

July 7th, 2026
Antelope County Board of Commissioners
Neligh, Nebraska

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Tuesday, July 7th, 2026, at 9:00 AM in the County Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska. The meeting was called to order by Board Vice-Chairperson, Neil Williby, with the following board members in attendance: Jacob, Krebs, Dittrich, and Williby. Charlie 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 Dittrich seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve agenda as presented. Voting aye: Jacob, Krebs, Dittrich and Williby. Nays none. Henery was absent. Motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes of June 23rd, 2026 Board of Commissioner Meeting: Motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve minutes of June 23rd, 2026 Board of Commissioner Meeting with the verbiage change of interfund to intra-fund transfers to balance the 2025-2026 budget. Voting aye: Jacob, Dittrich, Krebs and Williby. Nays none. Henery was absent. Motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes of June 23rd, 2026 Board of Equalization Meeting: Motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve minutes of June 23rd, 2026 Board of Equalization Meeting. Voting aye: Jacob, Dittrich, Krebs and Williby. Nays none. Henery was absent. Motion carried.

Quarterly Jail Inspection: Commissioners Dittrich and Jacob will inspect the jail after the meeting today.

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

Correspondence was Reviewed: NIRMA Insurance Coverage Pages; copy of promotional grant applications for BBQ and Neligh Mills; BOE notice for Protest hearings on July 9th, 2026; Imprest pledge collateral report; Veteran Service Report and budget review letters; TERC letter regarding hearing change to October 5th, 2026 for Orlowski’s; Road Study on 852nd Road; NPPD open house meeting for Holt-Antelope County; copy of resolution to set hearing date for proposed road closure.

Clerk of the District Court fee report for June, was reviewed and put on file.

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

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

Sheriff’s Miscellaneous Fee Report for June was reviewed and put on file.

Promotional Grants;

- **Neligh Mill Historic Site** – submitted a promotional request to promote Nebraska Smorgasburg Program on July 2nd, 2026 as part of the Neligh Old Mill Days celebration. They are requesting \$122.50. Antelope County Visitor Committee approved this grant on June 26, 2026. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve grant as submitted. Voting aye: Krebs, Jacob, Dittrich and Williby. Nays none. Henery was absent. Motion carried.
- **Annual Chamber BBQ** – The Neligh Chamber submitted a promotional request to promote the Annual BBC to be held on August 1st, 2026 in conjunction with Antelope County Fair. The BBQ will be held in Riverside Park. The request is for \$350.00. Antelope County Visitor Committee approved this grant on June 26, 2026. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve grant as submitted. Voting aye: Krebs, Jacob, Dittrich and Williby. Nays none. Henery was absent. Motion carried.

Antelope County Weed Department: Follow-up discussion with Bryan Cornett regarding various department notices. Mr. Cornett reports the (10) day notices that have been sent have had really good results. One (1) expired last night, regarding musk thistle he will be checking after the meeting. A couple more have gone out within the last week, and he will follow-up on these in the next ten (10) days or so. He is watching an area in northern Antelope County for leafy spurge. During the Weed Department monthly meeting the discussion of an arm and actuator is needed for the side by side. The current one is 20+/- years old. The estimated cost is \$1,250.00. The Weed Board believes it can be purchased within their budget. No further report.

9:15 AM: NPPD Holt-Antelope County Transmission Line: Jason Hofer a representative of NPPD met with the Commissioners regarding the proposed Holt County-Antelope County 345kV Transmission Line Project. They are still on the timeline of project construction to start Summer 2027 through Fall 2029. Discussion of the preferred and alternative line routes. Discussion of right-of-way and placement of towers supporting the line. They will continue with the next level of open-house discussions in the next month. Information is also available through virtual open house at <https://nppd.com/HoltCounty-Antelope>. Mr. Hofer thought he would have another follow-up in December 2026/January 2027. No action today.

Zoning Administrator Report: Mrs. Wingate had no report.

Highway Superintendent Report: Brian McDonald met with the Commissioners regarding a couple of things.

- **Road Closure Public Hearing:** Setting the hearing date for the proposed road closure. The study was presented and reviewed with the Commissioners. Mr. McDonald stated the state of Nebraska had bought the right-of-way for 1,000 feet on 852nd Road. This will have to be kept in mind during the hearing, as ownership will become property of State of Nebraska. Motion was made by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to set the hearing for August 4th, 2026 at 9:15 AM. Voting aye: Krebs, Jacob, Dittrich and Williby. Nays none. Henery was absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, the Antelope County Board of Commissioners received a petition to consider the vacation or abandonment of 852 Road between 522 and 524 Avenue. The road is located between Sections 6 and 31, Townships 25 and 26 North, Range 6 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Antelope County Nebraska and between Sections 5 and 22, Townships 25 and 26 North, Range 6 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Antelope County Nebraska

WHEREAS, a written report of the use of the road has been completed by the Highway Superintendent and is filed with the County Clerk

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Antelope County, Nebraska, that a public hearing date be set for 9:15 A.M. the 4th day of August, 2026 to consider whether or not to vacate or abandon said road. The County Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this resolution by registered or certified mail to the abutting and adjacent landowners including the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Adopted this 7th day of July 2026, at Neligh, Nebraska

ATTEST:

Lisa Payne, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Neil Williby

Charlie Henery, Chairman

Commissioner Dittrich

2nd Krebs

Moved the adoption of said Resolution
Roll Call: 4 Yes — Nay 1 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed and billed
as adopted.

- **One- and Six-Year Plan:** Mr. McDonald shared a copy of last year’s map and requested the Commissioners to review and maybe suggest some projects to add. He will revisit this in August – at which time he wants to be able to make adjustments and prepare a list to set a public hearing.
 - Discussion of multiple projects- Micro-surfacing – Orchard and Summerland Roads
 - Project #392 – Box culvert – negotiating right of way
 - Project #436 – Small bridge – working on cooperation with landowners
 - Mr. McDonald was not sure if the county bridge match funding was still available. Antelope County was awarded recently, so not sure of eligibility if it is still available.
- **Heavy Haul:** recently, Borsheim Crane brought heavy hauls into southern Antelope County east of Highway 14 without permits. There are at least five (5) bridge structures that were utilized – which were not rated for the capacity. Most of these hauls happened in the dark of night and ran between Boone and Antelope Counties. Mr. McDonald did a quick assessment of the structures and did not notice damage at this time. Mr. McDonald will work with Joe Smith (Antelope County Attorney) and Boone County’s Attorney (Abbey) to see what can be done regarding lack of permits and utilizing structures under-rated for the weighted load. The time and worry to inspect the structures need to be highlighted so this behavior does not continue.

Telephone Provider: Great Plains is currently working with the Sheriff’s Office to try to integrate the 9-1-1 line and system with the phone lines and the communication center. Currently, discussing a hefty fee to complete this. At the time of bid acceptance, the County was told it was basically a plug and play with no additional costs. More information to follow.

Protest Hearing Date(s): Protest hearings are on July 9th, starting at 8:30 AM. No further action.

Road Superintendent Report:

- **Oversize Permits:** One (1) oversize permit was submitted by Barnhart Crane to utilize 837th Road. Discussion. Mr. Kluthe has no issues and recommends approval. Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve the permits as submitted. Voting aye: Krebs, Jacob, Dittrich and Williby. Henery was absent. Nays none. Motion carried.
- **Pickup:** on or about May 21st, Antelope County Road and Bridge pickup was rear-ended on Highway 275 near Oakdale. Recently, State Farm offered a settlement of \$11,745.10 for repair of the pickup. Local estimates were between 14,500.00 and just under \$16,000.00 Discussion. State farm has ‘preferred’ shops offering to do work on a ‘preferred’ scale. Both local shops stated the damage was pretty intense and wondered if the pickup should be considered a total loss. Commissioner Dittrich offered to review the estimates and look at the truck and possibly discuss with the insurance companies and report back to the Commissioners.
- **Road & Bridge Discussion:** Discussion of various Road and Bridge projects and timeline.
- **Slag:** On Thursday, July 2nd, 2026, there was report of a white cab pulling a gray side dumper throwing slag all over western Antelope County. Citizens believed this to be the County – In fact, it was not the County. Some of the slag was pretty good sized and could have done plenty of damage. This is under investigation by authorities. 846th – 513th north – Investigation by Law Enforcement
- **Equipment/Vehicles out of commission:** Neligh Dodge-needs engine; Elgin 1140H is still broke; Grader 140G – lost coolant - ? engine (Grubb will price); International Plow Truck is at International Dealer; Red Mack – has air leak; McCormick Tractor – clutch out; JD Tractor – Elgin Barn down; F550 (0103) back up sign truck – brakes being replaced today.
- Last mile north of Orchard, 1 mile south of Park Center Church, 1 mile west 1 north of cemetery.
- Road-closed signs were removed from Merlin Bolling’s road yesterday.
- Road south of Oakdale needs clay.

Inventories will be presented next week.

Budget: Discussion on whether an additional meeting was needed to discuss the budget. Currently, Commissioner Krebs is working with the clerk to clear up some of the line items in the miscellaneous general category to find more identifiable locations for them. Hopefully, a good picture will be available next week. The Commissioners will discuss whether an additional meeting is needed next week.

There being nothing more to discuss.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 AM.

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Attest: _____
County Clerk, Lisa Payne
Lisa Payne