

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – Thursday, January 9, 2025**  
(edited – Official Proceedings on file in County Clerk’s office)

A meeting of the Board of Equalization of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 8:00 AM in the County Commissioner’s room in Stanton, Nebraska.

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

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on December 25, 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.

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

The re-organizational meeting was held in open session by law and as per Statute.

Nominations opened for Chairman of the Board of Equalization.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich, to nominate Dennis Kment for Chairman, that nominations cease, and Dennis Kment be elected by affirmation. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Nominations opened for Vice Chairman of the Board of Equalization.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Oertwich to nominate Douglas Huttman for Vice Chairman, that nominations cease, and Douglas Huttman be elected by affirmation. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Oertwich and Huttman. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to adjourn and set the next meeting for Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 8:00 AM. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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

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**COMMISSIONER’S PROCEEDINGS – Thursday, January 9, 2025**  
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A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 8:15 AM in the County Commissioner’s room in Stanton, Nebraska.

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

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on December 25, 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.

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

The re-organizational meeting was held in open session by law and as per Statute.

Nominations opened for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to nominate Dennis Kment for Chairman, that nominations cease, and Dennis Kment be elected by affirmation. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Nominations opened for Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Kment to nominate Douglas Huttman for Vice Chairman, that nominations cease, and Douglas Huttman be elected by affirmation. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Kment and Huttman. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The applications for County Depository Banks were reviewed. A Statement of Disclosure was given by Dennis Kment regarding the employment of his son, David Kment, at Stanton State Bank.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve Resolution No. 2025.01-1 designating the depositories for Stanton County funds for 2025 in the following banks for the term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025: Bank First, Norfolk NE; First Nebraska Bank, Stanton NE; Midwest Bank NA, Pierce, Pilger, Wisner NE; Stanton State Bank, Stanton NE; NPAIT, Lincoln NE. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve Resolution No. 2025.01-2 to add and release pledged security held in Stanton State Bank. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Committee appointments were reviewed. Discussion held on the various committee appointments, the NE Nebraska Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board nomination of Linda Hewitt to represent Stanton County for a three (3) year term and the NE Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Board – County representative appointment.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve the appointment of Linda Hewitt to represent Stanton County on the NE Nebraska Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a three (3) year term. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve Resolution No. 2025.01-3 for appointment to the NE Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Board of Directors – County representative: Douglas Oertwich is hereby appointed as the representative of the County of Stanton, Nebraska, to the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Board of Directors, and in the event of the absence of Douglas Oertwich, then Dennis Kment shall be declared as the alternate representative to the Board and shall act and vote on behalf of the County of Stanton, Nebraska. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve the appointments to various positions as follows: County Health Dept Board – Dennis Kment; County Health Dept Board – Tracey Jackson, county representative (non-elected); DOT regulations for Drug Free Workplace Supervisor – Douglas Oertwich; Emergency Planning Committee, local – Mike Frohberg and Doug Huttman; NE Nebraska Community Action Partnership – Dennis Kment; NE Nebraska Area Agency on Aging Representative – Dennis Kment; NE Nebraska Dept Economic Development Representative – Douglas Huttman; NE Nebraska Dept Economic Development Representative – (vacant – need to appoint), county representative (non-elected); NE Nebraska Juvenile Services Board – Dennis Kment, alternate – Mike Unger; Northstar Board – Douglas Huttman; Region IV Mental Health Board – Douglas Oertwich; Safety Committee – Douglas Huttman; alternate – Douglas Oertwich; NE Nebraska Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board – Linda Hewitt, 3 yr term (2025-2027) (non-elected); NE Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Board – Douglas Oertwich; alternate – Dennis Kment (Res No.2025.01-03, Jan 9, 2025); NE Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Board – Gary Svitak, Maple Creek Township (Res No.2018.01-03, Jan 4, 2018). Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to confirm the re-appointment on January 5, 2023 for the following appointed officials for the years 2023 - 2026: Emergency Manager - Mike Frohberg; Highway Superintendent - Mark Mainelli; Planning/Zoning Administrator - Kylee Klug; Veterans' Service Officer - Anthony McPhillips; Weed Superintendent - Gary Carson. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to re-visit the hourly rate for the Planning/Zoning Admin and Veterans' Service Officer and to re-visit the salary for the Emergency Manager at the 2025-2026 budget approval and also to continue the Weed Superintendent annual salary at \$12,000.00 (\$1,000.00 monthly). Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve and place on file the following Stanton County Extension Board Members for the year 2025: Keith Drott, Jackie Gubbels, Pat Larson, Kim Spence and Tim Stamm. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve and place on file the following Stanton County VSO committee Members for the year 2025: Keith Anderson, Jim Campbell, Robert Chilcoat, Bill Johnson and Clint Warnke. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Re-appointments to the Stanton County Planning Commission were reviewed. Members needing to be re-appointed for the year 2025 for a three (3) year term are: Mark Christensen, Russell Kumm and Gerald Podany. Board members not needing re-appointment: year 2026 – Judy Funk, Gerald Kuhn and Jeremy Svitak; year 2027 – Mike Kabes, Craig Korth and Todd Zohner. Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to re-appoint Mark Christensen, Russell Kumm and Gerald Podany to a three (3) year term on the Planning Commission Board. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Re-appointments to the Stanton County Board of Adjustment were reviewed. The member needing to be re-appointed for the year 2025: John Gall. Board members not needing re-appointment: 2026 – vacant and alternate, Larry Schrage; 2027 – Robert Lueninghoener and Ryan Simons.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to re-appoint John Gall to a three (3) year term on the Stanton County Board of Adjustment. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on the correspondence received from the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services on the 2025 mileage reimbursement rate update.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve the revised mileage rate of \$.70 cents/mile effective January 1, 2025 for all reimbursable mileage incurred by county employees; and further providing that the sheriff is permitted to charge an additional \$.03 cents/mile for paper service all as per NRS §81-1176. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve the legal newspaper as the Stanton Register for the year 2025, to set the legal radio stations as WJAG/KEXL and US92 for legal and weather-related announcements and designate the Stanton County website (<https://stantoncounty.nebraska.gov>) as a means of publication of legal notices or other announcements. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on the current HRA \$4,200 contribution per employee for assistance with the health insurance deductible. Contributions are submitted on a monthly basis during the year.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to continue with the contribution of \$4,200 per employee eligible for insurance coverage through the county health plan to the Health Reimbursement Arrangement plan managed by Mid-American Benefits for the year 2025, and review during the renewal of the county health plan coverage. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion continued on the request for the attorney's office allowance to be paid through the miscellaneous general fund because additional wage increases were not budgeted in the attorney's budget.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to allow the attorney's office allowance paid through the Miscellaneous General Fund. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on the lawn service for 2025. The consensus of the county board is to continue service through Jack B. Scherer Lawn Service for the upcoming year.

Discussion continued on the approval and adoption of the "Stop Sign" and "Stop Ahead" sign placed at the intersection of 840 Rd and 564 Ave.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve Resolution No. 2025.001-4 to adopt and approve the signage recommendation due to inadequate sight distance a "Stop Sign" as well as a "Stop Ahead" sign be placed at the intersection of 840 Rd and 564 Ave as follows: for South bound traffic a "Stop Sign" should be utilized north of the intersection along with a "Stop Ahead" sign, and where feasible, remove any trees and vegetation that would impair sight distance of 500' in any direction from the intersection. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to adjourn and set the next meeting for Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 8:15 AM.  
Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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