

June 3rd, 2025
Antelope County Board of Commissioners
Neligh, Nebraska

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025, at 9:00 AM in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Charlie Henery, with the following board members in attendance: Dittrich, Krebs, Williby, Jacob and Henery were absent. The 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Minutes: Minutes of May 6th, 2025, Board of Commissioner Meeting; Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Williby to approve minutes as submitted. Voting aye: Ditrich, Krebs and Williby. Jacob and Henery abstains. Nays none. Motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes of May 13th, 2025, Board of Commissioner Meeting; Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Williby to approve minutes as submitted. Voting aye: Dittrich, Williby, Jacob and Henery. Krebs abstain. Nays none. Motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes of May 13th, 2025, Board of Equalization Meeting; Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve minutes as submitted. Voting aye: Ditrich, Williby, Jacob and Henery. Krebs abstains. Nays none. Motion carried.

Correspondence was Reviewed: Notice of Public Hearing; NENEDD Certificate of Membership and renewal letter; County Line Bridge update from Kevin Barta; Tax Equalization & Review Letter regarding 2025 values; Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition; Invitations to bid Bridge projects; Miscellaneous bid list; Nebraska Jail Standards letter regarding date of inspection; Central Valley Ag – sealed bid sale – Oakdale Site; NIRMA renewal letter and annual billing;

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

Zoning Administrator Report:
Public hearing for Verizon Cellular Tower will be held tomorrow. The Commissioners will hold a public hearing later this month.
No further report.

2025 Protest Hearings: Discussion of the 2025 protest hearings. Due to planned vacations by a number of officials and statutory timelines, coordination of a date for the hearings is indicated. Valuation notices were sent at the beginning of this week. The planned vacation during the second and third week of July indicates an earlier date in July. Discussion of July 3rd and July 7th, ensuring a quorum of Commissioners could be on hand. Motion by Commissioner Williby, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to set the protest hearings on July 3rd, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and to continue on July 7th at 9:00 AM through the day as needed. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, Williby, Jacob and Henery. Nays none. Motion passed.

Bid Opening: Bid opening for Bridge Projects: Brunswick Northwest and Royal North. Brian McDonald opened bids. In all six bids were received. The Bids are as follows:**Royal North:**

A & R Construction Co	\$246,677.98	Start 12-08-2025
Kea Construction LLC	\$355,821.25	Start 09-29-2025
Lincoln-Midwest Infrastructure Inc.	\$243,763.37	Start 06-30-2025
Simon Contractors	\$375,000.00	Start 09-22-2025

Brunswick Northwest:

Dixon Construction Co	\$619,230.88	Start 11-03-2025
Kea Construction LLC	\$734,481.63	Start 12-01-2025
Lincoln-Midwest Infrastructure Inc.	\$630,646.95	Start 09-01-2025
Simon Contractors	\$676,000.00	Start 09-22-2025
Theisen Construction	\$628,402.50	Start 03-24-2026

Discussion of apparent low bid, timelines and work to be completed. Mr. McDonald will verify the numbers this week and send the bid proposals to the Nebraska Department of Transportation for approval and check back with the Commissioners next week for awarding. Discussion. The bridge matching status will be awarded essentially through the state. Mr. McDonald will verify numbers and make a recommendation next week. No further action.

Crack Sealing: started yesterday and will be 2-3 weeks out.

Bid Opening Miscellaneous Items:

Lot 1:	1 each 36” x 20’ squash culvert	Lot 2:	1 each 42” x 15’ squash culvert
	1 each 30” x 20’ squash culvert		1 each 52” x 12’ squash culvert
	1 each 46” x 20’ squash culvert		1 each 36” x 16’ squash culvert
	1 each 30” x 20’ squash culvert		1 each 30” x 10’ squash culvert
Lot 3:	1 each 42” x 16’ squash culvert	Lot 4:	1 each 6’ x 22’ squash culvert
	1 each 24” x 12’ round culvert		1 each 24” x 14’ round culvert
	1 each 24” x 8’ round culvert		1 each 30” x 10’ round culvert
	1 each 30” x 16’ round culvert		1 each 30” x 12’ round culvert
Lot 5:	1 each 6’ x 16’ squash culvert	Lot 6:	1 each 24” x 9’ round culvert
	1 each 36” x 14’ squash culvert		1 each 24” x 28’ round culvert
	1 each 36” x 16’ squash culvert		1 each 24” x 14’ round culvert
	1 each 24” x 12’ round culvert		1 each 24” x 10’ round culvert
Lot 7:	14 each 4” x 16” x 18’ bridge stringers		
Lot 8:	5 lots of bridge planks	Lot 9:	1 used 1000-gallon oil tank
	4 lots of 6 each		1 used 1000-gallon oil tank
	1 lot of 5 each		

Bids for Lot #7 & Lot #8 were received.

Lot 7 1 Bid - George Majerus \$100.00;
Lot 8 2 Bids - Marv Thieman \$160.00
 George Majerus\$500.00

Discussion of bids. Motion by Commissioner Williby, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to award both to top bidder, George Majerus. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, Williby, Jacob and Henery. Nays none. Motion passed. Further discussion of lots and material still on hand. Motion by Commissioner Williby, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to authorize Leigh Kluthe, Road Superintendent to sell material at his discretion as needed, due to the lack of bids received Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, Williby, Jacob and Henery. Nays none. Motion passed.

NACO Annual Update: Beth Ferrell, legal counsel representative from NACO met with the Commissioners regarding updates from the legislative session and numerous other ideas, actions and updates. various subjects including license plate number t changed in 2029, ATV-UTV can be used for snow removal from sunrise to sunset, abandonment of vacated roads no longer needs study (still needs hearing, etc.) open-meetings law changed, after 2028 the County does not have to provide office space for DHHS, tax sale process changes, budget property cap, mental health pilot project with correctional facilities, inheritance tax - carryover until next session. She reminded the Commissioners NACO is available if needed. No further action.

Road Superintendent Report:

Permits: Motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve permits as presented. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich, Williby, Jacob and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.

- **Underground Permits:** North Central Public Power District submitted a right of way permit to provide secondary wires to service residential house – alleviating tree issues with old service. Line will begin approximately 1300’ south of 867th Road and cross 534th Avenue in the NE¼ of Section 24, Township 28, Range 5 and ending in the NW¼ Section 19, Township 28, Range 4. The owner is Tyson Bolling. Mr. Kluthe voices no opposition.
- **Underground Permits:** Plumbing and Electrical Service of out Hartington Nebraska submitted an Right of Way permit to go under 869th Road north of 527th Avenue, located in Section 12, Township 28, Range 8 west of the 6th PM, Antelope County, Nebraska. Reg Green is the owner, Jim Kulish is the tenant. Mr. Kluthe has worked with contractors and all is in order, he reports no issues.
- **Oversize Permit:** (189-190-191) Landwehr Construction out of St. Cloud Minnesota submitted three (3) oversize load permits to access Tower 87. Routes 1) is Highway 70 west to 520th Avenue south to Tower 87; 2) 100th Street west to highway 14 south to 110th Street west to 520th Avenue north to Tower 87; 3) Highway 70 west to 520th Avenue south to Tower 87. Mr. Kluthe approved of the routes as long as there was no rain. The move has been executed. No issues were reported.
- **Oversize Permit:** (192-193) In and out. Crane Service Inc. submitted a permit to access Tower 80. Mr. Kluthe suggested Highway 70 to 520th Avenue south to Tower 80. No issues reported. Move has been executed.
- **Underground Permit:** Two Rivers Irrigation submitted an underground permit to go under 857th Road in the SE¼ Section 2, Township 26, Range 7 West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. To provide electricity to irrigation services. Bill Ahlstedt is the owner. Mr. Kluthe states no issues.
- **Clearwater Tractor:** high temperature-transmission light - is back in shop - not sure what is going on.
- **Patching:** 513th North of Orchard-patching is complete. Crack sealing is happening now.
- **Trench widening:** Employees are working on trench widening south of Highway 20 to the school,
- **Employees:** Bob Hart - resigned. Travis Schaefer new hire. Ray Schlecht retired on May 31st.
- **Auction Time:** most items have been paid for and picked up. Dodge Durango has not been paid for or picked up.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 AM.

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairman of the Board, Charlie Henery

Attest: _____
County Clerk, Lisa Payne