

August 5th, 2025
Antelope County Board of Commissioners
Neligh, Nebraska

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Tuesday, August 5th, 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, Henery, with the following board members in attendance: Dittrich, Krebs, Jacob and Henery. Williby was 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 Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve the agenda as presented. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, Jacob, and Henery. Nays none. Williby was absent. Motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes of July 8th, 2025, Board of Commissioner Meeting. Clerk was notified of some changes, updated minutes were sent last night. Commissioners did not have time to review changes. Item to be placed back on the agenda for next week. No action today.

Minutes: Minutes of July 22nd, 2025, Board of Equalization Meeting. Commissioners did not have a quorum to approve minutes they will be placed on next week’s agenda. No action today.

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

Correspondence was Reviewed: Change Order, Substantial Completion and Pay Application for Elgin East Project; Farmer’s Pride propane contract; Maintenance/Janitorial position post and description; distress warrants and report; Treasurer’s letter regarding distress warrants; Miles of Smiles annual report; copies of pictures of area leaking in HHS office; picture of EPDM roof on north side of old courthouse; Probation District Seven year-end review and budget request; Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition monthly newsletter; Lewis and Clerk Lake Watershed update; receipt of \$5,734.44 Knox County overpayment bridge project; list of pickup boxes and bumpers from Weed Department; pledge collateral for Imprest; contract pricing for postage meter lease (Quadian and Pitney Bowes); certificate of liability insurance for Midwest Infrastructure; certificate of liability insurance for Circle M Trucking.

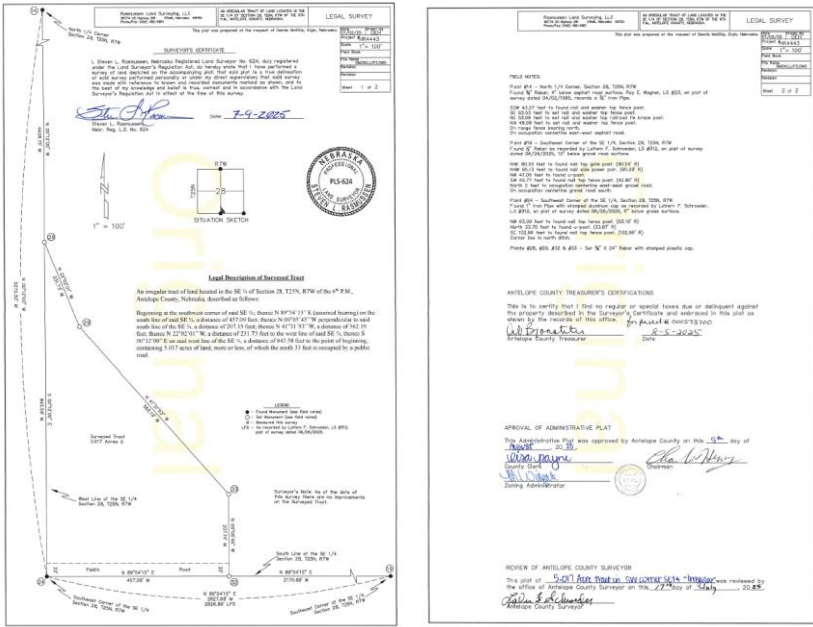
Treasurer’s Fund Balance Report for July was reviewed and put on file.

Treasurer’s Miscellaneous Revenue Report for July was reviewed and put on file.

Treasurer’s Sweep Account Report for July was reviewed and put on file.

Zoning Administrator Report: Mrs. Wingate met with the Commissioners.

- Zoning Permit Report for July.
- Administrative Plat: Jesse McKillip presents an administrative plat. He intends to purchase the surveyed 5.017 Acre tract in the SW corner of the SW¼ of Section 28, Township 25, Range 7, West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. His parents currently own the parent parcel. Mrs. Wingate states this parcel meets all setbacks and has no issues. Jesse plans to build a home on the property. Access permit is on the agenda for today. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve administrative plat and authorize Chairman to sign same. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich, Jacob, and Henery. Nays none. Williby was absent. Motion carried.



Antelope Country Club - Liquor License: Advertisement was placed as required. No written or verbal correspondence has been received by the Clerk. Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve and accept the liquor license renewal for Antelope Country Club for the 2025-2026 year. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich, Jacob, and Henery. Nays none. Williby was absent. Motion carried.

Miles of Smiles: The Annual Report was shared. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve participation in the program for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Voting aye: Dittrich, Jacob, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Williby was absent. Motion passed.

Assessor’s Cemetery List and Three (3) year Assessment Practice: By state statute the Assessor is to report the Assessment three (3) year plan and the annual cemetery list. Today, Kelly Mueller, Antelope County Assessor, presents both plans to the Commissioners. Discussion. No action.

Subdivision Levy Authority: Subdivision Levy’s. Discussion. All levies appear to be within limits of the County Lid. The County Attorney had not reviewed the resolution. Item will be on next week’s agenda.

Postage Meter- Lease Renewal – Antelope County currently leases a postage machine and meter from Pitney Bowes. The Lease agreement is up this fall. Price comparison between Pitney Bowes and Quadiant. Both offered very similar products. Quadiant quoted a five (5) year lease at \$369.90 a month, and Pitney Bowes quoted a five (5) year lease at \$354.42 a month. Discussion. Cost savings – although small would lean towards Pitney Bowes. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Pitney Bowes agreement for five (5) year lease (60 months) at \$354.42 billed quarterly at \$1,063.26. Voting aye: Dittrich, Jacob, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Williby was absent. Motion passed.

Project C-2 392: Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent requested the appointment of Leigh Kluthe, Road Superintendent to negotiate the right of way with adjoining landowners. This project is around 523rd Avenue and 841st Road. The plan is to reconstruct the area for site distance, including straightening of the road. Commissioner Dittrich offered to assist Mr. Kluthe in the right-of-way access process. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve and authorize Mr. Kluthe to work with adjoining landowners in the securing of project and road right of way as needed. Voting aye: Dittrich, Jacob, Krebs, and Henery. Nays none. Williby absent. Motion passed.

Highway Superintendent: Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards Annual Certification of Program Compliance: Antelope County is required to file annually the Certification to qualify for federal highway funds. This form insures that the County has a Highway Superintendent on payroll and the additional guidelines are being meet state and federal compliance. Resolution and program compliance. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve Program Compliance for the 2025 fiscal year and authorize chairman to sign. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, Jacob and Henery. Nays none. Williby was absent. Motion carried.

Turning Radius: Matt Klabenes submitted some temporary road crossings to establish radius turns on two (2) intersections. We believe there to be a plan to move many blades in and out as they continue to change and update blades on the current wind farms. Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent, was asked about this. Anytime someone is changing the roadway or surface the County is responsible. If such action is to take place Mr. McDonald believes a construction plan should be submitted, a bond and certificate of liability should be in hand before any work is started. It should remain in place throughout the duration of the planned project. Discussion. Mr. Klabenes and Teresa Fulcher (from Invenergy) will be at next week's meeting for follow-up and discussion. Discussion of referring to the original Road Use Agreement, so roads included in the original agreement can be utilized for future and continued wind turbine construction and maintenance.

- Discussion about having a permit for this scenario. Discussion to continue next week.

CAT Refurbishing of the 140 G's and 140 H's: Dave Prauner, CAT representative, presented two (2) estimates for refurbishing old graders. Discussion. No action today.

Contractor's Certificate of Substantial Completion: North Construction LLC – Construction manager for the Elgin East Culvert project certificate of substantial completion was presented. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve and authorize Chairman to sign substantial completion certificate. Voting aye: Dittrich, Jacob, Krebs, and Henery. Nays none. Williby was absent. Motion passed.

Contractor's Application for Payment: North Construction LLC – Construction manager for the Elgin East Culvert project pay application was presented for payment of \$42,242.16. Motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve and authorize Chairman to sign pay application. Application will be coded for payment next week. Voting aye: Dittrich, Jacob, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Williby was absent. Motion passed.

Dispatch Radio Counsel Bid Opening: Project was advertised as required by statute. Today, we are in receipt of a single bid from Shaffer Communications. This bid is for \$97,268.76. Sheriff Robert Moore said he had received calls inquiring, and all were asked to come look at the current setup as the plan was to have the 'new' system complement the Dispatch Center/Communications Center current setup. Discussion. Installation will probably be fall of 2025. Sheriff Moore reports the 9-1-1 Board plans to pay \$30,000.00 of this bill. Motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve and accept the bid submitted by Shaffer Communications for \$97,268.76. Voting aye: Dittrich, Jacob, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Williby was absent. Motion passed.

Law Enforcement Center Repairs: Sheriff reports he has had some leaking in the Law Enforcement Center building. The contractor who built the building has looked at the leaks. He believes somewhere (or sometime) the building was hit by a lawn mower, or some piece of equipment, cracking the cast cement wall and breaking the seal. It probably was done in the past (maybe a year or two), and with the moisture this summer is presenting itself. Discussion. The Commissioners agreed the building needed to be fixed. The contractor gave Sheriff the name of a company who specializes in these repairs. Sheriff was instructed to proceed with fixes.

- Pickup Boxes: Antelope County Weed Department:** The weed department is currently housing two pickup boxes, tailgates and bumpers.

Discussion on these pickup parts. There is not a high value to these items, and it is believed the area in the Weed Department Shop where these are stored could be utilized by the Sheriff for lawn mowers, bobcat, etc. Currently, the sheriff's office houses lawn and snow removal equipment outside behind the Law Enforcement Center. There is a bit of value in this equipment sitting outside. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to authorize the clerk to advertise the items for sale in the paper, on the website and on Facebook. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent. Motion passed.

Distress Warrants: Antelope County Sheriff, Robert Moore presented the report on the distress warrants. All distress warrants have been collected except for two (2) in bankruptcy as detailed in the Sheriff Report. The Treasure's letter affirming the report was reviewed and filed. No action.

Maintenance Position: With the above discussion, and several other factors, discussion of possibly hiring a maintenance position. Hiring a custodian/maintenance/janitorial position, in which the right person will wear many hats. A job description (from Madison County) was shared. There are many ‘jobs’ ‘duties’ not getting done. The maintenance position could be complementary to the lawn mowing and snow removal. Discussion. The Commissioners will have to continue to visit.

- **Temporary Road Crossings:** Mr. Matthew Klabenes submitted two (2) temporary road crossings for radius turns for blades coming and going from the Antelope County wind farms. 841st Road & 514th Avenue and Highway 14 (going north on east side) and 841st (Road west side). He was not present today. Brian McDonald highway Superintendent, requested the County have a project plan, proof of insurance and a bond in place before contractor is allowed to construct in or along the County Road or road surface. In correspondence by phone with Mr. Klabenes he expects the radius turns to be deconstructed as early as the 13th of August. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to give a temporary approval – as they are in place now and the plan is to remove them next week. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich and Henry. Nays none. Jacob and Williby were absent. Motion passed.
- **Oversize Permit:** (205) Oversize Permit submitted by Midwest Infrastructure: North on 519th Avenue from Highway 20 to 865th Road. Road Superintendent voiced no concerns, and the move has been completed. No issues were encountered. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve oversize permits. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich and Henry. Nays none. Jacob and Williby were absent. Motion passed.

- **Oversize Permit:** (206-206A In/Out) Oversize Permit submitted by Morrell Oversize: 854th Road east from Highway 14, 530th Avenue north to .5 miles north of 855th Road. Road Superintendent voiced no concerns, and the move has been completed. No issues were encountered. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve oversize permits. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich and Henrry. Nays none. Jacob and Williby were absent. Motion passed.
- **Oversize Permit (207):** submitted by Greg Perry. Route: north on 523rd Avenue for 2 miles to 837th Road west to 520th Avenue for 1.5 miles. Road Superintendent voiced no concerns, and the move has been completed. No issues were encountered. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve oversize permits. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich and Henrry. Nays none. Jacob and Williby were absent. Motion passed.
- **Oversize Permit (3 in/out—208-209 & 210-211 & 212-213):** Oversize Permits submitted by UACL. Highway 14 south to 841st Road west 514th Avenue north PAD T48. Road Superintendent voiced no concerns, and the move has been completed. No issues were encountered. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve oversize permits. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich and Henrry. Nays none. Jacob and Williby were absent. Motion passed.
- **Oversize Permit (214): (207 out):** Oversize Permit submitted by Greg Perry (Paid by Chase Finley). Route: 520th north 836th Road east to Highway 14 east 835th Road to substation. Road Superintendent voiced no concerns, and the move has been completed. No issues were encountered. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve oversize permits. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich and Henrry. Nays none. Jacob and Williby were absent. Motion passed.
- **Oversize Permits (215):** Oversize permit submitted by Verzani Farms LLC. Route is: 856th Road & 530th Avenue south to 852nd Road to Highway 14 south to Highway 70 to 514th Avenue north of 842nd Road. Road Superintendent voiced no concerns, and the move has been completed. No issues were encountered. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve oversize permits. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich and Henrry. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent. Motion passed. (Paid for the **in** load – not his.)
- **Oversize Permit (216-217 in/out):** Permit submitted by Pro-Crane Services, LLC. Route: Highway 14 east on 852nd Road to 530th Avenue then north to 856th Road. Road Superintendent voiced no concerns, and the move has been completed. No issues were encountered. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve oversize permits. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich and Henrry. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent. Motion passed.
- **Oversize Permit (218-219, 220-221, 222-223 6 total = 3 in/out):** Permit submitted by Nomad. Bach Farms Custom LLC 218-219; Bach Trucking LLC 220-221; CM Transport LLC 222-223. Route: Upstream Tower 42 530th Avenue to 852nd Road-Highway 14 to Highway 70 to 514th Avenue to Thunderhead Tower 48. Road Superintendent voiced no concerns, and the move has been completed. No issues were encountered. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve oversize permits. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich and Henrry. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent. Motion passed.
- **Right of Way Permit:** R-O-W Permits: (underground-2) Mid States Data Transport/Stealth. Bauer Underground will be doing the work. Mr. Kluthe and Mr. Jones have verified the route and all right of way junctions. Mr. Kluthe reports no issues. Motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve underground permits per Road Superintendent recommendation. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, and Henrry. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent Motion passed.
- **Right of Way Permit:** R-O-W Permits: (underground) Village of Orchard. Work to be completed by Village and County personnel and in accordance with state and county recommendations. Fill in drainage ditch to provide a safer roadway and keep from cleaning out ditch every year after snow removal. Mr. Kluthe and Mr. Jones have verified the crossing. Mr. Kluthe reports no issues. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve right of way permit per Road Superintendent recommendation. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, and Henrry. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent Motion passed.
- **Access Permit:** Jesse McKillip submitted an access permit for 847th Road, located in the SW Corner of SE¼ Section 28, Township 27, Range 7, West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. Road Superintendent reports it will be 30-40’ width, no culvert needed, no issues. Today, the Administrative Plat was approved for the parcel. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve access permit. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, and Henrry. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent Motion passed.
- **Farmers Pride** – Propane Contract. The Commissioners are not interested today.
- **Royal North Culvert** – Mr. Kluthe reports culvert was purchased last week for \$20,900.00. 120” arch 142 x 91, B’s Enterprises. He received bids from B’s, Ace, and Midwest Service and Sales.
- **865th Road between 518th and 516th Avenue** (east of Ahlers Dairy): 3 – 60” arch culverts. Cheapest bid \$10,018.00 each, B’s Enterprises. He received bids from B’s, Ace, and Midwest Service and Sales.
- **Trucks with Plows:** Mr. Kluthe and Mr. Jones have been searching for trucks with plows to use for snow removal. Today they share sale notices of two (2) trucks.
 - **2011 International Workstar 7500 \$34,900** State of Missouri-Department of Roads
 - **2006 International Workstar 7400 Plow Truck – Spreader Truck \$35,900** Oak CreekDiscussion. Mr. Kluthe was authorized to continue to ‘shop’ and work with the dealers on purchase, and to report back to Commissioners. Mr. Kluthe is hoping for a one trip to shop, purchase and pay. Mr. Kluthe will ask a mechanic to go with him for review and evaluation. He will work with the dealers as needed. The use of the truck and plow was discussed, the Commissioners agreed this could be a quicker/faster option compared to a grader.
- **513th Avenue Asphalt** project is complete.
- **Copenhagen Road** – north of VanKirk’s possible culvert. Probably will be replaced this fall.
- **Cold Mix:** Focus for August: 2 miles west of Tilden, 1 mile of Sargent Irrigation (3rd mile in), north of Tilden (south of Rutjens new house to bottom of hill)
- **Full Depth Reclamation:** east of Neligh – hoping for a fall 2025 project.

Budget: Quick discussion regarding next week’s budget discussion. No action taken.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
By: _____
Chairman of the Board, Charlie Henery

Attest: _____
County Clerk, Lisa Payne