

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – Tuesday, February 18, 2025**  
(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 Tuesday, February 18, 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 and Amber Happold, County Assessor, were also present.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on February 5, 2025, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes, and by posting on the county website.

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

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 meeting. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Amber Happold, county assessor, presented and explained the correction sheets for the month.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the correction sheets numbered 20251, 256, 257, 258 and place them on file. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

There were no listings of clerical errors needing approval.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to adjourn and set the next meeting for March 17, 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 – Tuesday, February 18, 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 Tuesday, February 18, 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 February 5, 2025, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes, and by posting on the county website.

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 8:25 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 Oertwich to approve the agenda. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Amber Happold, county assessor, appeared before the board to discuss the purchase of 3 desk chairs and 2 chairmats for the assessor’s office. She explained the condition of the chairs which will need to be replaced. She presented a price listing in the amount of \$420.00 and requested that the cost be taken out of the miscellaneous general fund because the cost for new furniture was not budgeted in the assessor’s budget. Discussion was held on the price listing.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to allow the purchase of the office furniture for the assessor’s office in the amount of \$420.00 to be paid from the miscellaneous general fund. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: LG Everist Inc – quote 1”x4 crushed quartzit; Tim Wragge, Norfolk Fire – calls to Stanton; Nebraska PPD – Norfolk/Stanton North Project; LENRD – urban conservation assistance program information; Spurville Motors/Auction Time – sale 1990 Chev; NIRMA – 2024 annual report; NNSWC – landfill site observations Feb 10, 2025; Nebraska DOT – Pilger North & South STP-HSIP-15-3(121); NIRMA – money for minutes \$500 awards recognition.

Mike Unger, county sheriff, and W. Bert Lampli, county attorney, joined the meeting. A discussion was held on the request of former employee, Cody Lanagan, for reimbursement of time and travel expenses. Mike explained that Cody was employed by Stanton County Sheriff’s department at the time of an incident in March of 2023. Cody left employment with Stanton County at the end of February 2024. He was subpoenaed to testify in the Federal Court of the United States in Omaha on February 11, 2025 on the March 2023 incident. After appearing to testify Cody was advised that law enforcement personnel are not reimbursed for their time to testify or travel costs. Cody’s request is for 6 hours of time payable at the hourly rate when he was employed and for 222 miles at the rate of \$.70 per mile. The total amount would entail \$150 hourly rate and \$155.40 mileage costs for a total of \$305.40.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman, to reimburse Cody Lanagan \$305.40 for hours and mileage for testifying February 11, 2025 at the Federal Court of the United States in Omaha. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The Stanton County Audited Financial Statement for the year ending June 30, 2024 and an updated Management Letter were received from MDT LLC. A copy was given to the Board of Commissioners to review. Discussion was held on the audit findings.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve and place on file the year ending June 30, 2024 audit. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Kylee Klug, Planning and Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting.

Kylee presented the Ronald D. Nathan Lot Split splitting 106.16 acres on property located in the NE SW and Pt S ½ NW 36-22-3 into 3 lots. No one appeared for the lot split. Kylee explained the lot split and indicated that the well and septic system are located on Lot 2.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve Ronald D. Nathan Lot Split splitting 106.16 acres on property located in the NE SW and Pt S ½ NW 36-22-3 into 3 lots, as per Planning Commission recommendations. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on zoning issues within the county. No action needed by the board.

Joining the meeting were: Sandy Zoubek, Tony McPhillips, Kylee Klug and Ryan Wehrle.

Kylee, safety committee member, informed the county board of the safety meeting topics. Discussion was held on the issues with the new concrete on the east and west sides of the courthouse. Ryan advised the county board that the east entrance concrete is shifting next to the door and along the north side of the courthouse building. He also stated the concrete on the west side of the courthouse is also shifting in areas. The board suggested contacting the contractor to discuss a procedure to correct the issues. Kylee indicated scheduling is taking place for the CPR training, discussion was held on the need to update the employee handbook, discussion was held on CDL certifications, and an update on NIRMA incidents filed. Kylee also advised the county board that Stanton County is receiving a \$500.00 Money for Minutes Award which recognizes Stanton County's safety committees' dedication and commitment to fostering a safe and healthy workplace for county employees and preventing costly injury, property and liability claims.

Ramsy Robertson, representative of Mainelli Wagner Assoc, joined the meeting.

Discussion was held on the prior drainage district along Payne Creek on the Spence property. No action was taken by the board.

Discussion continued on the damage to Bridge Structure No. C008411315 located south of 843 Rd on 564 Ave. Commissioner Huttman to advise the landowner of the estimated cost of \$29,420.00 to repair the bridge to pre-accident capacity.

Discussion was held on the replacement of older trucks and placing the surplus property on an auction service. The county board will ask Mike Frohberg to check websites for trucks available for purchase.

Bid letting was held at 10:30AM on project "Stanton North, C-84(404)" for triple 84"x42' corrugated pipes, steel headwalls and wingwalls. Bids were opened and publicly read as follows: Midwest Service & Sales Schuyler NE, \$50,357.68, Delivery Date June 25, 2025; Metal Culverts Inc Jefferson City MO, \$46,507.40, Delivery Date 5-7 weeks ARO; B's Enterprises Inc Norfolk NE, \$51,629.88, Delivery Date 6-14 weeks after approval drawings. Representatives appeared on behalf of Midwest Service & Sales and B's Enterprises Inc. Discussion was held on the bids received. The bids were reviewed for accuracy.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to award the bid to Metal culverts Inc of Jefferson City MO for the "Stanton North, C-84(404)" project in the amount of \$46,507.40 with a delivery date of 5-7 weeks ARO. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The county board was given a cost statement for the repairs to FEMA – Site 18 and Site 22 (837 Rd – 567/568 Ave) in the amount of \$584,873.58 (\$136,136.72 engineering costs and \$448,736.86 construction costs). The cost of repairs will need to be submitted for FEMA for reimbursement. No action taken by the board.

Discussion was held with Ramsy on the current bridge and culvert projects. Also discussed were bridges located 826 Rd/568 Ave (Ramshorn); 823 Rd/571 Ave (Maple Creek); 826 Rd/570 Ave (Ramshorn); and 824 Rd/569 Ave (Ramshorn). Ramsy advised the county board that he would look at the bridge structures. Ramsy presented a striping agreement with Madison County for approval. This agreement will be placed on the March agenda for approval after it is reviewed by the county attorney.

Mike Frohberg, emergency manager, did not have any matters to report.

Various county officials joined the meeting. Discussion was held on courthouse holidays approved, business hours, employee/department policies and other department issues. It was discussed to form a committee to update the employee handbook.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve for the month of January the Documentary Stamp Tax, co shr in the amount of \$4,018.60; County Clerk fees in the amount of \$2,712.50; P&M Fund fees in the amount of \$409.50; Misc Copy fees in the amount of \$20.00; Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$130.69; Passport fees in the amount of \$315.00; County Treasurer's receipt of money received numbered 24557 – 24633, inclusive in the amount of \$2,508,004.08; Veterans' Service Office 2024-2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report; and place them on file. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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

GENERAL FUND – Abacus Data Sys, subs fee, 1250.10; Mark Albin, atty fees, 961.85; Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 11394.39; Antelope Co Shf Dept, boarding etc, 3680.00; Appeara, services, 168.30; Applied Concepts, services, 812.50; Applied Connective Tech, services, 3499.10; Axon Enterprises, taser pymt etc, 6882.58; Larry Belz, mowing, 300.00; Benchmark Government Solutions, meals, 393.50; Joshua Bennett, reimbursement, 178.49; Big Red Printing, supplies, 1845.71; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 904.99; BCBS, ins-co shr, 33478.33; Derek Bosler, supplies, 456.50; Card Services, supplies, 81.56; Gary Carson, postage etc, 104.81; Central Plains Valuation, reappraisal fees, 5000.00; Cornhusker Auto Center, services, 101.95; Crowne Plaza, lodging, 149.95; DAS State Acct, equip fee, 150.00; Martha Detlefsen, prior service, 12.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 246.11; Ewalt Law Office, public defender, 4333.33; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 947.18; First Concord Benefits, flex fees, 35.00; Fitzgerald Vetter Temple etal, atty fees, 691.92; Floor Maintenance Paper Supply, supplies, 277.06; Friends of Stanton Library, fund allotment, 5000.00; Frohberg Computers, monitor etc, 226.85; Frohberg Electric, services, 950.21; Great Amer Finc Services, rental pymt, 274.02; Amber Happold, supplies, 224.07; Leslie Hasenkamp, supplies, 81.60; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 12379.58; K's Marketplace, supplies, 7.78; Aaron Kleensang, supplies, 156.46; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 27.56; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel etc, 539.86; Lynn Peavey Co, supplies, 128.76; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 60.64; MDT LLC, audit fees, 13600.00; Janet Meyer, services, 120.00; Mid States Organized Crime, dues, 100.00; Midwest Special Services, services, 493.95; MIPS Inc, services supplies, 8504.54; Nebr Assn Co Clk Reg Deeds etal, dues, 50.00; Nebr Assoc Co Officials, reg fees, 120.00; Nebr Assoc Co Officials, comm handbook, 100.00; NACT/Continuing Edu, dues, 75.00; Nebraska.gov, copies, 1.00; Nebraska HHS, services, 498.52; NE Planning Zoning Assoc, reg fees, 470.00; Lavern Newkirk, prior service, 17.00; Wayne Ohnesorg, meals mileage, 31.72; One Office Solution, supplies etc, 713.81; Physicians Laboratory, services, 2750.00; Pitzer Digital, services, 368.76; Point-C, hra fees-co shr etc, 6958.50; Prime Sanitation, services, 79.50; Stanton Auto Parts, services, 1616.55; Stanton Co Crt, crt costs, 785.00; Stanton Co Imprest Acct, ach fees, 20.75; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 1259.39; Stanton Telecom, services, 1809.50; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 102.18; Stratton Delay Doele etal, atty fees, 1828.93; Teeco, supplies, 44.95; The Lil Store, fuel, 4123.08;

Thurston Co Shf, boarding, 840.00; Kristin Unger, meals, 759.27; Michael Unger, lodging reg fee, 697.04; Univ Nebr-Lincoln, phone, 45.02; Verizon Wireless, service, 679.87; Wolf's Den, meals, 52.00; Cheryl Wolverton, prior service, 11.00;  
ROAD FUND – Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 4706.12; Bauer Built, services, 73.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 812.81; BCBS, ins-co shr, 19505.52; Bomgaars, supplies, 883.70; Cech Excavating, crushed concrete, 12303.39; Century Link, services, 90.33; Clarkson Plbg Htg, supplies, 44.63; Cornhusker Intl Trucks, services, 385.22; Doernemann Farm Service, parts, 26.48; James Duncan, prior service, 16.00; Eisenmann Ag Supply, supplies, 342.83; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 3805.03; Hoskins Mfg Co, supplies, 8.74; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 5717.94; Island Supply Welding, supplies, 49.60; John Deere Finc, supplies, 125.22; K's Marketplace, supplies, 41.98; Northeast Glass, services, 427.00; Kimball Midwest, supplies, 438.02; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 80.33; Lammers Trailer Repair, parts, 30.01; LG Everist, rock, 2028.10; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel etc, 10190.36; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 25.37; Martin Marietta Materials, gravel, 22060.67; Medical Enterprises, services, 108.00; Meisinger Oil Co, supplies, 274.27; Menards, supplies, 33.40; Norfolk Works, services, 25.00; Pilger Concrete Recycling, crushed concrete, 14097.68; Pilger Store, fuel etc, 2403.69; Pitzer Digital, services, 234.79; Point-C, hra fees-co shr, 4200.00; Prime Sanitation Service, utilities, 50.00; RDO Truck Centers, parts, 84.93; Stanton Auto Parts, services etc, 1780.85; Ron's Farm Repair, supplies, 380.25; Rueter Zenor Co, services, 174.41; Sioux City Truck Sales, parts, 89.54; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 942.67; Stanton Telecom, services, 405.22; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 48.10; Teeco, supplies, 44.25; Topp's Body Shop, services, 2408.00; Univ Nebraska, Pesticide Edu, registration etc, 354.89; US Cellular, services, 63.11; Verizon Connect Fleet, services, 967.65; Village Pilger, utilities, 148.58; Warren Garage Door, services, 1675.50;  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND – Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 372.66; Badgeandwallet.com, supplies, 695.20; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 176.63; Bound Tree Medical, supplies, 1877.08; Mike Frohberg, meals etc, 183.87; IRS USA Tax Pymt, co sec tax-co shr, 525.26; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 5.42; Menards, supplies, 37.66; Nebr Assoc Emerg Mgmt, reg fee, 135.00; Prime Sanitation, services, 12.50; SDS Weather, services etc, 18.66; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 201.09; Stanton Telecom, services, 60.08; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 45.50; The Lil Store, fuel, 891.40;  
INHERITANCE TAX FUND – Stanton Co PPD, tower, 332.74;  
EMERGENCY 911 FUND – City Norfolk, dispatching, 18105.57; Stanton Telecom, utilities, 73.23;  
Total aggregate salaries of all county employees \$245,876.67.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to adjourn and set the next meeting for March 17, 2025. 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