

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – November 17, 2025
(edited – official proceedings on file Clerk’s office)

A meeting of the Board of Equalization of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in an open and public session on November 17, 2025, at 8:00 AM in the County Commissioner’s room in Stanton, Nebraska.

Present upon the roll call were Douglas Huttman, Dennis Kment and Douglas Oertwich, Board of Equalization. Kris Unger, Deputy County Clerk and Amber Happold, County Assessor, were also present.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on November 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 Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve the minutes of October 20, 2025, meeting with a correction. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Amber Happold, county assessor, advised the board that there were no corrections sheets and no listings of clerical errors needing approval.

The county assessor presented a Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption (Form 458R). The county board reviewed the document as presented.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to deny the homestead exemption application for the real property located at Lot 1 Blk 4 Bernbeck-Maplewood Addn City of Stanton, because the application was not timely filed – it was filed after the IRS extension deadline of October 15th. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to adjourn and set the next meeting for December 15, 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/ Kris Unger, Deputy

COMMISSIONER’S PROCEEDINGS – November 17, 2025
(edited – official proceedings on file Clerk’s office)

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in an open and public session on November 17, 2025, at 8:15 AM in the County Commissioner’s room in Stanton, Nebraska.

Present upon the roll call were Douglas Huttman, Dennis Kment and Douglas Oertwich, Board of Commissioners. Kris Unger, Deputy County Clerk, was also present.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on November 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 8:15 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 Oertwich to approve the agenda. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025 meeting with a correction. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Elaine Menzel, NACO – 2027-2030 Salary Guidelines Report; Dave Prochaska – jake braking noise 1222 Crown Rd/Hwy 275; Nebraska Sec State – 2026 Election Information; NIRMA – Annual Membership Meeting and Dividend Distribution; NNSWC – Landfill Site Observation November 7, 2025.

Kylee Klug, Planning and Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting. Kylee addressed the jake braking noise issue of Dave Prochaska at 1222 Crown Rd/Hwy 275 with the commissioners. She stated Platte County has an ordinance in conjunction with the NDOT. The Village of Pilger addressed the same issue as they have jurisdiction on a portion of Hwy 15 and determined it to be an NDOT issue according to their attorney. No action taken by the county board.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement between the Nebraska Department of Veterans’ Affairs (NDVA) and the Stanton County Veterans Service Office. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried. [MOU on file in clerk’s office].

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve Resolution No.2025.10-23 to add and release pledged security at Stanton State Bank, Stanton, Nebraska. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve Resolution No.2025.10-24 to release pledged security at Stanton State Bank, Stanton, Nebraska. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The county board discussed the insurance coverage for the Veterans’ Memorial Park located at 707 Ivy St, Stanton NE. Previous coverage was for “liability only’ on the land but with the installation of additional property in the open (PITO) the insurance needs to be adjusted to cover property maintenance, repairs or replacement if it is damaged or destroyed.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to add PITO insurance coverage for the monuments etc. installed at Veterans Memorial Park located at 707 Ivy St, Stanton NE. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The county board reviewed the Nationwide Financial Services Inc Governmental 457(b) Plan Adoption Agreement. This agreement involves transitioning the Stanton County Deferred Compensation Plan to an updated Adoption Agreement restatement effective January 1, 2024. The new adoption agreement outlines specific plan parameters of details that were not clearly defined in the 2011 plan document which is now considered outdated. The new documentation aligns with current standards and Nationwide’s new partnership with ACS.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Nationwide Financial Services Inc Governmental 457(b) Plan Adoption Agreement with a restatement effective date of January 1, 2024. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried. [457(b) Agreement on file in clerk’s office].

Mike Froberg, emergency manager, joined the meeting.

Kyle Klug, safety committee member, requested the county board to enter into a closed session to discuss a discreet matter.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to enter into a closed session at 9:34 AM for the protection or prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals. The deputy county clerk and emergency manager remained at the request of the county board and all others in attendance left the meeting. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board came out of closed session at 10:00 AM.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to resume the open meeting. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Ryan Wehrle, courthouse maintenance employee, and Ramsy Robertson, representative of Mainelli Wagner Assoc, joined the meeting.

Kylee, safety committee member, informed the county board of the safety meeting topics. A discussion was held on the Window Tint Amendment approved by the county board August 18, 2025. This amendment is to be added to the employee handbook and a copy to be given or mailed to current county employees. It was suggested that when starting equipment, to park the equipment outside of the building, and close the doors to retain the heat inside of the building. A report was given to the county board of a patrol unit sustaining damage to the undercarriage after striking a tow bar lying on Hwy 15 near Pilger. The deputy was unable to avoid hitting the bar due to oncoming traffic. It was noted that Ryan will be keeping a log of when he treats (applies salt, etc) the parking lots, sidewalks and entryways when doing snow removal. A discussion was held on late starts and closings due to weather. It was suggested that Mike Froberg, emergency manager, be authorized to make recommendations to the county board for courthouse late starts and/or closings since he has the equipment to monitor the weather and can make the best decision based on the information he receives.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to authorize Mike Froberg, emergency manager, to make recommendations to the county board for courthouse late starts and/or closings since he has the equipment to monitor the weather and can make the best decision based on the information he receives. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Ryan appeared before the county board to discuss an individual heating/cooling unit for the sheriff’s office because sheriff employees are present at all hours of the day and/or night. He stated that having an individual heating/cooling unit can regulate temperatures for this office and would allow savings on not having to run the courthouse main heating/cooling unit when the weather is mild and the other courthouse offices are closed. The county board reviewed the quote presented from Heartland Heating for a heating/cooling unit (2 Gree minisplit 12k cassette heads and 24K heat pump/410 freon) and installation for the Sheriff’s office in the approximate amount of \$9,890.00. There will need to be additional wiring installed for this system. The temperature controls in the entire courthouse are outdated and the county board authorized Ryan to obtain additional information and the costs to update the courthouse system.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve the purchase of a heating/cooling unit (2 Gree minisplit 12k cassette heads and 24K heat pump/410 freon) including installation for the Sheriff’s office from Heartland Heating in the approximate amount of \$9,890.00 and to approve the installation of the necessary wiring to complete the project. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Ryan requested a boot/clothing allowance like the road department to offset the cost of wear and tear to his personal clothing while working in inclement weather at the courthouse.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve a boot/clothing allowance in the amount of \$250.00 per year, like the road department, to offset the cost of wear and tear to his personal clothing while working in inclement weather at the courthouse. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on road issues and current road/bridge projects. Commissioner Kment requested Ramsy to inspect 830½ Rd in Butterfly Precinct. Ramsy informed the county board that the Hake bridge (located in Dimick Precinct) has been completed. Commissioner Oertwich stated that Colfax County superintendent requested Stanton County to assist with a bridge on the county line. Ramsy informed the county board that he had not heard of any request and will look into it.

Discussion held on the Year-End Certification of County Highway superintendent form which is the basis for determining 2025 incentive funds. The certification, meeting minutes appointing the county highway superintendent, and the resolution need to be returned to the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) to qualify for annual incentive payments.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Kment to approve Resolution No.2025.10-25 to authorize the chairman to sign the Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Kment and Huttman. Nays: None. Motion Carried. [copy of Year-End Certification on file in clerk’s office].

Mike Froberg discussed several grants: Cyber Security Grant – 3rd phase, consists of a 70/30 cost share for services through Applied Connective, Law enforcement grants for updating equipment and NIRMA Assist Grant for reimbursing the costs of AEDs for the county shops.

Discussion was held on the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) coming due in 2026. The current plan needs to be updated with NEMA to bring portions of the plan to current state statues. Mike will hold meetings with the county board as well as other jurisdictions within the county to review updates.

Mike checked into getting a System for Public Notifications: TextMyGov and Hyper-Reach are currently being used by surrounding counties. Mike has a meeting with Hyper-Reach on Tuesday to go over their program and already had met with TextMyGov last week.

The road department would like to have a concrete/asphalt filler and sealer for the county’s hard-surfaced roads. The county board instructed Mike to purchase the filler/sealer machine and supplies at the approximate cost of \$5,000-\$6,000.

Mike informed the county board that the new equipment acquired by the road department will need to have GPS units and mobile radios installed. GPS units have already been ordered through Verizon and just need to be installed and set up. Additional mobile radios will need to be ordered for the new equipment acquired. Discussion was held on the purchase of three mobile radios.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttmann to authorize Mike to order three (3) mobile radios for the new equipment. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttmann and Kment. Naves: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttmann to approve for the month of December the Documentary Stamp Tax, co shr in the amount of \$2,651.79; County Clerk fees in the amount of \$1,944.50; P&M Fund fees in the amount of \$303.00; Misc Copy fees in the amount of \$0.00; Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$162.21; Passport fees in the amount of \$70.00; County Treasurer’s receipt of money received numbered 25090 – 25143 , inclusive in the amount of \$1,093,522.18; County Treasurer’s List Distress Warrants issued October 31, 2025; County Sheriff’s 2nd Qu 2025 report; Stanton Co VSO 1st Qu 2025-2026 report; and place them on file. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Naves: None. Motion Carried.

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

GENERAL FUND

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Mark Albin, atty fees, 962.50; Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 11325.01; Antelope Co Shf, boarding, 8695.00; Appeara, services, 161.11; Applied Conn Tech, services etc, 5626.60; Axon Enterprise, supplies, 225.00; Kim Bearnese, phone etc, 2147.67; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 109.82; BCBS, inc-co shr, 35725.89; Card Services, meals etc, 154.09; Central Plains Valuation, reappraisal costs, 5521.00; Comfort Inn, lodging, 220.00; Cornhusker Auto Center, services, 348.92; DAS State Acct, equip fee, 150.00; Martha Detlefsen, prior service, 12.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 49.06; Election Board, costs, 455.70; Ewalt Law Office, public defender, 4333.33; Farmer’s Coop, fuel, 757.87; First Concord Benefits, admin fees, 52.50; First Nebr Bank, check fee, 10.00; Fitzgerald Vetter Temple et al, atty fees, 981.40; Floor Maintenance, supplies, 179.85; Frohberg Computers, equip, 169.98; Frohberg Electric, services, 151.71; Great Amer Finc, rental pymt etc, 673.29; Amber Happold, supplies etc, 77.92; Douglas Hart, nacvso annual dues, 50.00; Robert Hartl, mowing, 300.00; Wanda Heermann, postage etc, 264.26; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 12695.23; Andrew Isaacson DA Enterprises LLC, supplies, 215.00; Jack B. Scherer Lawn Service, supplies, 152.48; Diane Kander, mileage etc, 96.23; Stanton Hardware, supplies etc, 39.99; Lampli Locke Beaudette, office allow, 996.00; Walter Lampli Jr, mileage, 112.00; Luedeke Oil, fuel etc, 573.36; Rebecca McCracken, services, 120.50; Christopher Mauer, supplies, 49.02; Menards, supplies, 21.60; Janet Meyer, services, 179.40; Midwest Special Services, services, 1180.30; MIPS, services etc, 3385.72; Danielle Myers-Noelle, atty fees, 950.00; Nebr Assoc Co Officials, NACO/NACo dues, 2085.94; Lavern Newkirk, prior service, 17.00; NE Nebr Juv Service, boarding, 6525.00; Norfolk Alignment, services, 115.50; One Office Solution, supplies, 4858.94; Pilger Library, supplies, 980.67; Pilger Store, fuel, 77.25; Pitzer Digital, services, 625.64; Point C, hra admin fees, 335.50; Prime Sanitation, services, 79.50; Stanton Auto Parts, services, 182.13; Stanton Comm Schl, ads, 125.00; Stanton Co Clk, postage, 12.55; Stanton Clk Dist Crt, court costs, 180.00; Stanton Co Crt, court costs, 455.00; Stanton Co HRA Reimb Acct, contribution-co shr, 3375.00; Stanton Co Imprest Acct, ach fees, 21.25; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 1371.44; Stanton Telecom, services, 1831.63; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 274.85; Stratton DeLay Doelee et al, atty fees, 4176.70; The Lil Store, fuel, 4617.47; Thomson Reuters-West, law library, 1260.00; Thurston Co Shf, boarding, 4020.00; Tilden Drug, prescriptions, 32.57; Tri-State Comm, radio equip, 6275.98; Kristin Unger, supplies, 41.86; Mike Unger Co Shf, paper service, 37.50; Univ Nebr Lincoln-Stanton Co Extension, phone, 45.02; Verizon Wireless, service, 700.01; Jack’s Uniform Equip, supplies, 84.95; Washington Co Shf, boarding, 2015.00; Washtech Car Wash, supplies, 26.25; Wolf’s Den, meals, 56.20; Cheryl Wolverton, prior service, 11.00;

ROAD FUND

Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 4789.83; Appeara, services, 46.00; ATCO Intl, supplies, 982.50; Behmer Trucking, hauling, 4950.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 138.95; BCBS, ins-co shr, 24447.16; Bomgaars, supplies, 855.32; Cech Excavating, concrete, 4660.72; Century Link, services, 102.01; Clarkson Plbg Htg, supplies, 32.36; Colonial Research, supplies, 505.37; Cornhusker Intl Trucks, services, 4593.69; Johnson Trucking Sand Gravel, gravel, 16098.95; Doernemann Farm Service, parts, 254.50; Elkhorn Rural PPD, utilities, 47.81; Faith Regional Health Services, drug program costs, 130.00; Farmer’s Coop, fuel, 6996.92; Fastenal Co, supplies, 899.23; Grubb Grinding, repairs, 3477.15; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 5663.77; Island Supply Welding, supplies, 230.10; K Porter Construction, concrete, 3867.78; Kelly Supply, supplies, 291.42; Kimball Midwest, supplies, 437.63; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 176.28; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel, 10560.01; Mainelli Wagner Assoc, eng services, 21203.70; Matteo Sand Gravel Co, gravel, 10262.91; Christopher Mauer, supplies, 294.91; Menards, supplies, 293.70; Midwest Service Sales, supplies, 5702.15; NMC Exchange, services, 10205.27; One Office Solutions, supplies, 34.93; Pilger Concrete Recycling, concrete, 11292.08; Pilger Store, fuel etc, 2960.46; Pitzer Digital, services, 44.95; Powerplan, services, 3949.50; Prime Sanitation Service, services, 50.00; Stanton Auto Parts, services, 319.30; Road Groom Mfg, equipment, 1486.16; Ron’s Ag Auto, parts, 635.50; Michael Ruppert, boot allow, 175.00; Stalp Gravel Co, gravel, 3150.39; Stanton Co HRA Reimb Acct, contribution-co shr, 2437.50; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 579.62; Stanton Telecom, services, 338.61; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 50.16; Theisen Construction, structure removal, 84000.00; US Cellular, services, 134.94; Verizon Connect Fleet, services, 840.90; Village Pilger, utilities, 208.06; Warren Garage Door, services, 335.00; Weldon Parts, parts, 69.84;

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 393.86; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 59.33; Farmer’s Coop, fuel, 7.67; First Nebr Bank, cashiers ck, 2580.00; Frohberg Computers, supplies etc, 176.92; Mike Frohberg, meals etc, 353.20; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 555.33; Jones Automotive, services, 125.15; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 147.39; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 5.42; Menards, supplies, 423.03; One Office Solution, supplies, 200.83; Prime Sanitation, services, 12.50; Stanton Auto Parts, services, 10.74; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 165.53; Stanton Telecom, services, 59.19; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 46.47; The Lil Store, fuel, 632.11;

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Stanton Co PPD, tower, 127.74;

EMERGENCY 911 FUND

City Norfolk, dispatching, 18493.31; Stanton Telecom, services, 73.23;
Total aggregate salaries of all county employees \$249,572.62.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Oertwich to adjourn and set the next meeting for December 15, 2025, at 8:15 AM. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Oertwich and Kment. Naves: None. Motion Carried.

/s/ Dennis Kment, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Stanton County, Nebraska
Attest: /s/ Kris Unger, Deputy County Clerk