

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Antelope County Board of Commissioners  
Neligh, Nebraska

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:03 AM in the County Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska. The meeting was called to order by the Board Vice-Chairperson, Neil Williby, with the following board members in attendance: Dittrich, Krebs and Williby. Jacob and Henery were absent. The Vice-Chairperson stated that the open meeting laws are posted on the east wall of the Commissioner’s Meeting Room with more copies available at the County Clerk’s Office.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the three (3) county newspapers, legal newspapers printed and in general circulation in Antelope County, Nebraska as shown by proof of publication filed in the County Clerk’s office. The agenda for said meeting was sent to all members of the County Board of Commissioners.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**9:05 AM: Public Comment:** Vice-Chairman Williby called for any public comments three (3) times. No comments were voiced.

**Agenda:** Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve agenda as presented. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs and Williby. Nays none. Commissioners Henery and Jacob were absent. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Minutes of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Board of Commissioner Meeting; Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve minutes as submitted. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, and Williby. Jacob and Henery were absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

**Correspondence was Reviewed:** Copy of Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, and Agreement between owner and contractor – Elgin Project; EPP Foundation Repair Bid; Thrasher Foundation Repair; Copy of Royal Roping Club Improvement Grant Request; Copy of Promotional Request from Neligh Chamber of Commerce, One Step at a Time Initiative, Young and Lively, and American Legion Post 172; Kevin Barta, Knox County Highway Superintendent regarding progress on county line bridge; RC& D information; Opioid Settlement email; NENEDD annual letter and budget; Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition monthly newsletter; Imprest Pledge Collateral; Warranty letter from JEO regarding 2024 Micro-surfacing; FEMA letter regarding closeout of 519<sup>th</sup> Avenue; NACO Letter regarding 2025-2026 BCBS – NE rates; Mutual of Omaha Policy Administration; Mutual of Omaha Group Insurance Application; Certificate of Liability Insurance – Rutjens Construction x 2; Email from Road Superintendent with Road and Bridge Report; List of surplus material bid for silent auction.

**Sidewalk Repairs:** Discussion on sidewalk repairs. Sidewalk repairs were bid last summer. Today, the project remains undone and not started. The clerk did reach out by mail to the contractor that was awarded the bid. This will be a follow-up discussion for a future meeting, maybe in June 2025.

**The Treasurer’s March Fund Balance Report** was reviewed and put on file.

**The Treasurer’s March Miscellaneous Revenue Report** was reviewed and put on file.

**The Treasurer’s Sweep Account Statement** for March was reviewed and put on file.

**The Clerk of the District Court March Miscellaneous Fee Report** was reviewed and put on file.

**Basement Foundations** – consider two (2) bids: Item tabled until more Commissioners were present for discussion.

**Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebraska 2025 Renewal:** Item tabled until more Commissioners were present for discussion.

**Finding & Marking Section Pins:** Jim Wennekamp, Todd Knudsen, representing Elkhorn Rural Public Power met with the Commissioners regarding the finding and setting pins and marking section corners. They are working on the intersection of 521<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 858<sup>th</sup> Road. Randy Hughes, landowner in question was available for discussion today. They were not able to find the section markers/pins. They contacted LaVern Schroeder and wanted to discuss if the County was going to pay for the surveyor’s time etc. The placement of the poles was discussed, and cost concerns were discussed. Highway Superintendent, Brian McDonald was part of today’s discussion. Lengthy discussion regarding County right of way and finding section pins. The discussion went to permission granted for placing the poles in the right of way. The County recently adopted a change to the underground permit to include County right of way encroachment. If Elkhorn Rural Public Power District decides to place poles on County right-of-way, they will complete the permit form and pay the appropriate fees. It was decided if the pins/markers are not available it is a responsibility of the county, if they are present, it would be a responsibility of the power district. No further action.

**Authorize Clerk to advertise the Antelope County Bridge Projects in Northern Antelope County.** Antelope County and Antelope & Knox County were recently awarded ‘bridge matching’ funds for bridge north of Royal (culvert project) and the Rod & Gun bridge on the Antelope County Line. Plans completed a week or so ago. Brian McDonald presented and recommended the Board make a motion to authorize the advertisement of bid opening for the project. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to authorize the Clerk to publicize for project bids. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, and Williby. Nays none. Henery and Jacob were absent. Motion passed.

**Notice of Award:** With the bid opening and awarding of the Elgin East Project (Heithoff culverts) to North Construction the Notice of Award was presented today for authorization and signatures. The total award is \$105,509.90. Motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve and authorize vice-chairperson signing of Notice of Award. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, and Williby. Jacob and Henery were absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

**Notice to Proceed:** The Notice to Proceed for the Elgin East Project (Heithoff culverts) by North Construction was presented today. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve notice to proceed and authorize vice-chairman to sign Notice to Proceed. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, and Williby. Jacob and Henery were absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

**Agreement for Construction Contract:** The agreement for North Construction to complete the Elgin Project (Heithoff culverts) was presented. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve agreement between owner and contractor and authorize vice-chairman to sign Notice to Proceed. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, and Williby. Jacob and Henery were absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

**Group Insurance Application** – Mutual of Omaha – Aliant: Group Insurance Application: Antelope County will participate in the Critical Illness, Hospital Indemnity and Accident Policy. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve and authorize signing of the Group Insurance Application. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, and Williby. Jacob and Henery were absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

**Master Application** – Mutual of Omaha – Aliant: Policy Administration – Policy Administration forms were submitted for completion and acceptance. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve and authorize signing of the Policy administration form. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, and Williby. Jacob and Henery were absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

**Improvement Grant:** Royal Roping Club submitted a request for \$1,750.00 to help with improvements to the Royal Roping Club Arena. They are upgrading the east and south side of the arena with new panels and posts. The Antelope County Visitor Committee approved this request on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. A motion was made by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve funding at this time. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs and Williby. Jacob and Henery were absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

**Promotional Grant:** Young-N-Lively group in Elgin is planning the annual Treasurers in the Park. This annual event is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Elgin. It is in conjunction with the Show-N-Shine Car Show. It will be held in the park. The event will consist of crafters and direct sales businesses. The request was submitted by Michele Reicks, Elgin, NE. Motion by Commissioner Krebs seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve and pay \$227.27 promotional grant. Voting aye: Ditrich, Krebs and Williby. Jacob and Henery were absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

**Promotional Grant:** American Legion Post 172 is planning on placing a memorial plaque on the outside of the American Legion Building in Neligh. Recently, a Neligh alum has been honored with the naming of Fort Benning Georgia base after him. Placement of the sign will be on the front of the American Legion building in Neligh. The request was submitted by Lyle Juracek, Neligh, NE. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve and pay \$350.00 promotional grant. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs and Williby. Jacob and Henery were absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

**Promotional Grant:** Neligh Chamber of Commerce is again planning the annual Antelope County Fair BBQ for the park on the Saturday of the fair, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. This is an annual event. The request was submitted by Shelby Snodgrass – City of Neligh Economic Development Office, Neligh, NE. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve and pay \$350.00 promotional grant. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs and Williby. Jacob and Henery were absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

**Promotional Grant:** City of Neligh Police Department and the Neligh Economic Development Office are planning a One Step at a Time program at the American Legion in Neligh, on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The day is planned for a fun packed game filled day for kids and families to build community bonds, communication, and safety. The request was submitted by Aubrey Miller – City of Neligh Police Department, Neligh, NE. Motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve and pay \$350.00 promotional grant. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs and Williby. Jacob and Henery were absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

## Road Superintendent Report:

Mr. Kluthe was absent. Notes left for the meeting indicated:

- Case Tractor is down. Kayton will rental a tractor while tractor is being fixed. If the issue is warranted, we will not pay rent for the loaner.
- Projects completed:
  - 843<sup>rd</sup> Road 1.5 miles west of Tilden. Asphalt on both sides and patching. Micro-surfacing hopefully in June.
  - 513<sup>th</sup> Avenue/857<sup>th</sup> Rd to HWY 275-west side widening completed today. Tomorrow move north of school and widen east lane.
  - 846<sup>th</sup> Road – capped with Emme pack dirt.
  - 524<sup>th</sup> Avenue (south of Booths feedlot sand brought back from east fence, pulled the road up and clay/rocked capped.

Motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approved permits as presented. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich, and Williby.

Nays none. Motion carried. Commissioners Henery and Jacob were absent.

- **Underground Permits:** Mid-States Data Transport presented nine (9) underground permits to carry fiber optic data. Mr. Kluthe has worked with the submitter and has developed a workable plan, and he recommends approval. 33-25-6 524<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 32-25-6 524<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 33-25-6 524<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 32-25-6 847<sup>th</sup> Road; 33-25-6 524<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 32-25-6 524<sup>th</sup> Avenue south of 847<sup>th</sup> Road; 32-25-6 524<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 32-25-6 524<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 32-25-6 847<sup>th</sup> Road west of 524<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- **Underground Permits:** Mid-States Data Transport presented six (6) underground permits to carry fiber optic data. Mr. Kluthe has worked with the submitter and have developed a workable plan, and he recommends approval. 18-27-6 862<sup>nd</sup> Road; 18-27-6 862<sup>nd</sup> Road; 17&18-27-6 523<sup>rd</sup> Avenue at 862<sup>nd</sup> Road; 9-27-6 862<sup>nd</sup> Road; 17-27-6 862<sup>nd</sup> Road; 9-27-6 862<sup>nd</sup> Road.
- **Underground Permit:** Fred Thiele submitted an application to go under 850<sup>th</sup> Road east of 516<sup>th</sup> Avenue in NE¼ Section 7, Township 25, Range 7, West of the 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Antelope County, Nebraska. Put wire underground for running water for the livestock waterer north of the road. Mr. Kluthe has no opposition.
- **Access Permit:** Todd Stelling submitted an application permit for access to 513<sup>th</sup> Avenue S½NE¼ Section 21, Township 28, Range 8, West of the 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Antelope County, Nebraska. The purpose is to access construction site for a new house. Mr. Kluthe has inspected and worked with the landowner to establish appropriate access, no culvert is needed, and Mr. Stelling will install. Road Superintendent recommends approval at this time.
- **Underground Permits:** Mid-States Data Transport presented 15 underground permits to carry fiber optic data. Mr. Kluthe has worked with the submitter, and he recommends approval. 18-27-6 522<sup>nd</sup> Avenue; 13-27-7 522<sup>nd</sup> Avenue; 13-27-7 522<sup>nd</sup> Avenue north of 861<sup>st</sup> Road; 24-27-7 861<sup>st</sup> Road @ 522<sup>nd</sup> Avenue; 19-27-6 522<sup>nd</sup> Avenue @ 861<sup>st</sup> Road; 19-27-6 861<sup>st</sup> Rd 523<sup>rd</sup>-522<sup>nd</sup> Avenue; 18-27-6 523<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; 18-27-6 523<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; 19-27-6 861<sup>st</sup> Road @ 523<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; 19-27-6 861<sup>st</sup> Road; 20-27-6 861<sup>st</sup> Road @ 523<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; 20-27-6 861<sup>st</sup> Road; 20-27-6 861<sup>st</sup> Road; 20-27-6 861<sup>st</sup> Road.
- **Underground Permits:** Mid-States Data Transport presented three (3) underground permits to carry fiber optic data. Mr. Kluthe has worked with the submitter, and he recommends approval. 20-27-6 860<sup>th</sup> Road; 29-27-6 860<sup>th</sup> Road; 20-27-6 under 861<sup>st</sup> Road; 20-27-6 860<sup>th</sup> Road

- **Underground Permit:** Mr. Frank Morrison submitted application to place an electrical line for pivot power under 520<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the SW¼ Section 2, Township 25, Range 7, West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. The purpose is to get electricity to irrigation. Mr. Kluthe has no issues, and recommends approval, will be 4' below surface of Road.
- **Oversize Permit:** (188) JMS Crane and Rigging, LLC submitted an oversize load permit to remove product out of Antelope County utilizing 519<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 837<sup>th</sup> Road, across Highway 14, south on 523<sup>rd</sup> to Tower 98 south. Mr. Kluthe approved of route. The move has been executed. No issues were reported.

**Zoning Administrator Report:**

The Zoning Permit Report for April was reviewed.  
No further report.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Commissioner Krebs seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to **adjourn**. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs and Williby. Nays none. Motion passed. Commissioners Henery and Jacob were absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 AM.

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board, Charlie Henery

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, Lisa Payne