

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – July 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 July 20, 2026, 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 July 8, 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. Hannah Bruning, representative of the Stanton Register, joined the meeting.

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 Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2026, and July 7, 2026, meetings. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The 2026 review of ownership and use of Stanton County cemeteries has been completed by the County Assessor as per Nebraska Statute 77-202.10. The listing was presented to the county board for review and placed on file.

Amber presented to the county board the Stanton County 2026 Three Year Plan of Assessment (2027, 2028 and 2029). The 2026 Three Year Plan of Assessment was reviewed and placed on file.

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

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the correction sheets numbered 297 – 298 and place them on file. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Amber presented the Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption (Form 458R) forms. A discussion was held on the reasons to deny the homestead exemption applications.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to deny the homestead exemption application for the real property located at Lot 37 Woodland Park Development, because the application was not timely filed – it was filed after the June 30th deadline. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman 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 incomplete – no income statement received. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to deny the homestead exemption application for the real property located at Lot 21 Woodland Park 2nd Development, because the application was incomplete – application and income statement not signed. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The chairman re-opened the Board of Equalization Protest Hearing at 8:15 AM and reminded Amber Happold, county assessor, she was still under oath.

Protest hearings were heard as follows:

2026-45: Personal Property 10% late filing penalty imposed (duplicate of Protest No. 2026-41). No one appeared. Protest reviewed.
2026-46: Property ID: 1999.00. Lot 1 Thor’s Subdivision located 9-24-1, Spring Branch Precinct. No one appeared. Protest reviewed.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to recess the Board of Equalization meeting at 8:20 AM to open the Board of Commissioners meeting. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The chairman reconvened the Board of Equalization meeting at 12:45 PM and re-opened the Protest Hearing.

Decisions were made on the following protests:

2026 – 01: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to adjust the valuation to \$611,990.00. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 02: Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to adjust the valuation to \$1,256,135.00. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 03: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 04: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to adjust valuation to \$692,965.00. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 05: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to adjust the valuation to \$359,475.00. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 06: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 07: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 08: Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 09: Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 10: Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to adjust the valuation to \$59,785.00. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 11: Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Kment to adjust the valuation to \$140,280.00. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Kment and Huttman. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 12: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to adjust the valuation to \$391,780.00. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 13: Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to adjust the valuation to \$293,715.00. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 14: Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to adjust the valuation to \$7,545.00. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 15: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 16: Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to adjust the valuation to \$595,235.00. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 17: Motion made by Kment, seconded by Oertwich to adjust the valuation to \$39,885.00. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Oertwich and Huttman. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 18: Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 19: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 20: Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to adjust the valuation to \$773,785.00. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 21: Motion made by Kment, seconded by Oertwich to adjust the valuation to \$104,310.00. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Oertwich and Huttman. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 22: Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to adjust the valuation to \$1,094,150.00. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 23: Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 24: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 25: Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Kment that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Kment and Huttman. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 26: Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to adjust the valuation to \$87,215.00. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 27: Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 28: Motion made by Kment, seconded by Oertwich to adjust the valuation to \$97,495.00. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Oertwich and Huttman. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 29: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 30: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 31: Motion made by Kment, seconded by Oertwich to adjust the valuation to \$291,220.00. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Oertwich and Huttman. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 32: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 33: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 34: Motion made by Kment, seconded by Oertwich to adjust the valuation to \$472,505.00. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Oertwich and Huttman. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 35: Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to adjust the valuation to \$1,074,475.00. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 36: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to adjust the valuation to \$459,395.00. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 37: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to adjust the valuation to \$466,235.00. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 38: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to adjust the valuation to \$656,290.00. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 39: Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 40: Motion made by Huttman seconded by Oertwich to adjust the valuation to \$406,990.00. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 41: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich that there is no change. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 42: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to adjust the valuation to \$578,085.00. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 43: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to adjust the valuation to \$216,780.00. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 44: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to adjust the valuation to \$518,815.00. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 45: Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich that there is no change. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 – 46: Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman that there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Each protester will be notified prior to August 2nd of the decision of the County Board of Equalization.

The board reviewed the Report of Destroyed Real Property forms for damage occurring on or after January 1 and before July 1 of the current year filed with the County Assessor and County Clerk on or before July 15.

Decisions were made on the following destroyed real property forms:

01 – 2026DP: Property ID: 2313.00. Lot 2 Delbert Timperley’s LS located in S½ NE 33-23-1, 11.65 acres, Elkhorn Precinct. The county assessor adjusted the valuation of buildings damaged and/or destroyed by fire and adjusted the building valuation to \$123,930.00. Motion made by Kment, seconded by Oertwich that after review, the values be established as adjusted by the county assessor. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Oertwich and Huttman. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

02 – 2026DP: Property ID: 1707.00. NE NW 12-24-1, Spring Branch Precinct. The county assessor adjusted the valuation to the grain bin damaged by wind and adjusted the building valuation to \$145,880.00. Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich that after review, the values be established as adjusted by the county assessor. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

03 – 2026DP: Property ID: 1687.00. SW 9-24-1, Spring Branch Precinct. The county assessor indicated no change in valuation due to fire in fence line. Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Kment that after review, the there is no change in valuation. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Kment and Huttman. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Each Report of Destroyed Real Property owner will be notified of the decision of the County Board of Equalization.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to close the protest hearing. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Amber presented a list of over/under valued property within Stanton County. She explained the updates and/or changes to the listed properties.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve the list of over/under valued property and allow the County Assessor to adjust the tax rolls. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to adjourn and set the next regular meeting for August 17, 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 – July 20, 2026
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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 July 8, 2026, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes, and by posting on the county website.

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All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Hannah Bruning, representative of the Stanton Register, attended the meeting.

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 June 15, 2026, and July 7, 2026, meetings. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Senator DeKay – LB784; USCellular/TMobile – migrate information ; Michele York, NDWEE – floodplan mapping project information; Nebraska DWEE – floodplain mapping project kick off meeting.

Beth Ferrell, NACO legal counsel, appeared before the county board. A discussion was held on recent legislative changes to zoning, joint public hearing requirements, open meetings act and other legislature changes. Beth reviewed the upcoming workshops, webinars and meetings for 2026. She also presented information available on the NACO website in reference to property taxes, benefits available, programs and information on the NACo website. No action needed by the county board.

Cory Locke, deputy county attorney, joined the meeting to discuss the county attorney budget request for the 2026-2027 budget year. A discussion was held on the increase in salary and office expenses. General discussion was held on court case loads and other legal matters.

Sandy Zoubek, county treasurer, joined the meeting. A discussion was held on the semi-annual report for January – June 2026.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve Resolution No. 2026.07-14 for settlement of the County Treasurer’s Semi-Annual report. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve Resolution No. 2026.07-15 to add and release pledged security with Stanton State Bank, Stanton Nebraska. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on the Intergovernmental Agreement for Adult Detention Services received from the Thurston County Sheriff’s Department. The purpose of the agreement is to establish a formal relationship between the Thurston County Nebraska Jail and Stanton County Nebraska for the detention of adult persons criminally charged or sentenced by the court of Stanton County. It was noted that the Thurston County Sheriff Department will raise their daily rate to \$70 effective July 2026.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for Adult Detention Services received from the Thurston County Sheriff’s Department. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried. [copy of Intergovernmental Agreement on file in County Clerk’s office]

The Special Designated Liquor License application of Burgandy Brown on behalf of Twisted Torque Show and Shine Inc of Pilger NE was reviewed. The intent of the license for Twisted Torque Show and Shine Inc is to have a small beer garden which will serve beer and mixed drinks during the Windmill Market event scheduled for July 25, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Location of the Windmill Market is 57041 US Hwy 275, Pilger NE. The county sheriff indicated he did not have an issue with the issuance of the SDL license but noted that all liquor laws will be strictly enforced if any violations are reported or observed by law enforcement.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve the Special Designated Liquor License application of Burgandy Brown on behalf of Twisted Torque Show and Shine Inc of Pilger NE to have a small beer garden which will serve beer and mixed drinks during the Windmill Market event scheduled for July 25, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, located at 57041 US Hwy 275, Pilger NE. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Jeff Hansen, weed superintendent, joined the meeting. Jeff informed the county board of information he received after attending the NE Nebraska Weed Management meeting held in Plainview NE. A discussion was held on becoming a member of the NE Nebraska RC&D (Resource Conservation & Development), annual membership dues, and grant funding for weed control. Jeff requested to become a member.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Oertwich to allow Jeff to become a member of the NE Nebraska Weed Management. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Oertwich and Kment. Naves: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Oertwich to approve Resolution No. 2026.07-16 to add/create Fund (2430) K-9 Fund. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Oertwich and Kment. Naves: None. Motion Carried

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Oertwich to approve Resolution No. 2026.07-17 to remove Fund 4020 and Fund 5907 from the County Budget document. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Oertwich and Kment. Naves: None. Motion Carried

Kylee Klug, Planning and Zoning Administrator, and Ramsy Robertson, representative of Mainelli Wagner Assoc, joined the meeting.

The chairman opened the hearing at 9:35 AM on the Conditional Use Permit application of Roy Belina to apply nutrient (dry manure) from an out of county livestock facility operation on properties located in the S½ NW 15-21-3, E½ SW 32-21-3 and SW 35-21-3; and the W½ SW 25-22-3. No one appeared for the hearing. Kylee explained the application, stockpile locations in relationship to any residences and the floodplain. The conditions recommended by the Planning and Zoning commission were reviewed.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Oertwich to close the hearing. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Oertwich and Kment. Naves: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttmann to approve the Conditional Use Permit application of Roy Belina to apply nutrient (dry manure) from an out of county livestock facility operation on properties located in the S½ NW 15-21-3, E½ SW 32-21-3 and SW 35-21-3; and the W½ SW 25-22-3, as Planning Commission recommendations. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttmann and Kment. Naves: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on the hourly and salary wages of the appointed officials, custodian/maintenance employee and the road employees. The county board reviewed the current hourly rates/wages of the various offices/departments. An increase of \$1 per hour would increase an annual wage by approximately \$2,080.00.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttmann to increase the hourly rate for the Veterans’ Service Officer to \$30 per hour, the Planning Zoning Administrator to \$31 per hour, the custodian/maintenance to \$28 per hour, the non CDL road department employees to \$25 per hour, the road department employees to \$26 per hour, the bridge foreman to \$28 per hour, no increase to the Weed Superintendent salary (\$12,000 annually), and no increase at this time to the Emergency Manager salary (\$70,020 annually) subject to a possible increase with the signing of an interlocal agreement for emergency management services. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttmann and Kment. Naves: None. Motion Carried.

LaLene Bates, Deb Hoehne and Mike Wilke, members of the Veterans’ Memorial Park committee, joined the meeting to update the county board on the Stanton County Veterans’ Memorial Park. The park was completed prior to the dedication which was held on Memorial Day. LaLene stated there are a few additional items to be installed (benches, trash bin, etc). A discussion was held on signage needed indicating that no skateboarding, bicycle riding, roller blading and scooter riding will be allowed on the park grounds. Also, a sign indicating video and camera in use will be installed. Handicap signs will need to be installed in the parking area. Also discussed was the monthly maintenance and repairs expenses which will be the responsibility of the county. The county board members thanked the committee for all their hard work in making the Veterans’ Memorial Park a reality.

Mike Unger, county sheriff, joined the meeting to discuss the sheriff department’s inventory and surplus property. He advised the county board that he had reviewed this information with Tyler Evans.

The chairman opened the hearing at 10:35 AM for the purpose of hearing testimony pertaining to the proposed vacation of Road 149 located in the middle of the NE¼ of section 16-22-2 south one-half mile from the north section line and Road 55 located between the NE¼ and SE¼ of section 16-22-2 west one-quarter mile from the east section line (Butterfly Precinct).

Mike Wilke appeared for the hearing. Discussion was held on the reason for vacating/abandoning the road. Mike informed the county board that the road was no longer used and is overgrown with grass and trees. He stated that there has been a new easement filed giving Kevin Kortje access to his property and the prior easement is no longer needed. The recommendation of the county highway superintendent is to abandon the roads and that the right-of-way revert to the landowners.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Oertwich to close the hearing. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Oertwich and Kment. Naves None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Kment to approve Resolution No. 2026.07-18 to vacate/abandon County Road 149 located in the middle of the NE¼ of section 16-22-2 south one-half mile from the north section line and Road 55 located between the NE¼ and SE¼ of section 16-22-2 west one-quarter mile from the east section line (Butterfly Precinct) and that any interest in the right-of-way of Stanton County shall revert to the adjoining landowners. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Kment and Huttmann. Naves: None. Motion Carried.

Ramsy updated the county board on the various road projects within the county. He stated work was set to begin on the bridge abutment repairs located on 566 Ave/843-844 Rd and road closed signage will be placed the 1st week in August, the armor coat project has been completed on the Golf Course Road, and striping will need to be applied to the new armor coat surface.

Bid Letting was held at 10:45 AM on the Stanton Northeast, C-84(259) Bridge replacement located on 840 Rd between 568/569 Ave, 35-24-2 and 2-23-2. Appearing for the bid letting were representatives of KEA Constructors, JMN Construction, Herbst Construction, General Excavating, JJK Construction, Simon Contractors, High Plains Structural Group and Dixon Construction. Bids were opened and publicly read as follows:

Dixon Construction, Correctionville IA - \$1,185,368.00 Start: Dec 14, 2026 End: 110 days
KEA Constructors, Milford NE - \$1,562,952.47 Start: Dec 7, 2026 End: 120 days
Herbst Construction, LeMars IA - \$966,845.50 Start: Aug 10, 2026 End: 120 days
Simon Contractors, North Platte, NE - \$1,380,000.00 Start: Jan 1, 2027 End: May 1, 2027
JMN Construction, Valley NE - \$1,319,241.60 Start: Dec 1, 2026 End: 140 days
General Excavating, Lincoln NE - \$1,733,612.00 Start: Dec 1, 2026 End: May 1, 2027
High Plains Structural Group, Lincoln NE - \$1,432,411.25 Start: Sep 21, 2026 End: Jan 19, 2027
JJK Construction, Ceresco NE - \$1,469,496.68 Start: Jan 27, 2027 End: 100 days

The bids were reviewed for accuracy by Ramsy. Award of project set aside temporarily. Discussion was held on the bids received.

Motion by Huttmann, seconded by Kment to accept the bid of Herbst Construction of LeMars IA for the Stanton Northeast, C-84(259) Bridge replacement project in the total amount of \$966,854.50 (correct total) and appoint and authorize the chairman to sign all the necessary documents when received. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Kment and Oertwich. Naves: None. Motion Carried.

Mike Frohberg, emergency manager, and Jordan Howell, intern, joined the meeting.

Mike updated the county board on the possible interlocal agreement with Cuming County for emergency management services. Cuming County inquired about establishing an interlocal agreement. The purpose of the agreement is to establish a cooperative partnership between Stanton County and Cuming County for the provision of emergency management services. Under the agreement Stanton

County would serve as the lead county and shall be responsible for approving the annual budget and managing all financial activity. Cuming County will appropriate a financial contribution to Stanton County for operating emergency management services. A discussion was held on an effective date of January 1, 2027, at a minimal financial obligation for 6 months while the parties will conduct a financial review on or before June 30, 2027, to the new fiscal year 2027-2028. Mike and the county advisory committee members appointed will meet with Cuming County representatives to discuss the proposed interlocal agreement before final approval. Mike advised the county board that he will be assisting Cuming County with a couple of upcoming events, such as Thunder by the River and a training exercise.

A discussion was held on transferring the EMA Durango to the sheriff department to serve as a K-9 vehicle and the purchase of a vehicle for the EMA to replace the transferred vehicle. Stanton County EMA has received \$38,000.00 in grant funding to upfit a new vehicle.

Mike reviewed the changes to the 2026 LEOP (Local Emergency Operations Plan) for Stanton County. The Stanton County LEOP has been developed to provide and coordinate responses to any disaster or emergency in Stanton County, the City of Stanton, Village of Pilger, and the Sanitary Improvement District (SID#1) of Woodland Park, in Stanton County. Mike presented a resolution for approval of the LEOP.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttmann to approve Resolution No. 2026.07-19 approving the 2026 Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) for Stanton County and acknowledging a review of the plan. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttmann and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Oertwich to approve for the month of June the Documentary Stamp Tax, co shr in the amount of \$2,475.80; County Clerk fees in the amount of \$3,612.50; P&M Fund fees in the amount of \$507.50; Misc Copy fees in the amount of \$0.00; Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$365.95; Passport fees in the amount of \$35.00; County Treasurer’s receipt of money received numbered 25601 – 25664 , inclusive in the amount of \$386,311.53; Veterans’ Service Officer 2025-2026 4th Quarter Report; and place them on file. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: 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. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

GENERAL FUND

Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 10573.26; Antelope Co Shf Dept, boarding, 1980.00; Appeara, services, 328.70; Applied Connective Technologies, services, 2933.26; John Avidano dba Ideal HTML, services, 437.25; Kim Bearnese, phone etc, 85.71; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 101.73; BCBS, ins-co shr, 32740.99; Brite, equip, 11937.80; Card Services, meals etc, 230.15; Comfort Inn, lodging, 279.90; Copple Rockey Schlecht et al, atty fees, 1125.85; Cornhusker Auto, services, 99.95; DAS State Acct, equip fee, 150.00; D&L Towing Recovery, services, 177.50; Martha Detlefsen, prior service, 12.00; Dudley Laundry/Jan X, supplies, 246.37; Eakes Office, supplies, 681.20; Tyler Evans, supplies, 91.36; Ewalt Law Office, public defender, 4550.00; Farmer’s Coop, fuel, 2146.04; First Concord Benefits, admin fees, 52.50; Great Amer Finc, rental pymt, 282.15; Jeff Hansen, supplies, 12.14; Douglas Hart, meals, 440.00; Wanda Heermann, mileage, 249.40; Jordan Howell, services, 120.00; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 12083.74; Johnson’s Pbg Htg, supplies, 131.55; L4 Hardware dba Stanton Hardware, supplies etc, 384.37; LLB Law Group, office allow atty fees, 4964.80; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel etc, 1368.84; Madison County, dist judge costs, 313.16; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 60.64; Christopher Mauer dba CM Olivers, first aid supplies, 1603.52; Menards, supplies, 681.14; Janet Meyer, services, 120.00 ; Microfilm Imaging Sys, equip, 624.00; Midwest Special Services, services, 103.60; MIPS, services, 3011.00; Nebraska.gov, copies, 1.00; Nebraska Weed Control Assoc, reg fee, 150.00; Lavern Newkirk, prior service, 17.00; NE Nebraska Juvenile Service, contract pymt, 1460.50; One Office Solution, supplies, 4337.99; Orthosource, services, 40.00; Pilger Store, fuel, 413.09; Pitzer Digital, services, 1221.02; Point C, hra admin fees, 588.00; Prime Sanitation, services, 79.50; Region IV, 1st Qu pymt, 1874.50; Region 4 Behavioral Health, 1st Qu pymt, 4644.00; Clyde Lee Renn, small tools, 145.46; Ridge Road Repair dba Stanton Auto Parts, services, 522.23; Jack B Scherer Lawn Service, services, 270.58; Stanton Co Crt, costs, 134.00; Stanton Co HRA Reimb Acct, HRA contribution-co shr, 5328.00; Stanton Co Imp Acct, ach fees, 20.00; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 1625.77; Stanton Telecom, services, 1882.14; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 642.59; State Nebraska Dept Corr, boarding, 2168.40; State Nebraska Dept MV, copies, 8.50; Eric Stone, supplies, 40.66; Stratton Delay Doele et al, atty fees, 1575.34; Teeco, supplies, 58.95; The Lil Store, fuel, 3833.25; Thurston Co Shf, boarding, 1860.00; Topps Body Shop, services, 361.50; Trane US, services, 3218.00; Univ Nebraska Lincoln Stanton County, telephone, 45.02; Verizon Wireless, service, 702.06; Washtech Car Wash, supplies, 35.00; Wayne County, dist judge costs, 2562.42; Winsupply Norfolk NE Co, supplies, 608.87; Witness Costs, fees, 165.46; Cheryl Wolverton, prior service, 11.00; Sandra Zoubek Co Treas, interest reg fee, 376.35;

ROAD FUND

805 Automotive, services, 394.79; Advance Auto Parts, parts, 150.34; Ag Spray Equip, supplies, 165.28; Akrs Equip Solutions, parts, 799.48; Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 4515.63; Appeara, services, 47.12; ATCO Intl, supplies, 514.00; Backus Sand Gravel, gravel, 4542.39; Bauer Built, services, 535.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 131.24; BDBS, ins-co shr, 22337.34; Bomgaars, supplies etc, 1401.98; Bullseye Windshield Repair, services, 60.00; Carhart Lumber, supplies, 2206.62; Century Link, services, 95.29; Colonial Research, supplies, 41.29; Doernemann Farm Service, services, 66.52; Elkhorn Rural PPD, utilities, 41.98; Faith Health, services, 11.00; Farmer’s Coop, fuel, 11583.88; Fastenal Co, supplies, 53.96; Mike Frohberg, fuel, 81.04; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 5464.90; Island Supply Welding, supplies, 155.86; Kings Crushing, rock, 1209.56; Kuehn’s Auto Body, services, 124.58; L4 Hardware dba Stanton Hardware, supplies, 21.25; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel etc, 23009.58; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 19.48; Mainelli Wagner Assoc, engineering services, 28436.60; Matteo Sand Gravel, gravel, 39113.76; Christopher Mauer dba CM Olivers, supplies, 287.55; Medical Enterprises, services, 824.00; Meisinger Oil Co, supplies, 258.39; Menards, supplies, 27.99; Metrocount USA, supplies, 416.00; Midwest Service Sales, supplies, 2396.70; NMC Exchange, services, 3847.45; Norfolk Works, services, 100.00; Pilger Store, fuel, 4922.78; Powerplan, services, 4924.73; Prime Sanitation, services, 50.00; RDO Truck Centers, services, 11402.05; Ridge Road Repair dba Stanton Auto Parts, services, 586.73; Ron’s Farm Repair, services etc, 2867.66; Schroeder Land Surveying, services, 196.00; Sioux City Truck Sales, parts, 29.38; Stanton Co HRA Reimb Acct, HRA contribution-co shr, 3388.00; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 787.81; Stanton Telecom, services, 334.80; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 48.13; Teeco, supplies, 85.75; Dean Thies, reimburse boots, 250.00; Topps Body Shop, services, 270.00; Tri-State Comm, equip, 250.00; US Cellular, services, 92.12; Verizon Connect Fleet, services, 944.80; Village Pilger, utilities, 131.23; Volkman Plbg Htg, services, 2614.00; Weldon Parts, tools, 645.00; Sandra Zoubek Co Treas, title fee, 10.00;

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 393.86; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 50.28; Bound Tree Medical, supplies, 245.28; CATV Stanton dba Town Country Tech, services, 255.00; Darkwing Tech, supplies, 256.05; Farmer’s Coop, fuel, 117.79; Dylan Frohberg dba Frohberg Computers, services, 337.99; Mike Frohberg, meals, 102.86; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 688.96; L4 Hardware dba Stanton Hardware, supplies, 214.30; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 5.42; Menards, supplies etc, 1076.67; One Office Solution, supplies, 242.84; Prime Sanitation Service, services, 50.00; Ridge Road Repair dba Stanton Auto Parts, services etc, 98.48; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 209.27; Stanton Telecom, services, 59.86; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 45.47; The Lil Store, fuel, 978.29;

P&M FUND

Government Forms Supplies, binders, 3305.53;

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Stanton Co PPD, tower, 171.87;

EMERGENCY 911 FUND

City Norfolk, dispatching, 19198.06; Menards, supplies, 365.71; Stanton Telecom, services, 73.23; United Comm Group, fencing signage, 4690.00;

Total aggregate salaries of all county employees \$240,790.88.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttmann to recess the Board of Commissioner’s meeting to reconvene the Board of Equalization meeting. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttmann and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The chairman reconvened the Board of Commissioner’s meeting at 2:30 PM.

Amber Happold, county assessor, presented her letter of resignation to the county board, effective August 31, 2026. Amber was appointed as interim assessor January 2, 2024. The county board thanked Amber for her 3 plus years of service to Stanton County. Appointment of an interim county assessor for the remainder of the official term will be decided after August 31, 2026.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Oertwich to adjourn and set the next regular meeting for August 17, 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