

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – September 21, 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 September 21, 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 Leslie Hasenkamp, County Assessor, were also present.

Quarterly 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 8:00 AM by Chairman Kment. The open meetings act is posted on the wall, 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 Kment to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2026, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Nebraska TERC – Notice of Appeal 28A 0289 (W Blank).

The county board of equalization reviewed the appeal letter received in reference to the denial of the homestead exemption application for the real property located at Lot 37 Woodland Park Development with the county assessor. A discussion was held on the circumstances listed and the options of the county board of equalization.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to reverse the July 20, 2026, denial of the homestead exemption application for the real property located at Lot 37 Woodland Park Development. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Oertwich. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Leslie Hasenkamp, county assessor, presented and explained the correction sheets for the month.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the correction sheets numbered 20260001 – 20260003 and place them on file. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

There were no listings of clerical errors needing approval.

County levies to be set on October 19, 2026, at 8:00 AM.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to adjourn and set the next regular meeting for October 19, 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 – September 21, 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 September 21, 2026, 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.

Quarterly 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.

Ryan Wehrle, member of the public, attended the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America the meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Kment. The open meetings act is posted on the wall, 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 Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2026, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: NNSWC – Landfill Site observation Aug 18, 2026, Farmer’s Cooperative, Pilger – Propane Deliver Policy, NENEDD – 2025-2026 Annual Report.

Leslie Hasenkamp, county assessor, presented a contract for appraisal services and a maintenance agreement received from Stanard Appraisal Services Inc of Central City Nebraska. The contract for appraisal services is to assist Stanton County with the next portion of the six-year review process. This year’s review of proposed areas will include the residential property in the City of Stanton and the Village of Pilger. The maintenance agreement covers the continued maintenance of sales data along with continued support in the assessment of property in Stanton County. The contracts were reviewed by the county board with the county assessor.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Contract for Appraisal Services and the Maintenance Agreement with Stanard Appraisal Services Inc of Central City Nebraska. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

[copy of Stanard Appraisal Services Inc – Contract for Appraisal Services and Maintenance Agreement on file in County Clerk’s Office]

The county assessor presented information to the county board in reference to new data layers available on the Beacon GIS website. The additional Beacon layers would give the public a visual way to better understand property values throughout Stanton County – including sales, property characteristics, condition, year built, and other information used when looking at values. A discussion was held on the Beacon Basic program and six (6) assessment mapping layers versus the minimum option of just the six assessment mapping layers only. Leslie indicated Beacon Basic is the preferred option because it combines the six (6) assessment layers with the tax estimator, property tax dollars, and comparable-property tools. The annual cost for Beacon Basic with six assessment mapping layers is \$3,460 plus a one-time setup fee of \$3,300.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve and authorize the county assessor to proceed with the update to the Beacon GIS site to Beacon Basic with the six assessment mapping layers. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve Resolution No. 2026.09-23 to add pledged security at the Stanton State Bank, Stanton Nebraska. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on the Budget Hearing and Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request which were held on September 14, 2026, at 9:00 AM in the County Commissioner’s room in Stanton, Nebraska. Advance notice of the hearings was given by publication in the Stanton Register on September 2, 2026.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman, to approve Resolution No. 2026.09-24 (Resolution and Appropriations of the 2026-2027 Budget). Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve Resolution No. 2026.09-25 Setting the Property Tax Request at a different amount than last year. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at: General Fund \$4,888,577.53; 911 Emergency Fund \$259,798.99; Courthouse Improvement Fund \$293,432.49; Total \$5,441,809.01. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 5.23%. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.225373 per \$100 of assessed value. Stanton County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.215548 per \$100 of assessed value. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Stanton County will increase last year’s budget by 3.24%. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Motion Carried.

Levies to be set October 19, 2026, at 8:00 AM at the Board of Equalization meeting.

Doug Hart, Veterans’ Service Officer, joined the meeting to discuss the usage of the Veterans’ Memorial Park. A discussion was held on the usage, establishing an agreement for use of the park for community gatherings and liability issues. The county board will have the county attorney look into establishing an agreement for usage and liability issues.

Kylee Klug, Planning and Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting. There were no planning and zoning items needing approval. A general discussion was held on zoning issues. No action needed by the county board.

Mike Froberg, emergency manager, joined the meeting. A summary of understanding the Stanton County LEOP was given to the county board, a discussion was held on the interlocal agreement with Cuming County for EMA services, and a discussion on paging/dispatching. No action needed by the county board.

Mark D. Mainelli, representative of Mainelli Wagner Assoc, joined the meeting. Mark updated the county board on various projects within Stanton County. He stated that additional pile points were added to the bridge construction at the approximate cost of \$1,300. A discussion was held on the traffic counters and studies needed for Golf Course Road, Old Hwy 8 and 559 Ave, the speed limit on Golf Course Road, and a striping agreement with Madison for Industrial Hwy, Old Hwy 35 and E Benjamin Ave. A resolution will need to be drawn up to change the speed limit on Golf Course Rd. This matter continued to next month.

A discussion was held on the replacement of bridge #12755 (located intersection 571 Ave/843 Rd in Pilger precinct). Design and study to be made on the site.

Bid Letting was held at 10:45 AM on the Stanton Southeast, C008404230 C-84(405) Triple 96”x40’ corrugated pipes, steel headwalls and wingwalls. Tim Braithwait appeared on behalf of B’s Enterprises. Bids were opened and publicly read as follows: Metal Culverts Inc, Jefferson City MO - \$67,419.15, Delivery Date: 6-8 weeks ARO; Midwest Service & Sales, Schuyler NE - \$67,129.80, Delivery Date: 10-12 weeks; B’s Enterprises Inc, Norfolk NE - \$64,423.60, Delivery Date : 8-20 weeks After Approval Drawings. Discussion was held on the bids received. Award of project set aside temporarily to allow Mark to review the bids for accuracy.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to accept the bid of B’s Enterprises of Norfolk NE for the Stanton Southeast, C008404230 C-84(405) Triple 96”x40’ corrugated pipes, steel headwalls and wingwalls in the total amount of \$64,423.60 and authorize the chairman to sign all the necessary documents when received. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2026 Inventory Statements of Election and Appointed Officials were reviewed by the county board.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve and place on file the 2026 Inventory Statements of the Elected and Appointed Officials. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

W. Bert Lamml, county attorney, joined the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to enter into a closed session at 11:15 AM for the protection or prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals. The county clerk remained at the request of the county board and all others in attendance left the meeting. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The county board came out of closed session at 11:50 AM. Motion made by Oertwich, seconded Huttman to resume the open meeting. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttman to approve for the month of August the Documentary Stamp Tax, co shr in the amount of \$1,291.48; County Clerk fees in the amount of \$2,528.25; P&M Fund fees in the amount of \$360.00; Misc Copy fees in the amount of \$0.00; Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$123.64; Passport fees in the amount of \$00.00; County Treasurer’s receipt of money received numbered 25746 – 25809 , inclusive in the amount of \$296,184.18; County Sheriff’s 2nd Qu 2026 report; and place them on file. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Oertwich to approve the following Accounts Payable claims as presented, except to change the claim of Menards to the amount of \$19.50 and approve the Payroll claims as presented and order checks drawn on the various funds. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Oertwich and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

GENERAL FUND - Academic Choir Apparel, robe, 412.00; AirData UAV, software, 480.00; Mark Albin, atty fees, 1043.75; Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 10447.69; Antelope Co Shf Dept, boarding, 315.00; Appeara, services, 167.14; Applied Connective Tech, services, 4232.97; Arkfeld Lock Security, keys, 16.00; Kim Bearnese, phone meals mileage 456.86; Big Red Printing, supplies, 1789.28; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 102.92; BCBS, ins-co shr, 27771.27; Bomgaars, equip supplies, 657.96; Card Services, supplies, 515.56; Mark Christensen, salary mileage, 45.20;Electrical Eng Equip Co, supplies, 7.09; Copple Rockey Schlecht Mason, atty fees, 1821.06; Cornhusker Auto Center, services, 1689.66; DAS State Accot, equip fee, 150.00; Martha Detlefsen, prior service, 12.00; Dudley Laundry/Jan X Janitorial, supplies, 228.78; Ewalt Law Office, public defender, 4550.00; Farm Home Publishers, plat books, 270.00; Farmer’s Coop, fuel, 971.28; First Concord Benefits, fees, 60.00; Great Amer Finc, rent pymt, 174.00; Hansen Brothers Parts Service, 567.58; Jeff Hansen, supplies, 40.81; Amber Happold, meals mileage, 298.91; Douglas Hart; meals mileage etc, 388.42; Wanda Heermann, postage etc, 56.99; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging, 809.70; Jordan Howell, services, 82.50; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 12003.23; Jack B Scherer Lawn Service, services, 347.51; Diane Kander, supplies mileage, 258.41; Craig Korth, salary mileage, 48.24; L4 Hardware LLC/Stanton Hardware, supplies, 70.50; LLB Law Group, office allow, 1042.00; Leuthold’s Inc/dba Wattier’s Auto Body, ins deductible, 1000.00; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel, 900.59; Madison Co, dist judge costs, 127.68; Madison Natl Life Ins Co, inc-co shr, 66.06; Christopher Mauer dba CM Olivers, supplies, 144.80; Menards, supplies, 372.50; Janet Meyer, services, 37.50; MIPS Inc, services, 3011.00; Paul Morfeld, salary mileage, 63.44; Nebr Assoc Co Officials, reg fees, 480.00; Nebr Law Enf Training Cntr, reg fee, 80.00;Lavern Newkirk, prior service, 17.00; Norfolk Alignment, services, 25.00; One Office Solution, supplies, 10125.41; Pilger Store, fuel, 506.85; Pitzer Digital, services, 1807.25; Gerald Podany, salary mileage, 33.24; Point C, admin fees, 277.50; Prime Sanitation Service, services, 79.50; Region 4 Behavioral Health, 2nd Qu pymt, 4765.50; Clyde Lee Renn, parts, 46.55; Ridge Road Repair/Stanton Auto Parts, services, 72.88; Stanton Co Clk, postage, 7.05; Stanton Co Crt, costs, 474.00; Stanton Co HRA Reimb Acct, contribution-co shr, 2912.00; Stanton Co Imprest Acct, ach fees, 20.25; Stanton Co PPPD, utilities, 1941.55; Stanton Telecom, services, 1859.09; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 417.98; State Nebr Dept Corr Services, boarding, 2347.70; Stratton Law Group, atty fees, 1081.22; Jeremy Svitak, salary mileage, 84.72; Teeco, supplies, 68.95; The Lil Store, fuel, 4067.72; Thurston Co Shf, boarding etc, 1088.35; Univ Nebr Lincoln Stanton Co Extension, telephone, 45.02; Verizon Wireless, service, 700.00; Dale Vitito/Jack’s Unif Equip, supplies, 253.41; Aaron Volkman, salary mileage, 21.08; Washtech Car Wash, supplies, 35.00; Wayne Co, dist judge costs, 3756.04; Winsupply, supplies, 440.57; Wolfs Den, meals, 28.00; Cheryl Wolverton, prior service, 11.00; Sandra Zoubek Co Treas, transfer funds postage, 127703.09;

ROAD FUND - AKRS Equip Solutions, parts, 55.60; Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 4771.79; Appeara, services, 46.65; ATCO Intl, supplies, 2147.95; B’s Enterprises, steel, 325.00; Backus Sand Gravel, gravel, 7769.30; Bauer Built, services, 73.00; Behmer Trucking, hauling, 6975.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 133.39; BCBS, ins-co shr, 20702.33; Boelter Farm Repair, services, 969.77; Bomgaars, supplies, 1446.86; Bullseye Windshield Repair, services, 130.00; Bret Burtwistle, hauling, 3375.00; Cap Gravel, gravel etc, 1479.96; Century Link, services, 99.78; Clarkson Plbg Htg, supplies, 68.60; Colonial Research, supplies, 643.10; Johnson Trucking Sand Gravel, gravel, 39986.88; Doernemann Farm Service, parts, 379.74; Elkhorn Rural PPD, utilities, 44.68; Faith Health, services, 53.00; Farmers’ Coop, fuel etc, 11613.45; Farmers Union Coop, supplies, 3265.55; Herbst Construction, bridge pymt, 90518.40; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 5854.91; Island Supply Welding, supplies, 52.70; K Porter Construction, concrete, 3296.48; Kaup Forage Turf, seeding, 746.00; Kelly Supply, supplies, 28.81; Kimball Midwest, supplies, 358.14; L4 Hardware/Stanton Hardware, supplies, 58.47; Lammers Trailer Repair, parts, 1027.16; LG Everist, rock, 4177.61; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel etc, 19040.10; Madison Natl Life Ins, inc-co shr, 71.48; Christopher Mauer dba CM Olivers, supplies, 187.58; Matteo Sand Gravel, gravel, 89122.32; Medical Enterprises, services, 127.00; Meisinger Oil Co, supplies, 230.93; Menards, supplies, 19.99; Midwest Service Sales Co, culverts, 1331.40; NMC Exchange, services, 6393.31; North Construction, bridge abutment, 61188.89; Pilger Concrete Recycling, concrete, 9903.80; Pilger Store, fuel, 7973.77; Pinkelman Truck Trailer, services, 2897.71; Powerplan, services, 11584.42; Ramaekers dba B&A Welding, steel, 494.65; RDO Truck Centers, services, 2815.43; Ridge Road Repair/Stanton Auto Parts, services, 619.34; Sioux City Truck Sales, parts, 16.56; Stanley Petroleum, inspect fees, 593.35; Stanton Co HRA Reimb Acct, contribution-co shr, 2288.00; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 660.12; Stanton Telecom, services, 335.50; T-Mobile, telephone, 57.03; Teeco, supplies, 51.00; Tri-State Comm, equip, 1337.00; Verizon Connect, services, 944.80; Village Pilger, utilities, 129.90 ; Weldon Parts, parts, 118.34;

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND - Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 393.86; John Avidano dba Ideal HTML, services, 50.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 50.28; Electronic Eng Co, equip, 662.50; Farmers’ Coop, fuel, 48.77; Dylan Frohberg dba Frohberg Computers, computer, 1268.96; Frohberg Electric Co, services, 243.45; Mike Frohberg, meals lodging etc, 843.49; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 560.44; L4 Hardware/Stanton Hardware, supplies, 146.91; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 5.42; Christopher Mauer dba CM Olivers, supplies, 483.85; Menards, supplies, 19.50; One Office Solution, supplies, 915.87; Red 10 RV Sales, services, 793.22; SDS Weather LLC, subscription fee, 190.00; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 228.26; Stanton Telecom, services, 59.16; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 45.47; The Lil Store, fuel, 683.74; Travis Thies dba Thies Garage, services, 450.00; Winegard Co, subscription fee equip, 2988.99;

INHERITANCE TAX FUND - Stanton Co PPD, tower, 206.66; Sandra Zoubek Co Treas, transfer funds, 300000.00;

EMERGENCY 911 FUND - City Norfolk, dispatching, 19198.06; Stanton Telecom, services, 73.23; Ryan Wehrle, services, 300.00;

Total aggregate salaries of all county employees \$243,156.08.

Motion made by Oertwich, seconded by Huttmann to adjourn and set the next regular meeting for October 19, 2026, at 8:15 AM. Voting: Ayes: Oertwich, Huttmann and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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