

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

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Tuesday, March 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.

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

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. The heating cooling unit in the northeast corner of HHS is not working.

- In other matters. Mrs. Schindler reports her **leave of absence** has been postponed. Her leave has been requested for approximately six (6) weeks. The Clerk has not had a response to utilizing an inmate or hiring a business like Merry Maids or Service Master for the commons area. Follow-up to continue.
- Mrs. Schindler has been ordering and labelling supplies in advance of her leave.
- No further report.

Review of Payroll Claims.

Review of Vendor Claims.

9:00 AM Transmission Line Antelope to Holt County: Jason Hofer, representative from NPPD, met with the Commissioners regarding a proposed line going in between Holt (SW of Clearwater) and Antelope County (3 miles north and five (5) miles east). They are in the infancy stage of the project, and right now are targeting informing the public, gathering information and obstacles in and along the route to better get a grasp on the placement. This is an approximate three (3) year project and NPPD will be meeting with us a couple of more times throughout the process. Shared copy of NPPD Antelope-Holt County 345kV Transmission Line Project overview and timeline

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

9:15 AM: Telephones

- **Ben Kenealy, Stealth Broadband** reviewed with the Commissioners the telephone/internet proposal reviewed on the 10th of February. The bid proposal listed a total of 40 desk phones. Today he presents with a \$5,998.00 to purchase 40 telephone handsets or lease at \$198.00 a month for 36 months, with an approximate bill of \$832.00 monthly. This would allow the count 1Gig of Data ingoing and outgoing.
- **Kellye Starkel, Great Plains Communication** reviewed with the Commissioners the telephone/internet proposal as reviewed on February 3rd, 2026. At that time, it was presented the Courthouse would be liable for getting CAT 5 wiring throughout the building to support the system. Today, she presented Great Plain would ‘piggyback’ from existing wiring, any additional wiring would be at the cost of Great Plains. Internet speed of 500 x 500 Mbps throughout the courthouse. She quoted 31 phones, and the Commissioners discussed we would have 40 – so with this update the Commissioners agreed on a \$779.95 monthly bill for the courthouse. Phones would be provided for the 36-month leasing time. The phones would be serviced by Great Plains, if providers are changed when the contract ends the phones would not be left for the County. The Law Enforcement Center is already utilizing Great Plains Communication however, they would bump the internet speed to 300 x 300 Mbps and their bill would be \$269.95 monthly. The quote from Great Plains also stated they would service the Weed Department with 100 X 100 Mbps for \$84.95 monthly. Totaling about \$1,134.85 for the three (3) facilities.
- **Will Zoucha, Applied Connective Technologies** met with the Commissioners with proposals for both a hosted (cloud) and a non-hosted (on-premises) phone/internet system. Applied Connective Technologies had a wiring cost associated with both proposals. As Applied Connective Technologies provided IT Service for the County, they are aware of the current wiring and lack thereof. Because of the courthouse configuration they quoted an on-premises system, where the cloud would not be used there would be a server on-site of the courthouse. Cost of the on-premises system would be \$795.25 monthly with an installation/wiring cost of approximately \$25,624.83. The Hosted System was quoted at \$1,028.25 monthly with an installation/wiring cost of \$21,234.29. Included in this price is the telephone sets.
- **Telephone Contracts** Discussion regarding all proposals. All proposals would be acceptable for the County. The Commissioners thought it easier to make a decision with all vendors in attendance. Commissioner Dittrich stated Great Plains was the cheapest at \$814.95 monthly, Stealth Broadband was at \$842.00 monthly and Applied Connective was at \$1,028.25 monthly. And Applied Technology had an additional \$21K-\$26K for wiring and prep (including phone sets). To that end, Commissioner Dittrich made a motion to proceed with Great Plains and to authorize a three (3) year (36 month) agreement with Great Plains Communication, \$814.95/month. Motion is seconded by Commissioner Williby. Voting aye: Dittrich, Williby, Krebs, Jacob and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried. It was repeated that anything above the quoted monthly price would NOT be County responsibility.

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

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

General: Amazon magnetics, face paint, snap hooks, green paint, bags, ear tags, acrylic flyer holders 145.30; Ameritas Life Insurance retirement benefits 20,827.44; Antelope County Attorney custody warrant 230.91; Antelope County Court county court costs 102.00; Appeara micro swipes,

towels, dust mop, floorcare, micro swipes 80.50; Applies Connective Technology IT Agreement, team alert 5,902.40; First-net telephone 652.42; Black Hills Energy heating fuel 1,854.56; Blue Cross Blue Shield major medical insurance 77,697.93; Bomgaars windshield wash 4.98; Brittany Braband pesticide training 120.00; Candlewood Inn & Suites hotel stay 477.00; Casey’s fuel 70.84; Centec Cast Metal Products flag holders, flag holder stakes 1,066.35; City of Neligh electricity, water, sewer, garbage 3,247.80; City of Neligh-Recycling recycling agreement 1,000.00; Clerk of the District Court district court fees 75.00; Coldtype Publishing semiannual report, liquor license renewal, proceedings, BOE proceedings, road department text, primary election notice 605.11; Judith Cole prior service 10.00; Colonial Life Insurance employee supplemental insurance 108.40; Copple Rockey & McKeever court appointed attorney fees 489.70; COR Therapeutic Services professional fees including court appearance 1,000.00; Cubby’s fuel 397.56; DAS State Accounting network service charge, radio units 1,214.60; Dusty’s fuel 299.35; Eakes Office Solutions contract 38.49; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland representation at court case juvenile 1,942.90; Elgin One Stop fuel 504.00; Elgin Review legals, delinquent tax list, proceedings, notice of March meetings, yearly renewal 384.58; Elite Office Products maintenance agreements, toner, developer, drum, parts 662.12; Kim Ericson office bookcase for district court 1,688.00; Federal Withholding taxes 11,705.05; First Concord Benefits insurance, cafeteria plan 8,069.44; Fitzgerald, Vetter & Temple court fees 1,492.50; Jan X Experts bath tissue, trash bags, bowl cleanse, lite’n foamy 628.02; The Glass Edge labor only parts under warranty 396.00; Great Plains Communications telephone and internet 320.73; Darrell Hamilton prior service 11.00; Jack’s Uniforms 2-holsters, armor skin shirt-brown 446.83; Jonny Dodge Chrysler Jeep oil and filter change, washer fluid, replaced front brake pads and turned rotors 364.90; Klein Law Office attorney fees-juvenile case 9,710.83; LIBERTY National Insurance 133.22; Madison National Life Insurance employee supplemental insurance 133.04; Microfilming Imaging Systems scanning equipment monthly rental 122.00; Duane Miller prior service 12.00; MIPS tax statement printing, payroll, time and attendance, claims, ROD, Nebraska deeds online, assessor administrative package, MIPS CAMA, Marshall Swift, checks, treasurer application 9,561.13; Mutual of Omaha Insurance employee supplemental insurance 992.23; NACEB annual dues 100.00; NACO meeting admission ticket 30.00; National Insurance Service employee supplemental insurance 58.50; Nebraska Department of Revenue taxes 5,138.26; Nebraska Planning & Zoning Association planning conference 235.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association spring training 150.00; Thomas Nelson VSO 2026 dues 160.00; VSP- NACO Vision Insurance employee supplemental eye insurance 544.57; North Central Public Power District electricity 65.50 ; North East Community College heart-saver CPR and AED class (20) 1,530.00; Northeast Nebraska RC&D 2026 sponsor dues 2,000.00; Northeast Nebraska Heating & Air repair unit in county attorney office and courtroom 230.00; Oconto County Clerk of Courts copies, certification fee 28.75; Lisa Payne handheld cordless vacuum, postage 1,026.48; Petty Cash (County Sheriff) certified mail 6.08; Pinnacle Bank body camera, backup camera system, sd card 713.93; Pitney Bowes Lease postal service 1,063.26; Pitzer Digital legals, equalizations, notices 727.50; Quill Corporation pens, wireless mouse 32.48; Janice Ridder prior service 10.00; Sanne Repair rechargeable flashlight system, labor 508.87; Caroline Siems prior service 25.00; Wex Bank fuel 1,040.79; Social Security payroll taxes 27,061.16; Stealth Broadband telephone and internet 1,045.31; Stratton Delay Doele Carlson & Buettner attorney fees 13,606.49; Sunflower Law attorney fees 1,462.50; Trustmark Insurance employee supplemental insurance 243.67; University of Nebraska-Lincoln internet for iPad 45.02; Urbanec’s 2nd floor bathroom tiles and tile adhesive, labor 211.00; Viking Auto Sprinkler labor and materials to fix one leak in SW corner where pipe enters attic 3,560.00; Washington National Insurance employee payroll deduction 285.92; Antelope County Treasurer transfer of funds 300,000.00; Lisa Welding water, air freshener, super glue 16.50; RODEWAY INN witness stay for court 97.19; Heartland Fire Protection fire extinguisher inspections 152.25; Elite Court Reporting Service sworn statement 275.10; Physicians Lab autopsy, morgue fee, lab panels 3,299.00; Payroll 137470.11;

Road/Bridge: AKRS 5 gal hygard, air filters, elbow fitting, bulk hose, filter elements, hydraulic filter, filter kit, oil filter, hose fitting, pin, freight, floodlamp 2,489.08; Ameritas Insurance retirement benefit 11,296.44; Antelope Memorial Hospital specimen 19.00; Appeara shop towels, linens, 76.47; First-net telephone service 141.86; Beckman Lumber door, utility knife, boards 3,045.64; Black Hils Energy heating fuel 2,420.52; Blackstrap Trailer Repair labor, DOT, 3 axle brakes, alignment, brake kit, moly grease, heat shrink butt connector, jaw rebuild kit, wheel seal, hubcap gasket, hub oil, ITM king pin 5,551.09; Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance major medical insurance 63,943.67; Bomgaars creeper poly, drill bit, paint roller, roller cover, primer, starting fluid, booster cable, filters, coupler, speed square, level, filter wrench, letters, numbers, broom whisk, battery, oil, air hose, disc flap, cut off wheel, valve repair tool, disposable gloves, spray paint, shop towels, sewer drain pipe, welding gloves, soap stone, pencil, compass, bearing insert, screws, rain jacket, loaded ball mount, DeWalt hose, hose nozzle 1,073.75; Boone County Health Center DOT physical 110.00; City of Elgin water, sewer, garbage 74.24; City of Neligh garbage 15.00; City of Tilden water, sewer, garbage 70.92; Colonial Life Insurance employee supplemental insurance 307.96; Constellation heating fuel 859.63; Corner Hardware clear silicone, connector, plug 49.94; Corner Service 2 tire repairs 90.00; Cornhusker International Truck pulley, v-belt, tensioner 778.06; Credit Management Services employee garnishment 467.42; Cubby’s fuel 478.50; Dusty’s fuel 142.69; Elgin One Stop fuel, fluid starting gum out, extension cord, split lock washer, flat washer, coarse nut, spray paint, hex cap, socket, staple 387.38; Fairfield Inn hotel stay 309.90; Farmers Pride diesel 22,928.67; Federal Withholding taxes payroll tax 5,327.59; First Concord Benefits Insurance reimbursement and cafeteria plan 9,703.48; Frontier Communications telephone and internet 820.39; Great Plains Communications telephone and internet 340.99; Holiday Inn hotel stay 135.00; Collection Service Center employee garnishment 611.50; Island Supply Welding oxygen, acetylene, stargon 206.08; Jeo Consulting design, bridge inspections, construction services, general engineering 18,592.50; Jonny Dodge dot inspection, replaced wipers, left front turn signal, clutch adjustment, replaced dimmer switch and swapped headlight, replaced mirror, replaced bulb for turn signal and repaired fender wire harness, right rear driver brake shoes worn and replaced shoes, shift knob leaking air and installed new knob, checked brakes 2,902.22; Kimball-Midwest cut off wheel, ceramic grain flap disc, cutting tool compound, shipping 289.44; Leigh Kluthe coffee for training 9.99; Lammers Trailer Repair tarp repair kit 120.91; Lawson Products cutter, cut fluid, hex cap screw, lock nut, hammerlock cotter pin, steel flange nut, plow bolt 788.12; Liberty National Insurance employee supplemental insurance 154.27; Lichtenberg Tire Service galaxy super m&s, o ring, tire disposal, shop supplies, flat repair labor 2,749.73; M&M Auctions safety cones 750.00; Madison National Life Insurance employee supplemental insurance 80.62; Marx Repair rental on X7.690 13,500.00; MBFS freightliner truck payment 27,938.04; Medical Enterprises Inc DOT compliant drug testing panel 42.25; Ethans Repair LLC travel to Oakdale barn, initial 500 hr services on grader, travel to Brunswick (2 trips), blade slide cylinder leaking, labor 1,571.40; Mutual of Omaha Insurance employee supplemental insurance 926.82; National Insurance Service Insurance employee supplemental insurance 73.75; Nebraska Child Support employee garnishment 937.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue payroll tax 2,618.08; Nebraska Public Power District electricity 294.79; Nebraska Trucking Association driver training registration 1,396.00; Neligh Auto & Machine oil filter, motor oil, power-rated belt, mirrors, brake cylinder hone 321.89; VSP- NACO Vision Insurance employee vision insurance 439.43; NMC Exchange tie, labor, maintenance 1,366.63; North Central Public Power District electricity 303.92; Northeast Glass right windshields, left windshields, 3,420.00; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company telephone service 74.81; Northern Materials concrete, asphalt to Oakdale barn 50,916.25; Pitzer Digital now hiring adds 240.00; Quality Iron & Metal welding wire for district 4 and parts 320.75; Quick Serve Oil inside dual repair, labor, brass valve stem, fuel, shop supplies 338.03; Razor Tracking licensing, data processing for fleet devices 1,125.00; RDO Truck Centers mirror kit, oil filter, fuel filter, gasket, washer fluid, filter, labor, rotate drive tires, fix lights, side marker lamp, bulb, light bar, seal a crimp butt 1,830.55; Royal One Stop fuel 353.33; Rutjens Construction auto slack adjuster, cam kit, cam shaft, airbag, wheel seal, wheel seal, shock, drums, hub gasket, lock nut, bolts, Q plus brakes, convert trailer over to meritor slack adjusters, remove and replace all camshafts, air bags, shocks, wheel seal brakes, grease tarp and bed cylinder 6,965.59; SAPP Brother Petroleum propane, filter, DEF, diesel exhaust fluid 2,932.85; WEX Bank fuel 400.74; Social Security payroll taxes 15,210.90; Stealth Broadband telephone and internet 95.75; Switzer Welding rebuild moboard on grader-Orchard barn, materials 2,070.00; Trustmark Insurance employee supplemental insurance 395.49; Two Rivers Auto Parts oil, engine oil filter, reflex truck shock, rear suspension shock, fuel filter, assorted grommets, front engine coolant, gl command red, gl prime dex-cool, air hammer, axle nut, grease seals, taper cup, bearing 977.91; Village of Clearwater water, sewer, trash 73.50; Village of Orchard garbage, water, sewer 83.79; Washington National Insurance employee supplemental insurance 99.60; Western Oil II fuel 473.99; Heartland Fire Protection fire extinguisher inspections, maintenance 1,723.50; Village of Brunswick garbage, water, sewer 59.50; Elkhorn Rural Public Power District electricity 603.89; Fort Collins Truck Sales 2-2011 freightliners(\$28,000 apiece) 56,000.00; PAYROLL 76464.63;

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

Law Enforcement: Applied Connective Technologies replibit BDR 2TB backup appliance with cloud storage, updates and support, install new adaptor 1,546.86; Black Hills Energy heating fuel 481.58; Bomgaars 5 gallon bucket, lid for bucket, fasteners, torch hose nozzle 79.43; Cash-Wa Distributing short oil salad, mayo, gravy mix, potatoes, soft serve vanilla mix, grape juice, fruit punch juice, chicken patty, pancakes, fries, veggies, sauce mix cheese, saltine crackers, cheese sliced, sausage patty biscuit dough, pollock, tomato juice, peaches, pineapple, gloves, oranges 3,100.51; City of Neligh garbage, water, sewer, electricity 2,793.92; Cubby’s drinks, 2- 2 piece chicken dinner 29.14; Culligan 5 gallon bottled water 76.25; April Curtiss 12

Minutes: Minutes of March 3rd, 2026, Board of Commissioner Meeting: Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve minutes as presented (adding verbiage to clarify the cost of the difference of school road repairs are per mile). Voting aye Jacob, Dittrich, Krebs, Williby and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.

		Nebbraska Emergency Management Agency 2022 Sub-Recipient Agreement for SLCOP - Antelope County	
Date of Agreement 10/26/22	1. Prepared by: <u>Chae, Christine</u>		
Date of Approval 10/26/22	2. Approved Number: <u>22-04-0100-02</u>		
3. Project Title: <u>Antelope County 4-H Horse</u>	4. Approved Number: <u>01/01/2022</u>		
5. SLCOP - Antelope County NE	Federal Grant Title: Federal Grant Award Number/CITA Number: Federal Award Date: Federal Granting Agency:	State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program DMR-2022-CY-00094-001 / 8/17/21 December 30, 2022 United States Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency U.S. Department of Homeland Security	
6. <u>Rec'd Antelope County 10/26/22</u>			
2022 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Performance and Budget Period: (Oct 1, 2022 - Nov 30, 2023)			
This grant does not have a Federal Approval Required. Grants and Funds are not to be used for Research and Development (R&D)			
7. Total Award Amount \$7,308.00			
8. Stipendiary Authority for Grant: This project is approved under Public Law 115-234, the Department of Homeland Security Grant Act of 2017. Method of Payment: Payment: Periodic reimbursement (upon the invoice) Antelope County Department of Agriculture. 9. Antelope County Certification: By signing this document, the sub-recipient (officials) certifies that any certification affidavit are not used on the individual project (please specify https://www.fda.gov/oc/foia)			
Contact Information for NEEMA Awarding Official: Christine Davis, Grants Unit Supervisor & Nebraska GAO – 622.471.7413			
10. Antelope County		Signature of NEEMA Official: Date:	
Approving NEEMA Official: Emily, Patti Antelope County Director		Signature of Antelope County Representative: 	
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The Sheriff's February Miscellaneous Fee Report was reviewed and put on file.

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

Treasurer's Fund Balance Report for February was reviewed and put on file.

Treasurer's Miscellaneous Revenue Report for February was reviewed and put on file.

Treasurer's Sweep Account Statement for February was reviewed and put on file.

North Central District Health Department: Regina Krebs represents Antelope County Commissioners on the NCDHD Board. Today they are looking for a spirited citizen to fulfill the Antelope County member obligation. Tammy Cheatum has completed an application and would like to be considered for the position. After reviewing the application, Commissioner Williby, seconded by Commissioner Krebs motioned to appoint Tammy Cheatum to the NCDHD Board. Voting aye: Krebs, Williby, Jacob, Dittrich and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.

Bids for Gravel, Armor Coating, Hot Mix Asphalt and Asphalt Oil Annually, Antelope Count Road and Bridge Department advertise for and receive bids for Gravel, Armor Coating, Hot Mix Asphalt and Asphalt Oil. Motion by Commissioner Williby, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to authorize the Clerk to advertise for bids to be open on April 14th, 2026. Voting aye: Krebs, Williby, Jacob, Dittrich and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.

Public Defender: Commissioner Dittrich gave an update on the status of the contract. Stratton, DeLay, Carlson, Stove and Stratton have agreed to work with Antelope County under a two-year contract. County Attorney Joe Smith is working with the firm to finalize details. The County and the Stratton Firm are hoping to have an approximate start date on or about March 26th, 2026. Mr. Smith asked the Commissioners to accept said contract and authorize Chairman to sign when ready. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to accept final contract and authorized Chairman to sign when ready. Voting aye: Krebs, Jacob, Williby, Dittrich and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.

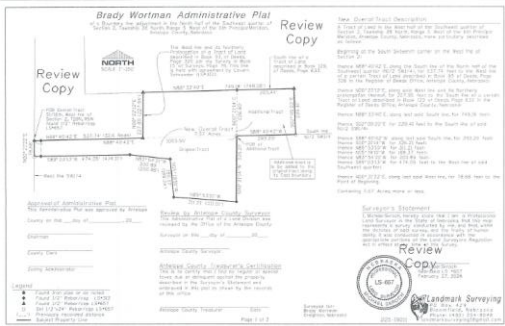
Viking Fire Protection: During the third week in February the fire suppressant system blew the air compressor and charged the system. The system was drained – with the help of Kyle from Viking. On Friday, March 6th, 2026 a couple of technicians came to repair the found leaks and reset the system. That was completed. The air-compressor was engaged and the system was put back online. Today, there has been no air-compressor noise, and the fire system is still online and ready. No action today.

Zoning Administrator Report:

- Mrs. Wingate shared the **Zoning Permit Report** for February 2026.
- **Administrative Plat:** Boundary Adjustment – Brady Wortman, Tract in the W½SW¼ Section 2, Township 28, Range 5, West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. Mrs. Wingate stated they intend to join two (2) parcels. She stated all setbacks are met.

Parcel size is good. She recommends approval. Motion by Commissioner Williby, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve. Voting aye: Williby, Jacob, Krebs, Dittrich and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.

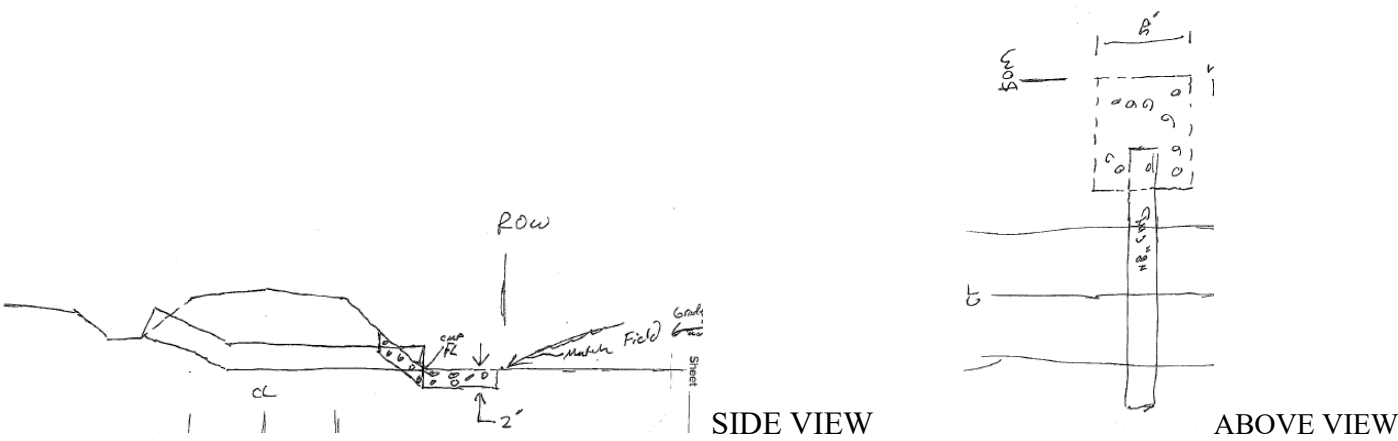
- **Administrative Plat:** Administrative Plat was submitted by Josh Beckman. His family intends to build a home in the SW¼SW¼SW¼ of Section 28, Township 23, Range 6. He has submitted an access permit off 524th Avenue. This property is three (3) acres. Accordingly, all setbacks have been met. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve Administrative Plat at the recommendation of the Zoning Administrator. Voting aye: Jacob, Dittrich, Krebs, Williby and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried. Access permit will be on next months agenda.
- No further report.



Weed Department: Mr. Cornett presented a copy of the proposed fees for forced spraying of noxious weeds. This is in follow-up to last week’s discussion regarding fees and how they are billed. Bryan states he has been in contact with some of the members of the Weed Board and they are thinking of eliminating custom application from the County responsibility all together. It is on the agenda for April. There is a national push to have weed free gravel and mulch. The National level is asking for participation so the County will oblige. There will be no transferring of non-certified weed free products during this project. Mr. Cornett states the State has reported they believe they have secured money for fiscal year 2026. They think the awards will be coming. Future years are still under review. Mr. Cornett will follow-up with the Commissioners at their next meeting, April 7th, 2026.

Road Superintendent Report:

- **Oversized Permits:** Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve the six (6) oversized permits as submitted. Mr. Kluthe voiced no opposition, stated the moves had gone smoothly and recommended approval. Voting aye: Jacob, Krebs, Dittrich, Williby and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.
 - Oversize Permits (370-375) Intersection of Hwy 14/Hwy 70-west to 515th Avenue south 3.5 miles to tower 15/True Steel LLC
- **ROW Permit NPPD:** NPPD submitted a permit to connect multiple electrical substations together with fiber optics. Their intention is to knife this in within one (1) foot of the edge of road. The permit was reviewed by Road Superintendent, Leigh Kluthe. He believes in all there are nine (9) underground permits and one (1) right-of-way permit. With the submission, it was stated money was not owed because of a statute. When reviewing the statute, it was determined the statute did not refer to money. Discussion. It was asked if the Road Superintendent would investigate this further to get a better understanding of the submission. No action today. It will be on the agenda next month.
- **Skid-Loader Lease:** On March 12th, 2026, the skid loader lease is up. NMC has offered a buyout of \$89,000.00, or for the County to lease an additional year at \$11,900.00, this would cover an additional 250 hours. The skid-loader currently has about 320 hours on for the current year. Discussion. The Commissioners wondered if they would lease it an additional year and then take the purchase price down to \$75,000.00. A a call is placed to the NMC representative. While waiting for a call back – on to other matters.
- **841st Road – Fehringer:** In follow-up of last week’s discussion of a landowner placing cement structures along 841st road to help with erosion in a deluge from a culvert in the area. After the meeting last week, the Highway Engineer and the landowner visually inspected the area. Highway Engineer suggested to place riprap for about 20 square feet under the culvert. The culvert at about a 45-degree angle does flow well. Discussion. Mr. Kluthe stated he thought landowner agreed – with the hopes it will work. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve JEO riprap design and authorize the Road/Bridge Crew follow. Voting aye: Jacob, Krebs, Williby, Dittrich and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.



- **Semi-Truck Purchase:** Follow-up of Semi discussion from last week. Mr. Jones has been researching online for semis with under 200,000 miles and under \$60,000.00. Today he presents five (5) options. A dealership in Colorado, has some 2011 International pickups that were used on the pier in Long Beach. There are no visible signs of rust.
 - **2011 Freightliner Columbia Tri-axle day cab trucks:** 2 identical; Detroit series 60 14.0 L engine. Tires are about 60% worn. 500 HP-10 speed manual transmission 181103/200,621 verified miles. They are selling for \$29,500.00 or 2 for \$56,000.00. Being sold because of California carb laws. Discussion. Call was made to the dealer in Fort Collins, Colorado. He has five (5) that are very similar. Three (3) of them are in route to the dealer and should be there within a day or two (2). Discussion. Comparison to the other provided like semis. Motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Williby to purchase up to two (2) 2011 Freightliner trucks from dealer in Fort Collins if trucks appear suitable for Antelope County Road Department when the purchaser drives out to pick them up. Voting aye: Krebs, Williby, Jacob, Dittrich and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.
- **CAT 299D3 XE:** John Christensen with NMC returned the call. Discussion. Hours are over by about 70 hours. Does the hour clock start at 250, or at the current hours – it was stated it would be 250. They will lease to Antelope County for another year at \$11,900.00 (250 hours). When asked what the price would be if we leased this year and bought it next year. Mr. Christensen said he had no idea. Discussion of benefits either way. Motion by Commissioner Williby, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to purchase the CAT Skid loader at \$89,000.00, including a two (2) year warranty. Voting aye: Jacob, Williby, Dittrich, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.
- Discussion of how to get the trucks back to Nebraska. Mr. Kluthe and Mr. Jones will work this out.

- Legislature 1072:** During recent legislature discussions it was discussed taking \$5,000,000.00 from the Nebraska Veteran Aid Fund. This money originates from WWI Veterans putting in their bonuses. There is approximately \$47,000,000.00 in the fund. The Nebraska Aid money is from the interest of the balance. Mr. Nelson, Antelope County Veterans Service Officer, presented a resolution stating Antelope County's opposition to the allocation of Veterans funding for other than Veterans expenses. I support and respect of Veterans everywhere the Commissioners thought it prudent the State Officials NOT be allowed to get their fingers in the pot. Motion by Commissioner Williby, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to sign resolution in opposition of LB 1072. Voting aye: Jacob, Williby, Dittrich, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.

General Discussion:

- No other issues to discuss.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM.

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By: _____
Chairman of the Board, Charlie Henery

Attest: _____
County Clerk, Lisa Payne