribute invitations. The estimate allows five staff hours per session. Confirm any other direct expenses before kickoff.

Begin with four sessions. Add a fifth if a part of the county or a business sector would otherwise be underrepresented. The final report can inform a future countywide economic development strategy.

maximus

September 30, 2026

Ms. Dee Anne Nice
Saunders County Clerk
387 N Chestnut, Suite
1 Wahoo, NE 68066

Dear Ms. Nice:

Enclosed is Saunders County's completed Countywide Cost Allocation Plan based on actual costs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

Also enclosed are the following indirect cost rate computations for the County's July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 fiscal year:

Clerk of the District Court - The rate for FY 2027 is 26.23 percent.
This compares to a rate of 36.53 percent for FY 2026.

County Attorney - The rate for FY 2027 is 71.83 percent.
This compares to a rate of 62.32 percent for FY 2026.

A copy of the indirect cost rate computations and a brief analysis of the rate changes have been furnished to the Clerk of the District Court and to the County Attorney.

We are continuing to track any costs for the NDHHS office in the courthouse in the event they are reinstated. Please have the Chairman of the Board sign the Certification Statement and return it to us at the address below.

If you have any questions on the cost plan, or anything else I can answer for you, please call me at (217) 789-0041 or email me at alisonyeakey@maximus.com.

Again, it is a pleasure working with you and I hope to see you next year!

Sincerely yours,

Alison Yeakey

Senior Consultant
MAXIMUS Consulting Services, Inc.

Enclosures

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS
October 20, 2026

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

Chairman Lutton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. informed the public of the location of the Open Meetings Act & Title VI Policy Statement (Clerk's Desk).

Julie Ogden of JEO on behalf of the Village of Ceresco & Joan Lindgren, Clerk, Village of Ceresco, annexations, want the County to cede jurisdiction, for zoning ETJ of 1 ¼ mile.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Albrecht to cede zoning jurisdiction as requested by the Village of Ceresco. Voting yes were Reece, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Public Works Director reported on the following:
~Dirt Crew – Working on flood repairs. 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 on Flood Repairs. Working at project (880) Ceresco West) County Road 20&A&Ashland Road is complete and open to the public. Will be moving to County Road 28&V for a culvert repair.
~Contractor – Project 863 (Cedar Bluffs Paving Project) Milling, trenching and mainline are underway

Discussion was had about purchasing two Motor Graders and a Skid Loader.

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Reece to authorize the Highway Department to purchase two new motor graders and a new skid loader with a mulching kit. Voting yes were Thiessen, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were Zaugg and Albrecht. Motion carried.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
PROCEEDINGS
October 20, 2026

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

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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 (Clerk's Desk).

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Zaugg to approve Tax Corrections 6092-6093 as submitted by the County Assessor. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Thiessen to approve the Valuation Correction as submitted by the County Assessor. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Zaugg to levy the Tax Rates for 2026 pursuant to Statute 77-1601 to levy the necessary taxes for operation of all functions of county government and also all levies necessary to fund the tax requests certified under Statute 77-1632 that are authorized as provided in Statute 77-3442 to 77-3444, for taxing year 2026 (see attached). Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, 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 Equalization were included in the agenda published or posted prior to said meeting.

Chairman Reece declared the meeting adjourned Sine Die at 9:43 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Saunders County Clerk

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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:
~Evaporator Leak in the Walk-in cooler in the jail - $5,000.00 to repair
~No more activity with termites
~1st & 2nd floor bathrooms were backed up
~Painters were finishing up yesterday
~looking at getting a couple new snowblowers; newest one purchased in 2017; new ones will be $5,000.00 to $6,000.00 Each

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Zaugg to approve Application #1484 by Thomas Family Trust to move fill within floodplain for recently approved Thomas Lakes 6th Addition, 7-13-10, Clear Creek Township. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded Thiessen to approve Annual Review of MP#8909 by Bruce Williams for a Poultry CAFO. Voting yes were Reece, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Zaugg to set a public hearing for November 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for Application #1493 by Josh Girmus, Placid Estates Final Plat (Formally known as Knuth Subdivision 1st Addition), Parcel #001855003, 28-24-7, Stocking Township. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Reece to authorize the Chairman to sign the annual Hospital License Renewal Applications for the Saunders Medical Center for Critical Access and Long-Term Care Facilities. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Thiessen to approve the Vendor Claims for the month of October, 2026. Vendor Claims for the month of September, 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 Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Albrecht to approve claim #2610000094 to Lutton Law Office in the amount of $2,387.50. Vendor Claims for the month of September, 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 Smaus, Reece, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Lutton abstained. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to appoint Tom Hrdlicka as Designee to vote for NACO officers at the NACO Annual Conference in the absence of the Chairman. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

ALTEN: Meeting coming up
Public Safety Radios – Generators being installed at Cedar Bluffs and Prague – T-Mobile Contract signed

Newly Appointed Public Defender Tim Sopinski introduced himself, graduated law school in 1997, has been a prosecutor & a defense attorney. He was Public Defender in Lancaster County, Deputy County Attorned & Chief Deputy County Attorney for Dodge County. He will start November 2nd, 2026

Motion by Reece, seconded by Zaugg to approve the Public Defender Contract and Authorize Chairman to sign. Voting yes were Reece, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Thiessen to approve the minutes of the October 6th meeting. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Retreat was a success – time well spent – will use NRD building next year
Zaugg – big meeting – Stan Kaiser – Flood Control

Motion by Reece, seconded by Albrecht to convene in closed session at 10:19 a.m. for personnel (84-1410). Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, seconded by Reece to adjourn from closed session at 10:58 a.m. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, 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 10:59 a.m.

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Chairman Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS
October 27, 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).

Public Works Director reported on the following:
~Dirt Crew – Working on flood repairs. 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 County Road 6&F&G installing 60"x80' CMP. Will be moving to County Road 28&V for a culvert repair.
~Contractor – Project 863 (Cedar Bluffs Paving Project) Milling, trenching and mainline are underway

Motion by Reece, seconded by Hrdlicka to adopt **Resolution #30-2026**, authorizing the Chairman to sign the Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent for Determining Incentive Payment for January 1, 2026 thru December 31, 2026. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Director of Facilities and Grounds reported on the following:
~Punch list meeting, several little things that need fixed
~Contracts – Boiler, Water Heaters, circulating pumps – Hayes extend 3 years $6,000.00 per year; Battery Backup for dispatch and jail doors – Vertiv $6,000.00 per year; TV System in LEJC - $2,000.00 per year

Amber Scanlon, Saunders County Treasurer presented the Board with the Annual Distress Warrants Report

Grant Anderson, Emergency Management Director reported on the following:
~ Disaster Declaration submitted to the Feds (FEMA) by NEMA – hopefully see something within the next 3 to 6 months
~ Public loss for $15 million, between Saunders, Lancaster, Douglas, Sarpy and Cass. Saunders alone about $500,000.00
~ Spent a lot of time with the NRD – quite the learning experience – NRD has so much infrastructure in the County
~ Discussed Stan Kaiser's watershed
~ Not a lot of help out there for personal property
~Camp Ashland – Fuse Plug washed out & flooded it
~Salt Creek has record water

Jerry Charles, County Surveyor spoke to the Board about establishing a County Boundary along the Platte River, other Counties have done this – the Board would like him to pursue this

Mac Rothe, HR Director spoke to the Board about AFLAC Benefits – better plan, lower rates, going from individual plan To a group plan – it is set up online – 4 different plans

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Reece to authorize the HR Director to implement a new AFLAC program, open enrollment is in November, new plan will begin January 1. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Albrecht to approve the Payroll for the October 30th pay period and November 13th pay periods. 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.

ALTEN – Meeting next Wednesday
Public Safety Radio System – Motorola started testing throughout the county – 95% coverage not good enough doing More testing
DHHS – ongoing discussion

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Reece to add an emergency item to the agenda. Approval for Chair to sign BJA FY 2026 Rural Violent Crime Initiative grant and certification statement. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Thiessen to authorize Chair to sign BJA FY 2026 Rural Violent Crime Initiative grand and certification statement. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Hrdlicka to accept fee/activity reports from various offices for the month of September. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Proceed with contracts, Board wants to look at; need to proceed with Wanahoo Building, need to hire a formal engineer/architect for the roof project on the courthouse – tile roof will be less than expected; copper needs replaced/fixed; will be changing signage above office doors

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hrdlicka to convene in closed session at 10:29 a.m. for Personnel (84-1410). Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Hrdlicka to adjourn from closed session at 11:15 a.m. with no action taken. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. 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 11:16 a.m.

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Chairman Board of Supervisors