

BUDGET HEARING held September 14, 2026, at 9:00 AM

The 2026-2027 Budget Hearing for Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on September 14, 2026, at 9:00 AM in the County Commissioner’s room in Stanton, Nebraska.

Notice of the budget hearing was published in the Stanton Register on September 2, 2026.

Board members present at the hearing were: Douglas Huttmann and Dennis Kment. Douglas Oertwich was absent. No members of the public appeared for the hearing.

The Budget Hearing was opened at 9:00 AM by Chairman Kment for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget.

Wanda Heermann, county clerk, made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year’s budget. The necessary cash reserve for the General Funds will remain at \$1,300,000.00 and the necessary cash reserve for the Road Fund will be increased to \$1,500,000.00. A transfer of \$300,000.00 will be made from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund to transfer to the Road Fund to increase the cash reserve. The Road Fund (300), Emergency Management Fund (910) and Road Improvement Fund (950) are funded by transfers from the General Fund and not by taxation. The anticipated revenue transfers from the General Fund to the Road Fund will be in the amount of \$3,526,949.86, to the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$118,783.09, and to the Road Improvement Fund in the amount of \$0.00. Transfers are made periodically to maintain an appropriate fund balance. The transfer of funds will be accomplished through the claims process. The total tax request requirement for 2026-2027 is \$5,441,809.01 which is a decrease of \$248,051.93 from the prior 2025-2026 tax requirement of \$5,689,860.94. A discussion was held on the proposed budget and other budgetary issues.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Kment to close the Budget Hearing at 9:25 AM.

Voting: Ayes: Huttmann and Kment. Nayses: None. Absent: Oertwich. Motion Carried.

The Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request was opened at 9:25 AM by Chairman Kment for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

Board members present at the hearing were: Douglas Huttmann and Dennis Kment. Douglas Oertwich was absent. No members of the public appeared for the hearing.

Discussion was held on the tax request for 2026-2027 budget year. The 2026 certified valuation of Stanton County is \$2,524,643,311.00, which is an increase of \$125,391,690.00 from last year’s valuation. The proposed tax levy request is 0.215548, a decrease of 0.021604 per \$100 of assessed value.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttmann to close the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request at 9:45 AM.

Voting: Ayes: Kment and Huttmann. Nayses: None. Absent: Oertwich. Motion Carried.

The approval and adoption of the 2026-2027 budget will be held at a regular board meeting set for September 21, 2026, at 8:15 AM in the County Commissioner’s Room.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Kment to adjourn the budget hearing.

Voting: Ayes: Huttmann and Kment. Nayses: None. Absent: Oertwich. Motion Carried.

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

STANTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA						
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY						
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statutes 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 14th day of September, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock, AM, at the Stanton County Courthouse, 804 Ivy St, Stanton NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.						
FUNDS	Actual Disbursements 2024-2025 (2)	Actual Disbursements 2025-2026 (2)	Proposed Budget of Disbursements 2026-2027 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (6)
General	6,929,371.05	7,030,230.21	8,996,012.48	1,300,000.00	5,407,434.95	4,888,577.53
Road	5,691,050.33	3,908,160.95	8,914,050.00	1,500,000.00	10,414,050.00	-
Emergency Mgmt	162,486.85	152,950.18	225,774.03	-	225,774.03	-
Road Improve	-	-	111,559.57	-	111,559.57	-
Reg Deeds P&M	647.20	-	28,500.00	-	28,500.00	-
Veterans' Aid	-	-	13,384.73	-	13,384.73	-
Co Drug Law Enf	-	-	3,924.05	-	3,924.05	-
K-9 Law Enf	-	-	40,000.00	-	40,000.00	-
COVID-ARPA	112,588.05	23,403.51	-	-	-	-
Inheritance Tax	575,526.72	601,975.43	1,400,000.00	-	1,400,000.00	-
911 Emerg - Tower	203,976.56	256,246.06	364,000.00	-	104,201.01	259,798.99
Courthouse Improve	57,796.48	15,,586.00	1,325,000.00	-	1,031,567.51	293,432.49
TOTALS	13,733,443.24	11,988,552.34	21,422,204.86	2,800,000.00	18,780,395.85	5,441,809.01
				Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
				-	5,441,809.01	5,441,809.01
Unused Property Tax Request Authority available for next year						295,751.34

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST			
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 14th day of September, 2026 at 9:15 o'clock, AM, at the Stanton County Courthouse, 804 Ivy St, Stanton NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.			
	2025	2026	Change
Operating Budget	20,750,121.94	21,422,204.86	3.2%
Property Tax Request	5,689,860.94	5,441,809.01	-4.4%
Valuation	2,399,251,621	2,524,643,311	5.2%
Tax Rate	0.237152	0.215548	-19.1%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.225373		
			[Publ: Sep 2, 2026]

COMMISSIONER’S PROCEEDINGS – September 14, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in an open and public session on September 14, 2026, at 8:15 AM in the County Commissioner’s room in Stanton, Nebraska.

Present upon the roll call were Douglas Huttmann and Dennis Kment, Board of Commissioners. Douglas Oertwich was absent. Wanda Heermann, County Clerk, was also present.

Advance notice of the meeting was published August 26, 2026, in the Stanton Register.

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 9:45 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 Kment to approve the agenda.

Voting: Ayes: Huttmann and Kment. Nayas: None. Absent: Oertwich. Motion Carried.

The county board reviewed the Permits to Construct Utilities on County Right-of-Way received from Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company of Jackson Nebraska to install buried fiber optic cable. Permit No. 1: east on 846 Rd from 568 Ave to 569 Ave, STR 1-24-2 located in Dewey Precinct; Permit No. 2: 846 Rd/569 Ave south on 569 Ave to 84528 569 Ave, STR 1/2-24-2 located in Dewey Precinct; Permit No. 3: 57057 845 Rd east to 57177 845 Rd, 6/7-24-3 located in Pilger Precinct; and Permit No. 4: 846 Rd/571 Ave south on 571 Ave to 845 Rd, 5/6-24-3 located in Pilger Precinct. An email from Ramsy Robertson indicated that the permits were reviewed.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Kment to approve the Utility Permits from Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company of Jackson Nebraska to install fiber optic cable – Utility Permit No. 20260914-1: east on 846 Rd from 568 Ave to 569 Ave, STR 1-24-2 located in Dewey Precinct; Utility Permit No. 20260914-2: beginning at 846 Rd/569 Ave south on 569 Ave to 84528 569 Ave, STR 1/2-24-2 located in Dewey Precinct; Utility Permit No. 20260914-3: beginning at 57057 845 Rd east to 57177 845 Rd, 6/7-24-3 located in Pilger Precinct; and Utility Permit No. 4: beginning at 846 Rd/571 Ave south on 571 Ave to 845 Rd, 5/6-24-3 located in Pilger Precinct; subject to the requirements and provisions of the permit and with the following conditions: 1) only allows authority on Stanton County ROW; 2) permit contingent on requirements listed in Appendix “A”: (a) all fees need to be paid prior to the issuance of the permit (\$600); 3) the fiber line needs to be placed as far away as possible from the road, not placed in any road; 4) all roads and/or culverts are to be bored under, not cut through; 5) the fiber line should be 4’ (four feet) below the surface and 4’ (four feet) below any culvert; 6) all roads need to be returned to their original condition if damaged or the cost for repair to fix the damages will be billed to the applicant; 7) if additional gravel is needed after construction the costs will be charged to the applicant, and 8) contact Darrell Hansen, bridge foreman, prior to beginning to be certain all culverts have been flagged and with any questions, or concerns.

Voting: Ayes: Huttmann and Kment. Nayas: None. Absent: Oertwich. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Kment to adjourn to the regular meeting set for September 21, 2026, at 8:15 AM.

Voting: Ayes: Huttmann and Kment. Nayas: None. Absent: Oertwich. Motion Carried.

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