

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – Tuesday, January 20, 2026**  
(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 Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 8:00 AM in the County Commissioner’s room in Stanton, Nebraska.

Present upon the roll call were Douglas Huttmann, 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 January 7, 2026, 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 8:05 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 Huttmann to approve the agenda. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttmann and Kment. Nayes: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Oertwich to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2026, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Oertwich and Huttmann. Nayes: None. Motion Carried.

Amber Happold, county assessor, did not appear.

The county clerk presented a correction sheet from the county assessor. The county board reviewed the document as presented.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Oertwich to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the correction sheet numbered 271 (Tax Year 2025) and place it on file. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Oertwich and Kment. Nayes: None. Motion Carried.

There were no listings of clerical errors needing approval.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Oertwich to adjourn and set the next meeting for Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 8:00 AM. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Oertwich and Kment. Nayes: 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, January 20, 2026**  
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A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in an open and public session on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 8:15 AM in the County Commissioner’s room in Stanton, Nebraska.

Present upon the roll call were Douglas Huttmann, 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 January 7, 2026, 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 Huttmann, seconded by Oertwich to approve the agenda. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Oertwich and Kment. Nayes: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Kment to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2026, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Kment and Oertwich. Nayes: None. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: LENRD – community forestry incentive program; NNSWC – Landfill Site Observation Jan 15, 2026.

Sandy Zoubek, county treasurer, joined the meeting. A discussion was held on the semi-annual report for July – December 2025.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Oertwich to approve Resolution No. 2026.01-3 for settlement of the County Treasurer’s Semi-Annual report. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Oertwich and Kment. Nayes: None. Motion Carried.

Mike Unger, county sheriff, and W. Bert Lamml, county attorney, joined the meeting. A discussion was held on the policy for stray animals (dogs, cats, etc) outside of the Stanton City limits, Village of Pilger and Woodland Park. Currently the county does not handle stray animals within the rural areas of the county. A discussion was also held on department/policy issues, accidents and other county issues. No action needed by the board.

A discussion was held on the Interlocal Agreement Contract for Law Enforcement Services with the City of Stanton. This agreement will expire on December 31, 2026. The county board would like to request a representative from the City of Stanton to appear at the next commissioner’s meeting to discuss whether the City of Stanton intends to renew the contract. Items to be discussed are the contract service fee, whether incoming sheriff wishes to continue with the coverage and other items contained in the agreement.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttmann to instruct the county clerk to draft a letter to the City of Stanton inviting them to the next county board meeting to discuss the Interlocal Agreement Contract for Law Enforcement with the City of Stanton. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttmann and Kment. Nayes: None. Motion Carried.

Kylee Klug, Planning and Zoning Administrator, did not appear as there were no planning and zoning matters to discuss.

A discussion was held on employee duties, vacation and sick time, safety issues, overtime requirements, and FMLA regulations. No action taken by the county board.

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

A discussion was held on an email received from Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America in reference to bond 106956266 which was issued in conjunction with the Road Agreement between Sholes Wind LLC and Stanton County entered August 20, 2018. After review of the contract by the County Highway Superintendent and County Attorney it was noted in section 8 of the agreement that it requires Sholes to be responsible for repairs to the roads in the future for maintenance.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Oertwich that due to section 8 of the agreement Stanton County is requiring the bond remain in place for future maintenance. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Oertwich and Kment. Nayes: None. Motion Carried.

A discussion was held on warning signs along roads near Greenfiber. The county board instructed Ramsy to review the roads and area for possible "machinery crossing" signs, etc. Also discussed were future armor coating projects.

Bid Letting set for February 17, 2026, at 10:30AM for the construction of bridge abutment repairs (C008401720) located on 566 Ave between 843 Rd and 844 Rd (approx. 2 1/2 mi north of Hwy 275).

Commissioner Huttmann presented information from the City of Norfolk on Brine rates/costs to the county board. A discussion was held on the City of Norfolk providing application of brine to Stanton County roads at an approximate cost of \$200 per pass (as needed). The roads discussed for such application were: Old Hwy 35 (near Woodland Park), Woodland Park entrances (Broadmoor Dr, Forest Dr, Meadow Lane), school route within Woodland Park, N Eastwood St, E Benjamin Ave and Industrial Hwy (located in Stanton County). The county board suggested Darrell Hansen and Terry Mendlik as contacts for determining applications.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Kment to approve the brine application service with the City of Norfolk for the aforementioned streets and roads within Stanton County. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Kment and Oertwich. Nayes: None. Motion Carried.

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

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttmann to approve for the month of December the Documentary Stamp Tax, co shr in the amount of \$3,784.70; County Clerk fees in the amount of \$2,758.83; P&M Fund fees in the amount of \$439.00; Misc Copy fees in the amount of \$0.00; Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$7.17; Passport fees in the amount of \$00.00; County Treasurer's receipt of money received numbered 25201 –25263 , inclusive in the amount of \$376,807.13; and place them on file. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttmann and Kment. Nayes: None. Motion Carried.

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

#### GENERAL FUND

Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 11776.65; Antelope Co Shf Dept, boarding, 4635.00; Appear, services, 161.11; Applied Connective Tech, services, 2707.30; Kim Barnes, phone etc, 48.97; Big Red Printing, supplies, 738.06; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 755.60; BCBS, ins-co shr, 35725.89; Blue 360 Media, supplies, 105.95; CATV Stanton dba Town Country, services, 386.50; Card Services, supplies etc, 180.49; Gary Carson, postage dues etc, 158.80; Central Plains Valuation, contract costs, 10590.00; Consolidated Elec Distributor/EEE Co, supplies, 56.74; Cornhusker Auto Cntr, services, 149.95; DAS State Acct, equip fee, 150.00; Martha Detlefsen, prior service, 12.00; Donna Dixon, prior service, 57.50; Douglas Co Crt, copies, 2.00; Eakes Office, supplies, 147.05; Electronic Engineering, services, 543.85; Ewalt Law Office, public defender, 4550.00; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 620.96; First Concord Benefits, fees, 52.50; Floor Maintenance Paper Supply, supplies, 185.25; Gene Steffy, law enf vehicle, 21648.00; Great Amer Finc, rental pymt, 147.09; Hampton Inn, lodging, 2124.15; Douglas Hart, supplies etc, 93.89; Heartland Fire Prot, services, 141.00; Cynthia Herbolzheimer, prior service, 80.78; Debra Hoehne, prior service, 115.40; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 13088.61; Intoximeters, services, 1254.00; Kylee Klug, mileage etc, 55.75; Kuehn's Auto Body, services, 216.00; Lamqli Locke Beaudette, office allow, 996.00; Luedke Oil Co, fuel etc, 287.00; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 66.06; Christopher Mauer/CM Olivers, first aid supplies, 39.76; Mark Melcher/ Green Stripe, services, 80.00; Menards, supplies, 212.95; Janet Meyer, services, 225.00; Mid States Organized Crime Info Cntr, dues, 100.00; Midwest Special Services, services, 1214.25; MIPS, services, 2881.98; Danielle Myers-Noelle/Sunflower Law, atty fees, 1062.50; Nebr Assoc Co Officials, dues, 75.00; NACO Planning Zoning, dues, 40.00; Nebr Clk Dist Crt Assn, dues, 50.00; Nebr Assn Co Assr, dues, 100.00; Lavern Newkirk, prior service, 17.00; One Office, supplies, 1266.16; Pender Care Cntr/Apothecary Shop, supplies, 288.59; Pilger Library, supplies, 551.77; Pilger Store, fuel, 58.10; Pitzer Digital, services, 443.61; Point C, admin fees, 335.50; Prime Sanitation, services, 79.50; Radar Shop, services, 924.00; Jack Scherer Lawn Service, services, 414.28; Ridge Road Repair/Stanton Auto Parts, supplies, 10.53; Edward Sokol, prior service, 115.40; Stanton Co Clk, postage, 12.55; Stanton Co Crt, crt costs, 163.00; Stanton Co HRA Reimb Acct, contribution-co shr, 3816.00; Stanton Co Imp Acct, ach fees, 21.50; Stanton Co PPPD, utilities, 1231.80; Stanton State Bank, deposit box, 60.00; Stanton Telecom, services, 1809.79; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 101.45; Russell Sylvester/Profire Safety, services, 347.50; Teeco, supplies, 66.95; The Lil Store, fuel, 4272.32; Thurston Co Shf, boarding, 1800.00; Tilden Drug, supplies, 1167.67; Total Fire Security, annual fee, 480.00; Univ Nebr Lincoln-Stanton Co Ext, phone, 45.02; Verizon Wireless, service, 639.95; Dale Vitito/Jack's Uniform Equip, supplies, 911.49; Carla Vogel, prior service, 46.16; Washtech Car Wash, supplies, 61.25; Winsupply Norfolk, parts, 283.83; Cheryl Wolverton, prior service, 11.00; Loree Zach, supplies, 28.88; Sandra Zoubek Co Treas, interest etc, 379.66; Sandra Zoubek, mileage, 226.10;

#### ROAD FUND

Advance Auto Parts, parts, 28.34; Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 5041.76; Appear, services, 45.69; ATCO Intl, supplies, 2236.75; B's Enterprises, supplies, 1210.00; Darrell Bahns/Leigh Motor Service, parts, 165.00; Isaac Baumert/Rusty Nuts Repair, services, 4187.71; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 817.22; BCBS, ins-co shr, 22372.30; Bomgaars, supplies, 1716.69; Century Link, services, 92.30; Clarkson Plbg Htg, supplies, 87.91; Cornhusker Intl Trucks, services, 9.20; Elkhorn Rural PPD, utilities, 50.84; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 5100.37; Farmers Un Coop Supply, chemicals, 345.00; Floor Maintenance Paper Supply, supplies, 95.68; Tim Grubb/Grubb Grinding, services, 8661.00; Tyler Herscheid, reimb ins prem, 30.94; Hoskins Mfg Co, supplies, 143.52; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 6044.51; Island Supply Welding, supplies, 519.53; Jerry's Standard, services, 164.80; Kelly Supply, supplies, 228.10; Kimball Midwest, supplies, 496.76; L4 Hardware/Stanton Hardware, supplies, 1553.93; LG Everist, rock, 1015.89; Luedke Oil Co, fuel etc, 6491.77; Madison Natl Lif Ins Co, ins-co shr, 15.16; Mainelli Wagner Assoc, engineer services, 19214.70; Matteo Sand Gravel, gravel etc, 11125.59; Christopher Mauer/CM Olivers, first aid supplies, 330.20; Menards, supplies, 532.57; NMC Exchange, services, 10406.19; Pilger Store, fuel, 2424.43; Powerplan, services, 3658.82; Prime Sanitation Service, services, 50.00; RDO Truck Centers, parts, 129.12; Duane Rehak, prior service, 138.48; Ron's Farm Repair, parts, 693.50; Michael Ruppert, supplies, 13.77; Sioux City Truck Sales, parts, 1117.63; Stanton Co HRA Reimb Acct, contribution-co shr, 2544.00; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 815.95; Stanton Telecom, services, 336.26; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 49.13; Russell Stodola, parts, 15.81; Teeco, supplies, 51.50; Thies Garage, services, 449.96; Truck Center, parts, 201.76; US Cellular, services, 65.64; Verizon Connect Fleet, services, 842.12; Village Pilger, services, 208.28; Volkman Plbg Htg, supplies, 85.00;

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 393.86; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 187.17; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 45.19; Hampton Inn, lodging, 374.85; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 555.33; Kuehn's Auto Body, services, 376.00; L4 Hardware/Stanton Hardware, supplies, 209.66; Madison Natl Life Ins Co, ins-co shr, 5.42; Menards, supplies, 117.96; One Office, supplies, 35.67; Prime Sanitation, services, 12.50; Ridge Road Repair/Stanton Auto Parts, services, 84.10; SDS Weather, plan fees, 190.00; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 183.16; Stanton Telecom, services, 59.43; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 46.47; The Lil Store, fuel, 590.59; Wisner West, fuel, 96.21;

#### INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Stanton Co PPD, tower, 223.43;

#### EMERGENCY 911 FUND

City Norfolk, dispatching, 18493.31; Jeanette Davidson, tower rent, 120.00; Hyper-Reach Technology, annual fee, 4500.00; Stanton Telecom, services, 73.23; United Comm Group, services, 19190.00;

**COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Frohberg Electric, elec install, 4968.71; Heartland Heating, heat pump install, 9905.00;

Total aggregate salaries of all county employees \$259,691.91.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Hutmman to adjourn and set the next meeting for Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 8:15 AM.  
Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Hutmman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

/s/ Dennis Kment, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Stanton County, Nebraska

Attest: /s/ Wanda Heermann, County Clerk