

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – November 18, 2024
(edited – official proceedings on file Clerk’s office)

A meeting of the Board of Equalization of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on November 18, 2024, at 8:00 AM in the County Commissioner’s room in Stanton, Nebraska.

Present upon roll call were Douglas Huttman, Dennis Kment and Duane Rehak, Board of Equalization. Wanda Heermann, County Clerk, was also present.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on November 13, 2024, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance to the Board members, a copy of their acknowledgement of the receipt of notice and the agenda being attached to these minutes.

All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Doug Oertwich, commissioner elect, attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Kment, who announced that the open meetings act is posted on the wall in the commissioner’s room and a copy may be obtained from the county clerk’s office upon request.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve the agenda. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2024, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

No corrections sheets or no listings of clerical errors were presented for approval.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to adjourn and set the next meeting for December 16, 2024, at 8:00 AM. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

/s/ Dennis Kment, Chairman, Board of Equalization, Stanton County, Nebraska
Attest: /s/ Wanda Heermann, County Clerk

COMMISSIONER’S PROCEEDINGS – November 18, 2024
(edited – official proceedings on file Clerk’s office)

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on November 18, 2024, at 8:15 AM in the County Commissioner’s room in Stanton, Nebraska.

Present upon roll call were Douglas Huttman, Dennis Kment and Duane Rehak, Board of Commissioners. Wanda Heermann, County Clerk was also present.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on November 13, 2024, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance to the Board members, a copy of their acknowledgement of the receipt of notice and the agenda being attached to these minutes.

All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Doug Oertwich, commissioner elect, attended the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America the meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM by Chairman Kment, who announced that the open meetings act is posted on the wall in the Commissioner’s room and a copy may be obtained from the County Clerk’s office upon request.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve the agenda. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2024, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Craig Nelson, Exec Dir NIRMA – NIRMA Board Vacancy; Craig Nelson, Exec Dir NIRMA – NIRMA Dividend Distribution; Martin Marietta – material price increase effective Jan 1, 2025; Titan Machinery – customer appreciation flyer.

W. Bert Lammler, county attorney, and Mike Unger, county sheriff, joined the meeting.

Kylee Klug, member of the safety committee, appeared before the county board. Discussion was held on the safety meeting topics. Kylee informed the county board of CPR classes for county employees to be held at the beginning of next year. Discussion was held on updating the lighting for the front entrance and possible edging of the stair steps. The county clerk will speak to Ryan about the lights and stairs. Discussion was held on the drug/alcohol testing site and the possible change of testing site beginning next year. The county clerk will contact another site and set up an account for testing.

Sandy Zoubek, county treasurer, and Bullet Beaudette, representative of Murphy Tractor, joined the meeting.

The matter coming before the county board was a discussion to approve the 2025 Holidays. Sandy asked the board to consider closing the Juneteenth Holiday because the federal and state governments are closed this day and if the state systems fails there would no one to call for assistance. The county board reviewed a note from Amber Happold, county assessor, stating her office would be observing all federal and state holidays. A discussion was held on the pros and cons of the additional holiday. The county board advised those in attendance that 12½ holidays are currently observed by Stanton County.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve the county holidays for 2025 as follows: January 1 - New Year’s Day (Wednesday); January 20 - Martin Luther King Day; February 17 - President’s Day; April 25 - Arbor Day (Friday); May 26 - Memorial Day; June 19* - Juneteenth Day (Thursday) [*recognized holiday - courthouse open - no paid day off*]; July 4 - Independence Day (Friday); September 1 - Labor Day; October 13 - Columbus Day observed; November 11 - Veterans’ Day (Tuesday); November 27 & 28 - Thanksgiving Holiday (Thursday & Friday); December 24 - Christmas Eve (1/2 day – close Noon) (Wednesday); December 25 - Christmas Day (Thursday). Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Bert Lamkli presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a Foundation Grant Agreement. A discussion was held on the MOU and conditions of the grant for the Veterans Memorial Park on property owned by Stanton County. The Veterans Memorial Park has been approved for a grant in support of the park project. The grant is conditioned upon securing a commitment from Stanton County, Nebraska to maintain the park grounds and improvements thereon and pay for utilities and liability insurance.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding Foundation Grant Agreement. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried. [MOU Agreement on file Clerk's office].

Ken (Bullet) Beaudette, representative of Murphy Tractor & Equipment, appeared before the county board at the request of Commissioner Huttman. Bullet presented a quote (state bid) for a 772G Motor Grader with 6-wheel drive in the amount of \$420,800.00, 7yr/7,000hr warranty and trade-in allowance of \$62,000.00 for a 2014 JD 770G Motor Grader. Discussion was held on the machine, warranty and 60-day delivery date. It was also noted that there would be an additional \$2,400.00 for 17.5" tires instead of the standard 14" tires if requested.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to purchase the JD 772G Motor Grader, 6-wheel drive with 7yr/7,000hr warranty, 17.5" tires and trade-in of a 2014 JD 770G Motor Grader in the amount of \$361,200.00 (\$420,800.00 + 2,400.00 - 62,000.00 = \$361,200.00) with an expected 60-day delivery date. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Mark Mainelli, Highway Superintendent, joined the meeting. Mark advised the county board that the construction work has been completed on FEMA site 18 and site 22. The final construction and engineering costs will need to be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement of the repairs to the sites caused by the 2019 Flood. Discussion was held on the CBMP funding submission. A general discussion was held on road and bridge projects.

The county board informed Mark of damage to county bridge no. 11315 located between 24-24-1 and 19-24-2 on 564 Ave. Mark will write a report on the cost of the damage which will need to be submitted to the person/persons responsible for reimbursement of the damage to the county bridge.

Discussion continued on the blind intersection located at 840 Rd and 564 Ave. Mark informed the county board that the road cannot be moved to the north because of power and gas lines and proposed a stop sign be installed. Mark stated he will be drafting a letter with the decision to install a Stop Sign and necessary signage on the corner of 840 Rd and 564 Ave for the traffic traveling south. When the letter is received the county board will need to adopt and approve.

Mike Froberg, emergency manager, joined the meeting. Discussion was held on the Stanton County HMP final draft and LEOP. Mike informed the county board that FEMA released the FFY 2025 thresholds for public assistance. In order to pursue a federal declaration, the State must surpass \$3,707,242.00. The FFY 2025 disaster county threshold for Stanton County is \$27,574.24.

Randi Hale, representative of Nebraska Machinery, appeared before the county board at the request of Commissioner Rehak. Randi presented a quote in the amount of \$16,330.00 for a Caterpillar 2307098_MG V-Plow similar to the V-Plows currently in use by the county. Discussion was held on the new equipment and possible trade-in of an older version. Randi will inspect the county owned equipment for possible trade-in value.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to purchase a new Caterpillar 2307098_MG V-Plow in the amount of \$16,330.00 less trade (if amount established after inspection). Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve for the month of October the Documentary Stamp Tax, co shr in the amount of \$2,822.72; County Clerk fees in the amount of \$2,234.00; P&M Fund fees in the amount of \$341.50; Misc Copy fees in the amount of \$0.00; Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$107.22; Passport fees in the amount of \$0.00; County Treasurer's receipt of money received numbered 24398 - 24445, inclusive in the amount of \$998,092.53; County Treasurer's List Distress Warrants issued October 31, 2024; and place them on file. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve the following Accounts Payable and Payroll claims as presented and order checks drawn on the various funds. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

GENERAL FUND - Ameritas, ret-co shr, 10523.85; Antelope Co Shf, board, 5195.00; Appera, services, 168.30; Applied Conn Tech, services, 3225.55; Kim Bearnes, phone etc, 422.51; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 106.46; BCBS, ins-co shr, 35547.97; Card Services, conference costs, 266.87; Gary Carson, dues, 135.00; Central Plains Valuation, reappraisal costs, 4180.00; Consolidated Mgmt, meals, 219.65; Co VSO Assn-NE, dues, 100.00; DAS State Acct, equip fee, 150.00; Martha Detlefsen, prior service, 12.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 471.00; Election Board Costs, 2421.25; Elec Sys Software, supplies, 1416.96; Ewalt Law Office, public defender etc, 11743.08; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 1301.31; First Concord Benefits, fees, 635.00; Fitzgerald Vetter Temple etal, atty fees, 587.42; Floor Main Paper Supply, supplies, 128.68; Francotyp-Postalia, rental pymt, 395.40; Great Amer Finc Serv, rental pymt, 274.02; Government Forms Supplies, binder paper, 709.00; Amber Happold, office supplies etc, 506.25; Robert Hartl, mowing, 300.00; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 11516.75; J2 Designs, graphics etc, 1920.00; Jones Automotive, parts, 109.20; Kaiser Appraisal Service, services, 9550.00; Diane Kander, mileage, 227.80; Aaron Kleensang, supplies, 23.97; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 114.02; W Bert Lamkli, mileage, 151.74; Lamkli Locke Beaudette, office allow, 996.00; Luedeke Oil Co, tires etc, 384.40; Anthony McPhillips, dues, 50.00; Madison Natl Life, ins-co shr, 49.80; CM Olivers, supplies, 96.51; Menards, supplies, 212.12; Janet Meyer, services, 167.25; Mid-Amer Benefits, hra fees-co shr etc, 7312.00; Midwest Special Services, transport fees, 266.40; MIPS, services, 2937.27; Moyer Moyer, atty fees, 986.21; NACO, 2nd half 2024-2025 dues, 1797.25; Nebr Assn Co Treas, supplies, 360.00; Nebr Law Enf Training Cntr, reg fees, 75.00; Lavern Newkirk, prior service, 17.00; One Office Solution, supplies, 6367.91; Pitzer Digital, services, 1589.28; Prime Sanitation, services, 79.50; Rita Roenfeldt, prior service, 20.00; Jeni Schulzkump, supplies, 168.32; Sioux Sales Co, equip, 90.65; Stanton Comm School, advertising, 75.00; Stanton Co Clk Dist Crt, costs, 74.00; Stanton Co Crt, costs, 1083.00; Stanton Co Imp Acct, ach fees, 20.00; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 1267.89; Stanton Telecom, services, 1842.71; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 205.14; Eric Stone, supplies, 654.10; Stratton Delay Doele etal, atty fees, 2430.28; Teeco, supplies, 53.95; The Lil Store, fuel, 3659.03; USave Pharmacy, supplies, 32.22; Univ Nebr-Lincoln, phone, 90.04; Kristin Unger, supplies, 93.08; Mike Unger co shf, fees, 25.60; Verizon Wireless, service, 659.79; Dale Vitito/Jack's Unif Equip, supplies, 151.99; Washtech Car Wash, supplies, 17.50; Cheryl Wolverton, prior service, 11.00; Sandra Zoubek co treas, postage, 5000.00;

ROAD FUND - Ameritas, ret-co shr, 4378.02; Appera, services, 43.83; ATCO Intl, supplies, 488.35; Behmer Trucking, hauling, 4050.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 120.60; BCBS, ins-co shr, 20674.01; Bomgaars, supplies, 425.59; Cech Excavating, bank stabilization, 134410.35; Century Link, services, 96.04; Contech Engineered Solutions, culvert, 4400.00; Cornhusker Intl Trucks, parts, 369.86; Dinkel Implement, parts, 130.16; Doernemann Farm Service, parts, 223.95; James Duncan, prior service, 16.00; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 4297.40; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 5243.16; Island Supply Welding, supplies, 210.74; Johnson Trucking Sand Gravel, gravel, 8379.06; K's Marketplace, supplies, 22.94; Northeast Glass, services, 1187.00; Kaup Forage Turf, supplies, 27.00; Kimball Midwest, supplies, 290.11; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 105.16; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel etc, 11745.63; Madison Natl Life, ins-co shr, 14.53; Matteo Sand Gravel, gravel, 36525.80; CM Olivers, supplies, 350.64; Menards, supplies, 200.51; Mid-Amer Benefits, hra fees-co shr, 4200.00; NMC Exchange, services, 11598.59; Pilger Concrete Recycling, rock, 790.51; Pilger Store, fuel etc, 4365.20; Powerplan, services, 23597.73; Renegade, clothing, 395.98; Stanton Auto Parts, services, 3243.71; Ron's Ag Auto, parts etc, 267.50; Seals and Service, services, 444.56; Stalp Gravel, gravel, 32717.28; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 436.35; Stanton Telecom, services, 335.03; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 48.10; Teeco, supplies, 117.50; Truck Center, parts, 66.98; US Cellular, services, 134.58; Verizon Connect Fleet, services, 857.93; Village Pilger, utilities, 162.94; Weldon Parts, parts, 353.28;

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND - Ameritas, ret-co shr, 372.66; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 44.31; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 334.99; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 525.26; Luedeke Oil Co, tires, 1180.00; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 5.42; Prime Sanitation,

services, 12.50; Stanton Auto Parts, supplies, 119.76; Sioux Sales Co, supplies, 9.95; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 139.75; Stanton Telecom, services, 60.52; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 45.50; Tri State Comm, supplies, 101.00;
INHERITANCE TAX FUND - City Norfolk, dispatching, 18105.57; Stanton Co PPD, tower, 121.78; Sandra Zoubek co treas, transfer, 500000.00;
EMERGENCY 911 FUND - Stanton Telecom, utilities, 73.23; Tri-State Comm, services, 5925.83;
COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND - Loren Hammer Big Red Striping, parking lot striping, 540.00; Fastenal Co, hatch rail, 742.76; Haig Construction, handrails, 4000.00; Mead Lumber, railing material, 3406.64;
Total aggregate salaries of all county employees \$228,569.72.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to adjourn and set the next meeting for December 16, 2024, at 8:15 AM. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

/s/ Dennis Kment, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Stanton County, Nebraska
Attest: /s/ Wanda Heermann, County Clerk