

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – December 15, 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 December 15, 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. 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 December 3, 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 Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve the agenda. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2025, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Nebraska TERC – 23R 0467 Decision and Order; Nebraska TERC – 24A 0234 Certification Final Decision and Order; Nebraska TERC – 24R 0737 Decision and Order.

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

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the correction sheet numbered 270 (Tax Year 2025) and place it on file. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich 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 statutory meeting for Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 8:00AM and set the regular meeting for Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 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

COMMISSIONER’S PROCEEDINGS – December 15, 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 December 15, 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. Wanda Heermann, County Clerk, was also present.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on December 3, 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 8:20 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 November 17, 2025, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Amy Topp, Univ Nebraska Coordinator – Thank you; Martin Marietta – Price adjusted effective Jan 1, 2026; Zelle HR Solutions – End of Year Compliance Checklist.

Sandy Zoubek, Amber Happold and Mike Unger joined the meeting.

A discussion was held on the 2026 Holidays to be observed by Stanton County for the next year. The county board advised those in attendance that 12½ are currently observed by Stanton County. Sandy asked the county board to consider closing the Juneteenth Holiday because the federal and state governments are closed on this day and if the state systems fail there would be no one to call for assistance. A discussion was held on the pros and cons of the additional holiday. Also discussed was the day after Christmas (December 26, 2025) as to whether the county board would consider this an additional holiday for the calendar year 2025. The consensus of the county board was if an employee wanted the day off, they could use a vacation day, comp time or a day of no pay but the courthouse would remain open Friday December 26, 2025.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve the 2026 county holidays as follows: January 1 - New Year’s Day (Thursday); January 19 - Martin Luther King Day; February 16 - President’s Day; April 24 - Arbor Day (Friday); May 25 - Memorial Day; June 19* - Juneteenth Day (Friday) [*recognized holiday-courthouse open-no paid day off*]; July 3 - Independence Day observed (Friday); September 7 - Labor Day; October 12 - Columbus Day; November 11 - Veterans’ Day (Wednesday); November 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday (Thursday & Friday); December 24 - Christmas Eve (1/2 day – close Noon) (Thursday); and December 25 - Christmas Day (Friday). Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Gary Carson, Weed Superintendent, joined the meeting. The annual activity report, budget report, noxious weed infestation report, weed control authority board roster and Noxious Weed Control Plan were reviewed by the board. A discussion was held on weed issues within the county. Also, a discussion was held on the weed superintendent position and replacement requirements. The county board thanked Gary for his eleven (11) plus years as the Stanton County Weed Superintendent due to his retirement effective December 31, 2025.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to authorize the chairman to sign the annual reports for the weed department that need to be filed prior to January 31st. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Doug Hart, Veterans Service Officer, joined the meeting to discuss “Thank You for your Service” appreciation coins. Doug explained that the coin shows appreciation to veterans for their service. Examples of the coins were shown to the county board.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to authorize Doug Hart to purchase these coins for distribution to county veterans to thank them for their service to the country. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

A discussion was held on the designation of the legal newspaper, radio stations and county website as a means of publication of legal notices or other announcements.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve the legal newspaper as the Stanton Register for the year 2026, 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: Kment, Huttman and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The 2026 agreement for the public defender was presented to the board for approval. The proposed agreement amount is \$54,600.00 annually or \$4,550.00 monthly. This is a 5% increase in the proposed fee for the agreement compared to the 2025 prior agreement.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the 2026 Agreement for the Public Defender. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried. [Agreement on file clerk’s office].

The board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Madison County Attorney and Stanton County Attorney for the Nebraska Crime Commission’s 2026-2027 Community Based Juvenile Services Grant application. The crime commission requires the county attorney and the chairman of the board to approve the agreement.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Madison County Attorney and Stanton County Attorney for the Nebraska Crime Commission’s 2026-2027 Community Based Juvenile Services Grant application. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried. [MOU on file in clerk’s office].

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve Resolution No. 2025.12-26 to add pledged security at Stanton State Bank, Stanton, Nebraska. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

No planning/zoning issues on the agenda.

Discussion was held with those present on the setting of the salaries for the elected officials effective 2027-2030. The salaries of all elected county officers must be fixed by the county board prior to January 15th the year in which a general election will be held for the respective offices. The county board reviewed the NACO 2027-2030 Guidelines for county officials. Topics discussed were the suggested salary based on population and valuation of the county, cost of living and suggested salary presented by various officials. Matter tabled until the statutory meeting set for January 8, 2026.

Ramsy Robertson, representative of Mainelli Wagner Assoc, joined the meeting. The county board requested that a centerline profile be made at the intersection of 830½ Rd/ 568 Ave north. Discussion was held on culvert and bridge projects. Also discussed was the snow removal agreement for Old Hwy 35.

The county board reviewed the Construction Storm Water Notice of Termination (CSW-NOT), Project: NPDES General Permit Number: NER210000 Permit Authorization Number: CSW Permit Number CSW-202408898 Project Name: C008404605, C-84(246) Stanton Southwest.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the construction Storm Water Notice of Termination: CSW-202408898, Project Name: C008404605, C-84(246) Stanton Southwest. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Mike Froberg, emergency manager, joined the meeting. Mike updated the county board on the approval for FEMA sirens. Discussion was held on the flood plan and safe rooms for Pilger.

Mike advised the county board about a possible river flood monitor system on the Elkhorn River. Three (3) possible sites would be located at the Hwy 57 bridge, 2-mile bridge and Madison/Stanton County line bridge. The approximate cost is \$31,295.13 with possible reimbursement of 75% through a grant and 25% paid by the county. No action needed by the county board.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve for the month of December the Documentary Stamp Tax, co shr in the amount of 3,435.23; County Clerk fees in the amount of \$2,081.75; P&M Fund fees in the amount of \$311.00; Misc Copy fees in the amount of \$20.00; Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$156.60; Passport fees in the amount of \$70.00; County Treasurer’s receipt of money received numbered 25144 – 25200 , inclusive in the amount of \$439,447.17; County Sheriff’s 3rd Qu report; and place them on file. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Oertwich. 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

Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 11056.97; Antelope Co Shf Dept, boarding, 6210.00; Appera, services, 161.11; Applied Connective Tech, services, 2707.30; Kim Bearnese, phone etc, 649.02; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 276.28; BCBS, ins-co shr, 35725.89; Blue 360 Media, supplies, 105.95; Brite, printer, 518.00; CATV Stanton dba Town Country Tech, supplies, 98.20; Card Services, supplies etc, 894.92; Central Plains Valuation, contract costs, 10407.00; Cornhusker Auto Cntr, services, 431.75; Cuming Co Shf, service fees, 19.23; DAS State Acct, equip fee, 150.00; Martha Detlefsen, prior service, 12.00; Tyler Evans, supplies, 109.14; Ewalt Law Office, public defender, 4333.33; Farmer’s Coop, fuel, 1051.55; First Concord Benefits Group, fees, 652.00; Francotyp-Postalia, meter rental, 395.40; Mike Froberg, supplies, 42.18; Great America Finc Services, rental pymt, 103.89; Great Plains Uniforms, supplies, 226.82; Amber Happold, mileage, 80.64; Wanda Heermann, postage etc, 283.98; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 12344.39; Jury Costs, juror fees, 2871.40; Justice Academy, reg fees, 299.00; Diane Kander, mileage, 18.20; Kuehn’s Auto Body, services, 216.00; L4 Hardware dba Stanton Hardware, supplies, 12.49; Lammi Locke Beaudette, office allow, 996.00; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel etc, 2209.16; Madison Co Jail, boarding, 2650.00; Madison Co Shf, service , 48.91; Madison Natl Life Ins Co, ins-co shr, 66.06; Menards, supplies, 243.08; Janet Meyer, services, 37.50 ; Midwest Special Services, services, 414.40; MIPS, services, 2725.62; Danielle Myers-Noelle dba Sunflower Law, atty fees, 456.25; Natl Shf Assoc, membership dues, 125.00; NE State Fire Marshal, services, 72.00; Lavern Newkirk, prior service, 17.00; NE Nebr Juv Service,

boarding, 675.00; One Office Solution, supplies, 780.66; Pierce Co Shf Dept, boarding, 350.00; Pilger Library, supplies, 581.27; Pilger Store, fuel, 46.50; Pitzer Digital, services, 297.93; Point C, hra admin fees, 335.50; Prime Sanitation Service, service, 79.50; Region 4 Behavioral Health, 3rd Qu Payment, 4644.00; Ridge Road Repair/Stanton Auto Parts, services etc, 1612.72; Stanton Co Clk, postage, 12.55; Stanton Co Clk Dist Crt, court costs, 36.00; Stanton Co Crt, court costs, 202.00; Stanton Co HRA Reimb Acct, contribution-co shr, 3375.00; Stanton Co Imprest Acct, ach fees, 21.00; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 1147.98; Stanton Telecom, services, 1833.03; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 101.18; State Nebr-Dept of MV, costs, 16.00; Teeco, supplies, 133.90; The Lil Store, fuel, 4299.95; Thurston Co Shf, boarding, 2700.00; Tilden Drug, prescriptions, 76.52; Kristin Unger, office equip, 1552.10; Univ Nebr Lincoln-Stanton Co Ext, phone, 45.02; Verizon Wireless, service, 602.70; Washington Co Shf, boarding, 1820.00; Washtech Car Wash, supplies, 8.75; Ryan Wehrle, boot reimburse, 219.99; Windshield Doctors, services, 110.00; Witness Fees, dist crt, 146.40; Wolf's Den, meals, 66.50; Cheryl Wolverton, prior service, 11.00;

ROAD FUND

Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 4368.86; Appeara, services, 45.69; ATCO Intl, supplies, 1443.54; B's Enterprises, supplies etc, 2326.02; Behmer Trucking, hauling, 4950.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 283.32; BCBS, ins-co shr, 24447.16; Boelter Farm Repair, services, 1190.00; Bomgaars, supplies, 262.39; Carhart Lumber, supplies, 2021.58; Century Link, services, 96.52; Clarkson Plbg Htg, supplies, 9.99; Colonial Research, supplies, 903.70; Cornhusker Intl Trucks, services, 67.83; Johnson Trucking Sand Gravel, gravel, 11733.69; Elkhorn Rural PPD, utilities, 49.16; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 11941.36; Hoskins Mfg, supplies, 106.33; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 5186.66; Island Supply Welding, supplies, 289.67; K. Porter Construction, concrete, 1295.70; Kelly Supply, supplies, 152.39; Kimball Midwest, supplies, 645.42; L4 Hardware dba Stanton Hardware, supplies, 180.09; Luedeke Oil, fuel etc, 10170.88; Madison County, ½ costs signals/lighting, 35070.92; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 15.16; Matteo Sand Gravel, gravel, 4616.85; Meisinger Oil, supplies, 223.09; Menards, supplies, 108.87; Midwest Service Sales, supplies, 25513.60; Murphy Tractor Equip, JD 772G motor grader, 402404.00; NAC Supply, sealant machine, 3344.00; NE State Fire Marshal, inspect fees, 405.00; NMC Exchange, services, 5562.38 ; Pilger Store, fuel etc, 4361.67; Pinkelman Truck Trailer, services, 3817.31; Powerplan, services, 2288.65; Prime Sanitation, services, 50.00; Ron's Farm Repair, parts, 100.00l; Michael Ruppert, reimburse, 66.99; Stanton Co HRA Reimb Acct, contribution-co shr, 2520.90; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 608.94; Stanton Telecom, services, 336.81; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 49.13; Teeco, supplies, 141.00; Thompson Excavating, hauling, 500.00; Topp's Body Shop, services, 35.00; US Cellular, services, 101.54; Verizon Connect, services, 840.90; Village Pilger, utilities, 204.43; Weldon Parts, parts, 75.89;

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 393.86; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 113.20; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 8.26; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 555.33; L4 Hardware dba Stanton Hardware, supplies, 192.99; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 5.42; Menards, supplies, 274.93; Cameron Meyer/Meyer Tool Service, tools, 439.98; Nebraska Assoc Emerg Mgmt, membership fees, 75.00; Prime Sanitation, services, 12.50; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 151.91; Stanton Telecom, services, 59.09; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 46.47; The Lil Store, fuel, 537.48; Windshield Doctors, services, 810.00;

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Stanton Co PPD, tower, 157.49;

EMERGENCY 911 FUND

City Norfolk, dispatching, 18493.31; Generation Consultants dba Codemessaging.net, services, 1811.33 ; L4 Hardware dba Stanton Hardware, supplies, 459.45; Stanton Telecom, services, 73.23; Total aggregate salaries of all county employees \$238,750.02.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded to Oertwich adjourn and set the statutory meeting for Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 8:15AM and set the regular meeting for Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 8:15 AM. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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