

February 10th, 2026
Antelope County Board of Commissioners
Neligh, Nebraska

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Tuesday, February 10th, 2026, at 8:00 AM in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Charlie Henery with the following board members in attendance: Jacob, Dittrich, Krebs, and Williby. Commissioner Henery was absent. Vice-chairman 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.

Quarterly Janitorial report. Mrs. Schindler met with the Commissioners regarding projects and issues in the courthouse. She reports both flooring projects upstairs in the old courthouse remain unfinished. The Commissioners requested the Clerk to check on this. She expressed the need for a deadbolt lock on the back door of the HHS office. Currently it is locked with a skeleton key, and the State does not believe this is secure enough.

- In other matters. Mrs. Schindler reports she will need a **leave of absence** beginning on or about March 6th. She is requesting a leave of absence for approximately six (6) weeks. She asked if the Commissioners were interested in letting her daughter, Mikayla Armitage fill-in in her absence. Discussion. The Clerk asked about possibly letting the offices clean their own offices and taking their office trash to the dumpster, and hiring the hallway, stairs and bathrooms. Possibly, utilizing an inmate or hiring a business like Merry Maids or Service Master for the commons area. The Commissioners will follow-up during their March 3rd, 2026 meeting.
- Mrs. Schindler prepared and shared a list of 'duties' and presented after the weed superintendent presentation. The Commissioners again stated they will follow up during the March 3rd, Commissioners Meeting.

Review of Payroll Claims.

Review of Vendor Claims.

8:44 AM: Public Defender: Joe Smith, Antelope County Attorney met with the Commissioners in follow-up discussion of the vacant Public Defender position. Mr. Smith, along with Commissioners Krebs and Dittrich, has been talking to and working with multiple interested attorneys. Today, Mr. Smith reports he has three (3) possible candidates willing to fulfil the public defender contract. Douglas J. Stratton's Office (Norfolk and Columbus) has proposed a \$60,000.00 yearly contract commitment. Jamie Miller Legal Services LLC has proposed a \$60,000.00 yearly contract commitment. And Kyle Petersen proposed a \$48,000.00 annual contract commitment. Pros and cons were reviewed. Stratton's Office would include up to six (6) lawyers on staff. Mr. Petersen and Miss Miller – would be single member offices. Both single applicants bring limited criminal experience. The suggested contract amount requested by Miss Miller makes that choice less desirable. Mileage, and miscellaneous expenses were considered. The Commissioners requested Mr. Smith to continue to work with Mr. Petersen, and Douglas J. Stratton's Office to see if they will commit to a two (2) year contract. Follow-up to be continued on March 3rd, 2026.

9:05 AM Public Comments: Vice chairman called for public comment x 3. No comments voiced.

9:15 AM: Antelope County Weed Department Update:

- **Education:** Bryan Cornett met with the Commissioners regarding updates within the Weed Department. He reported he has attended multiple training and educational meetings over the last month or so. During one of those training sessions, it was revealed Antelope County was awarded the NET grant. This grant is matched by the state, so it is on hold until the State's budget issues are approved. (\$3,000.00 for three years, match from Upper Elkhorn NRD.)
- **Phragmites:** Mr. Cornett reported they are watching a phragmites infestation around the County, identification and spraying.
- **10- or 15-day notice/legal notices:** Mr. Cornett reported that the Weed Board discussed pros and cons of the various notices, and the futility or un-futility of the notices. The 15-day notice is through the court and the timeline is long. Both notices are finable, but the ten (10) day notice is more immediate action. The fines are added to taxes and can (will) get interest on the dollars. The fines (fees) will follow the taxes for property. Service is through certified mail.
- **Remote for overhead door at weed shop:** Mr. Cornett reports the door is in place and the sheriff can access as needed.
- **The Extension Office:** has requested information on plumb thickets. They have thickets growing at the fairgrounds and want to know how to control the spread. Information was shared. They will use volunteers to apply as needed.
- No other information to share.

9:42 AM Board of Equalization Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to open as a Board of Equalization. Voting aye: Krebs, Jacob, Dittrich and Williby. Henery was absent. Nays none. Motion carried. Met for approximately four (4) minutes.

9:46 AM Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to close as Board of Equalization. Voting aye: Krebs, Jacob, Dittrich and Williby. Henery was absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

9:45 AM Stealth Broadband: Ben and Will (Stealth representatives) met with the Commissioners regarding upgrade of the phones and phone lines. They read in the papers regarding the conversation with Great Plains. Stealth Broadband suggested leasing or purchasing for the telephone sets. Today, they presented increasing speed of the ingoing and outgoing internet speeds. This would require the running of CAT 5 lines throughout the courthouse. With quotes presented today, they will install the CAT 5 lines. Stealth Broadband presented both a hosted phone system or a leased phone system. Hosted meaning the County would buy the phone and phone system outright, and they would run product through our purchased sets; or the leased option is to lease the sets to the County at a monthly per item cost. With the CAT-5 lines the courthouse and weed department would be on fiber optic lines. Antelope County Commissioners agreed to continue to review the proposal and to compare it to the Great Plains Proposal and a future Applied Connective Proposal. No formal action today. E-fax could be utilized. It would take some training, but it is something we can utilize. Discussion of the current lines and actual lines needed. Contract would be three (3) years as proposed, it could be extended to five (5) years. *It was reiterated that the current phone is outdated, parts are hard to find, and technicians to work on them are few and far between. The current quote is \$17.95 per advertised lines and faxes. Voice plus would be included – it is explained as software that runs the phone. Rollover lines are \$15.95. Stealth suggested keeping the phones, internet and IT under the same umbrella. The Sheriff Office recently contracted with Great Plains Communication, so it is not

available for phone plan update at this time. Stealth Broadband would run CAT 5/CAT 6 lines at no additional cost if the County signs a three (3) year contract.

10:32 AM: Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve the agenda as presented. Voting aye: Jacob, Krebs, Dittrich and Williby. Henery was absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

Payroll Claims: Motion by Commissioner Jacob seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve **payroll claims** as presented. Voting aye: Jacob, Dittrich, Krebs and Williby. Henery was absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes of February 3rd, 2026, Board of Commissioner Meeting: Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve minutes as presented. Voting aye: Jacob, Dittrich, Krebs and Williby. Henery was absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

Extension Office: Pam Slaymaker, UNL Extension Educator met with the Commissioners with the 2025 Annual Extension Report. She had shared the written report early last week, and it was e-mailed to the Commissioners. Today Pam introduced Brooke Kumm, 4-H coordinator who started last May. She reported her first year was fast and furious. They continue to work on expanding their outreach, community involvement and information sharing. Brooke is looking to expand her knowledge and is currently enrolled in a volunteer management program offered through the University of Minnesota. The plan is to host a community garden again this year. March 22nd, 2026, is 4-H Open House at the Antelope County Fairgrounds. No formal action today.

Zoning Administrator Report:

- Mrs. Wingate shared the **Zoning Permit Report** for January 2026.
- **Administrative Plat:** Boundary Adjustment – Wortman, Tract in the W½SW¼ Section 2, Township 28, Range 5, West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. No action today as a survey was not presented by the applicant as promised.
- **Administrative Plat:** Lot Split-Shabram, Tract in the N½SW¼, Section 32, Township 25, Range 6, West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. Chad and Tanya Shabram intend to build a house out by their hay grinding facility. Property is 6.51 acres. Yesterday, they submitted an access permit to their proposed house property. Accordingly, all setbacks have been met. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve Administrative Plat at the recommendation of the Zoning Administrator. Voting aye: Jacob, Dittrich, Krebs and Williby. Henery was absent. Nays none. Motion carried.
- No further report.

Correspondence was reviewed: copy of Frontier ‘damage’ bill and corresponding email cancelling bill; NE District Meeting on Friday March 13th, 2026 @ Lifelong Learning Center; Great Plains email in follow-up of last weeks presentation; Viking Fire Protection proposal to replace air compressor and air maintenance device; copy of the promotional grant for Orchard Powerlifting; copy of improvement grant application for John D. Neligh bronze statute; copy of improvement grant application for Orchard Veterans Park Memorial; Extension Office Annual Report for 2025.

Receipts: General – \$100.00 Pinnacle Bank sign rental.
\$19.31 NACO – Bright refund insurance premium.

The Sheriff’s January Miscellaneous Fee Report was reviewed and put on file.

Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for January was reviewed and put on file.

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

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

Treasurer’s Sweep Account Statement for January was reviewed and put on file.

Liquor License Renewals 2026: Grove Lake Bait Shop, Mr. S’s, Plainview Country Club, Summerland County Club: Annually these liquor licenses are renewed. Antelope County Clerk advertised the respective business for liquor license renewal. To date no comments, written or verbal, have been received. Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve all four (4) liquor license renewals. Voting aye: Krebs, Jacob, Dittrich, and Williby. Nays none. Henery was absent. Motion passed.

Promotional Grant: Orchard Power-Lifting Club submitted a request for funding of their annual lift competition to be held on April 10th and 11th, 2026. Request was submitted by Jeff Shabram. The Antelope County Visitor Committee approved the application on or about February 2nd, 2026. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve and pay promotional funds to Orchard Powerlifting Club. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, Jacob and Williby. Nays none. Henery was absent. Motion carried.

Improvement Grant: John D. Neligh Statute Committee submitted a request for funding for purchase and placement of a bronze statue of John D. Neligh, the founder of Neligh, at the Neligh Mills Site. Discussion. This request was denied by Antelope County Visitor Committee by a divided vote on or about February 3rd, 2026. The Commissioners discussed the viability of the statue and its placement around the Neligh Mill. They agreed it was a worthy cause but honored the committee’s recommendation. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to deny the award on the Committee recommendation. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, Jacob and Williby. Nays none. Henery was absent. Motion carried.

Improvement Grant: American Legion Post 136, Orchard submitted a request for funding for continued support and placement of a Veteran’s Memorial in the Orchard Park. An original award was sent in October 2025. This request was denied by Antelope County Visitor Committee on or about February 2nd, 2026. The Commissioners discussed the viability of the project and in honoring Veteran’s throughout Antelope County. The Antelope County Visitors Committee agreed it was a worthy cause and denied it because of the fact the first award was less than four (4) months ago. The Visitor Committee recommended resubmitting the request in the future, to avoid the exclusiveness of doubling the donation. The Commissioners agreed with the Visitors Committee and denied the request in honor of the committee’s recommendation. The Commissioners expressed gratitude to the ones who served. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to deny the award on the Committee recommendation. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, Jacob and Williby. Nays none. Henery was absent. Motion carried. Encouraged the Legion to apply again.

Frontier Phone Line: Recently, Frontier submitted a bill for \$1,010.45 for damage to ‘a local copper exchange loop’ while working on a road near 866th Road and 513th Avenue. The damage occurred during routine work in or about July of 2025. This damage and subsequent billing were discussed last week. In follow-up, Commissioner Dittrich called Frontier this week to discuss the billing. Within minutes,

Commissioner Dittrich had an email response ‘I was able to confirm with Frontier that they would like to cancel this claim. Please disregard the invoice and let me know if you have any questions.’ No formal action today.

Vendor Claims: Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to **approve and pay vendor claims**. Voting aye: Jacob, Dittrich, Krebs and Williby. Henery was absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

General: Ameritas insurance 22,408.57; Antelope County Court County Court fees 89.00; Appera micro swipes black, towels, mat shadow, dust mop, floor care 80.50; Applies Connective Technologies team alert agreement, IT agreement, licensing agreement, RMM agreement 5,939.90; First-net telephone services 637.60; Bear Graphics 3 reems paper for books 586.30; Black Hills Energy heating fuel 1,978.25; Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance 77,672.33; Bomgaars floor mats, batteries 74.97; Steven Bright 3 months reimbursement VSP premium 57.93; Brogan & Stafford legal services 527.90; Carney Law public defender 7,611.00; Caseys fuel 81.61; City of Neligh electricity, water, sewer, trash 3,405.63; City of Neligh-Recycling 1,000.00; City of Norfolk region 11 emergency management billing for 2026 23,815.00; Clerk of the District Court district court costs 36.00; Clerk-District Court Association dues 50.00; Judith Cole prior service 10.00; Colonial Life insurance 108.40; Copple Rockey & McKeever court appointed legal services 2,425.80; Cubby’s fuel 474.42; DAS State Accounting radio units, network service charges 1,214.60; Driver’s License Guide ID checking guide 33.95; Dusty’s fuel 714.03; Eakes Office Solutions contract charge, hp laser cartridges, envelopes, diagnostic fee machine repair 709.30; Elgin Review classifies ads, legals, display ad, notice of liquor license renewal, road department hiring ad, primary election notice, proceedings, notice of meeting, treasurers semiannual report 471.83; Elite Court Reporting Services BOE preparation x2, BOE, bill of exceptions preparation 16,941.25; Elite Office Products contract base rate, contract overage charge, supply delivery fee, black toner, maintenance agreement 391.19; Kim Erickson custom book case for courtroom 1,940.00; Federal Withholding taxes 12,792.48; First Concord insurance 3,802.63; Fitzgerald, Vetter & Temple court costs 2,611.60; Government Forms & Supplies paid date stamper 193.95; Great Plains Communications telephone 319.53; Darrell Hamilton prior service 11.00; Heartland Vet Clinic house call, euthanasia canine 185.35; Rick Hoffman refund filing fee 195.00; Jonny Dodge changed oil and filter, 16 point inspection, inspect brakes, checked over front end, replaced right cv axle shaft 799.45; Kimberly Young extension board registration fee 50.00; Klein Law attorney fees 14,203.30; Brooke Kumm postage for county fair judges postcards 24.40; Lancaster County Sheriff subpoena, mileage to serve paper 26.92; Liberty National insurance 87.19; Lynn Peavy Company sexual assault kit 121.33; Madison County Sheriff subpoena 60.50; Madison National Life insurance 133.04; Marvin Planning Consultants comprehensive plan 600.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems scanning equipment monthly, scanners, software, wands 122.00; Duane Miller prior service 12.00; MIPS checks, payroll, time and attendance, claims, register of deeds, Nebraska deeds online, assessor admin package, MIPS CAMA, Marshall swift, labor for jury pool listing, mailing labels and card stock, shipping 2,732.82; Mutual of Omaha insurance 992.23; NACO meeting registration for treasurer and clerk of the district court, reappraisal subscription dues 90.00; National Insurance Services insurance 58.50; Nebraska Association of County Clerk dues subscription 50.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue taxes 5,664.27; Neligh Auto & Machine fuse 3.95; VSP- NACO Vision insurance 544.57; North Central Public Power District old Willowdale tower 69.62; Northeast Community College 911 dispatcher training 400.00; O’Neill Shopper help wanted add for 4 weeks 181.26; Lisa Payne rubber bands, paper clips, binder clips, eraser refills, post it page flags, metal shelves, air freshener refills, mop replacement heads, pizza for court 316.38; Pinnacle Bank annual e-banking services for clerk/treasurer, fuel 1,410.50; Pitzer Digital legals, semiannual report 159.94; Quill Corporation Logitech headset 25.99; Region IV quarterly billing 2,808.00; Janice Ridder prior service 10.00; Antelope County Treasurer transfer to road/bridge 300,000.00; Secretary NEWMA membership dues 100.00; Caroline Siems prior service 25.00; Wex Bank fuel 919.20; Social Security payroll deduction 29,191.88; Stealth Broadband telephone 1,236.81; Sunflower Law attorney fees 2,562.50; Trustmark insurance 243.67; Uline Shipping heavy plates, trash liner 802.08; University of Nebraska-Lincoln Verizon mobile broadband 45.02; Viking Auto Sprinkler labor on compressor 1,200.00; Washington National Insurance supplemental insurance 285.92; Western Oil II fuel 316.05; Desirae Wieneke notary renewal application 32.50; Payroll 148,132.98;

Road/Bridge: AG & Industrial Equipment road labor 308.40; AKRS sander, shaft key, o-ring, washer, nut, hydraulic motor, freight, starting fluid, 10w-30, fuel filters 2,295.31; Ameritas insurance 12,590.19; Antelope Memorial Hospital medical costs 215.00; Appera shop towels, linen/towels 75.90; First-net telephone service 142.85; ATCO International safety glasses, Ziploc sandwich bags, lens cleaning towelettes, corded earplugs, cordless earplugs, gloves 295.88; B’S Enterprises rubber blade, road signs, barricade tape 13,973.60; Bauer Built axle alignment labor, shop supplies, tire fee, tire mount 2,883.08; Black Hills Energy heating utilities 1,897.47; Blackstrap Trailer Repair parts 14.71; Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance 60,713.79; Bomgaars hand truck, screws, propane disposal, propane torch head, marker, socket, starting fluid, insert bit set, socket boss, shelving, soap stone, storage rack, lag screws, bench vise, pliers, toilet paper, power strip, wheel, wrench, id labels, blade, bulb, battery, water, ratchet strap, oil, storage rack, letters/numbers. windshield de-icer, shop towel, utility box cover, handy box, set screw, socket set, heater, radio, welding helmet 3,480.40; Carhart Lumber parts 18.61; City of Elgin water, sewer, garbage 72.10; City of Neligh dumpster sticker 15.00; City of Tilden water, sewer, garbage 70.85; Colonial Life insurance 307.96; Constellation heating 540.93; Cornhusker International Truck cab mount, freight, insulator, shock absorb, clutch 615.73; Credit Management Services garnishment 489.66; Cubby’s fuel 554.76; Dixon Construction Brunswick Northwest and Royal North bridge projects 53,893.36; Dusty’s fuel 228.52; Elgin One Stop fuel 126.14; Elkhorn Rural Public Power District electricity 657.27; ESRI annual subscription 205.48; Farmers Pride diesel 16,352.83; Federal Withholding taxes 6,537.61; First Concord insurance 1,566.42; Frontier Communications telephone 730.39; Great Plains Communications telephone 340.99; Hubel Welding & Iron sheets, flat, tubes, labor 1,274.98; Collection Service Center garnishment 611.50; Island Supply Welding oxygen, stargon, acetylene 228.16; JEO Consulting design, study and report, bridge inspections, labor 50,181.25; Jonny Dodge labor, oil filter, fuel filter, oil, lube 962.97; K&S Door remotes 222.00; Kayton International spool/bush, disc, bearing, ball bearing 2,238.55; Lawson Products band saw bid, plow bolt, lens cleaner, hex cap screw, flap disc, hammerlock cotter pin, lock nut 489.44; Lazy T Tire semi tire repair, air brake, diesel, vacuum switch, labor, bolt 428.10; Liberty National insurance 154.27; Lichtenberg Tire flat repair, o ring, shop supplies 137.49; Madison National Life insurance 64.77; Medical Enterprises dot compliant drug testing 36.00; Ethans Repair mileage, replaced al circle brass, checked toe in on front axle 580.50; Midwest Service & Sales guardrail posts, composite block, guardrail mounting bolts, nuts, axle kit, wheel hub, oil seal, bearings, axle nut, freeze plug, shipping 6,860.44; Joshua Mitchell manual transmission 143.12; MR S’S fuel 1,213.30; Murphy Tractor bolt, bushing, hydraulic 1,739.59; Mutual of Omaha insurance 785.38; N&B Gas heating utilities 1,350.00; National Insurance Services insurance 56.75; Nebraska Child Support garnishment 937.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue taxes 3,108.25; Nebraska Public Power District electricity 296.22; Nebraska Safety Center annual refresher training 165.00; Neligh Auto slip plate, diesel fuel additive, fuel filter, oil filter, floor dry, blue def, hose end fitting, rags in a box 434.25; NIRMA CPR training 702.00; VSP- NACO Vision insurance 388.28; NMC Exchange maintainer maintenance 1,000.38; North Central Public Power District electricity 297.60; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company telephone 74.92; Quick Serve fuel 129.90; Razor Tracking monthly fees for tracking devices 1,225.00; RDO Truck bracket, clutch 379.79; Royal One Stop fuel 137.28; SAPP Bros Petroleum propane 4,175.79; Wex Bank fuel 441.65; Social Security 17,036.10; Spud Construction road gravel 10,106.88; Stealth Broadband internet/telephone 95.75; Truck Center solenoid valve, freight, kit fuel filter, oil, kit oil filter with seals, grease, purple washer fluid, labor 2,178.19; Trustmark insurance 340.19; Two Rivers Auto Parts flex-fill synthetic, starter, load flasher, strap clamp, Silver Star ultra, standard halogen, alternator, lamp, dry graphite lube, engine oil, valve dump, rapid dump valve, blue def 1,602.03; Village-Brunswick water, sewer, trash 59.50; Village-Clearwater water, sewer, trash 73.50; Village-Orchard water, sewer, trash 83.79; Washington National Insurance supplemental insurance 99.60; Western Oil II fuel 390.66; 319 Graphic vinyl masked numbers 1,860.00; Payroll 85,373.35;

County Visitors Promotion: Orchard Powerlifting promotion fund 350.00;

Register of Deeds: MIPS clerk application, Nebraska deeds online, register of deeds 412.08;

Law Enforcement: AED Brands cr2 battery 654.00; AMH Family Practice prisoner medical expenses 240.00; Applied Connective Technologies dc vehicle adaptor 120.95; Black Hills Energy heating fuel 549.94; Cash-Wa Distributing mayo, soft serve mix, beef, pork loin, detergent, rinse aid 1,478.98; City- Neligh electricity, water, sewer, trash 2,760.52; Culligan bottled water 86.00; April Curtiss 15 dozen eggs 45.00; Elgin Appliance labor to replace commercial dishwasher in kitchen, labor 274.95; Hiland Dairy milk 192.33; Hilltop Community Pharmacy prenatal tabs, contour next test strip 75.88; K&S Door programmed remote to west door 148.00; Merit Mechanical install a new faucet and repair a toilet, part and labor, mileage 2,712.00; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center noncompliance fine-continuing education and firearms 500.00; O’Neill Pest Control sprayed for pests 98.00; Pinnacle Bank blood glucose meters-test strips, stainless stee French whip, measuring cups, beef links, body wash, bread, yogurt, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste 162.53; Shaffer Communications new radio equipment, labor to install, radio rack mounts, grounding and cabling, programming of new radio 60,513.96; Thriftway onions, saltines, vegetable pallet, buns, milk 1,445.07; Trane U S annual hvac equipment coverage 16,157.00;

Commissary: Combined Public Communications prepaid calling cards 625.00; Pinnacle Bank devotional, book, you-tube tv 198.30.

Road Superintendent Report:

Mr. Kluthe was not able to attend today’s meeting. He was attending asphalt conference in Kearney.

Oversize Permits: Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve the six (6) oversize permits as submitted. Mr. Kluthe had voiced no opposition, and recommended approval. Moves have been completed. Voting aye: Jacob, Krebs, Dittrich and Williby. Henery absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

- **Oversize Load:** (344) HWY 14-523rd Ave-841.5 Rd-524 Ave S-840.5 Road-525th Ave S ¼mile to site (Tower 307) Barnhart Crane
- **Oversize Load** (345-347) HWY 841 Rd north to 513th Ave west 846th Road south 846th & 509/HAVATrucking (3 blades going in)
- **Oversize Load** (348-349) 846th Road-513th Avenue-841st Road/HAVQ (2 blades going out) (third blade out in pieces.)
- **Temporary Road Use Permit:** A temporary road use permit was submitted to help facilitate one of the blades moved last week. This radius was in addition to the two approved last week. Permit was submitted, paid and approved by Road Superintendent. Utilization of the radius’ was completed last Thursday, and is being removed today, or it was removed yesterday. Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve temporary Road Use Agreement as submitted. North on 513th Avenue turning west on 846th Road – Radius/Thunderhead & Klabenes Construction. Voting aye: Jacob, Krebs, Dittrich and Williby. Henery absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

Great Plains follow-up from last week. Great Plains Communications met with the Commissioners last week regarding upgrade of the telephone and internet service provided. In follow-up of that discussion an email from Kellye Starkel was shared. The reports state Antelope County does not have the CAT 5 wiring needed to support the proposed telephone and internet technology. Great Plains indicated this would be at a cost to the County, and they would provide their own electrician to accomplish the completion of installation of the CAT 5 lines. Today, it was discussed with Stealth, although they are not offering as fast of speed, they will be installing the CAT 5 (or better) line. Great Plains, Stealth and Applied Technologies proposals will be reviewed during the 3rd of March meeting. No action today.

Air Compressor-Discussion of the fire suppression system and air compressor for the fire suppression system from last week's meeting. This week, Commissioners Williby, Dittrich and Jacob went down and visually inspected the system. Today, again the air compressor was draining – again a large amount drained out of the compressor. The Commissioners discussed that the air compressor is probably working harder than it is meant to. Options to cure the situation were discussed. Including Viking Fire Protection, to continue their inspection of the system as planned for later this week. That inspection is scheduled for February 12th, 2026. If there are no leaks found, and no other solution brought forward, the Commissioners entertained the idea of replacing the existing compressor with a larger – quieter compressor. Discussion will continue next month, unless a viable option is presented. The Commissioners wish not to spend thousands of dollars to no avail. After the inspection on Thursday, hopefully, we will get a report, and the Clerk was instructed to forward the report to the Commissioners. No further action.

No other issues to discuss.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:54 PM.

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Vice - Chairman of the Board, Neil Williby

Attest: _____
County Clerk, Lisa Payne