

July 14th, 2026
Antelope County Board of Commissioners
Neligh, Nebraska

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Tuesday, July 14th, 2026, at 8:08 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: Krebs, Williby, Dittrich and Henery. Jacob was absent. 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 Dittrich to approve the agenda as presented. Voting aye: Williby, Krebs, Dittrich, and Henery. Nays none. Jacob was absent. Motion carried.

July 7th, 2026 BOC Minutes: Minutes of **July 7th, 2026**, Board of Commissioner Meeting. No action. Commissioners requested to postpone until August meeting.

July 9th, 2026 BOE Minutes: Minutes of **July 9th, 2026**, Board of Equalization Meeting. No action. Commissioners requested to postpone until August meeting.

Review of Payroll Claims.

Review of Vendor Claims.

9:14 AM Public Comments: Chairman called for public comment x 3. No comments voiced.

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

Correspondence was Reviewed: NACO email regarding quarterly meeting postings; Brian McDonald’s email to Boone County Attorney regarding not permitted heavy hauls; Supreme Court Visit to Antelope County Courthouse; copy of inventor resolution and obsolete inventory resolution; copy of cracks in the Clearwater north bridge; Clerk of the District Court letter regarding deputy wages; certificate of insurance – NIRMA x 8; copy of Audit Report from Lengemann & Associates, P.C.

Receipts: \$16.50 General – Insurance Cost reimbursement
 \$33,447.05 Road & Bridge – M&M Auction – surplus property
 \$200.20 Road & Bridge - \$200.20 Alter Metal – metal recycling
 \$124.80 Road & Bridge - \$124.80 Alter Metal – metal recycling

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

General: Ameritas insurance 22,817.19; Antelope County Court county court fees 61.00; Applied Connective Technologies surveillance and team alert agreements, IT agreement 6,009.56; FirstNet telephone service for sheriffs office 629.89; Black Hills Energy heating fuel 48.77; Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance 79,119.99; Bomgaars toilet seat 19.79; Brogan Lamml PC county court fees regarding a juvenile 606.15; City of Neligh water, sewer, trash, electricity 2,141.35; City of Neligh-Recycling recycling contract fee 1,000.00; Clerk of the District Court district court fees 114.00; CM Supplies bandage strips, adhesive tape, gauze roll, triple antibiotic, eye wash, disposable tweezers, cold pack, alcohol wipes 206.92; Coldtype Publishing legal proceedings, BOE meeting notice, general election notice/filing deadlines, notice of commissioners meetings 270.90; Judith Cole prior service 10.00; Colonial Life insurance 199.09; Bryan Cornett toner cartridge 27.39; Cubby’s fuel 1,183.21; DAS State Accounting for county clerk and district court, sheriff’s office 677.00; Dusty’s fuel 594.28; Eakes Office Solution contract fees for sheriffs office 579.52; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland court appointed attorney fees 4,011.38; Elgin Review notice of 2026 land valuations, notice of meetings, board of equalization, general election notice 146.55; Elite Office Products assessors office maintenance agreement, district court copier contract and overage, treasurers office agreement, county attorney agreement, county clerk agreement 315.66; Federal withholding taxes 13,482.85; First Concord insurance/buydown 3,116.45; Fitzgerald, Vetter & Temple attorney fees 425.00; Great Plains Communication telephone/internet service 326.96; Darrell Hamilton prior service 11.00; IRS quarterly federal excise tax return 184.32; Jonny Dodge changed oil and filter, added washer fluid, replaced cabin air filter 136.09; Klein Law district court attorney fees 6,090.95; Lengemann & Associates 2025 audit costs 19,250.00; Liberty National insurance 133.22; Madison National Life insurance 123.85; Microfilming Imaging Systems scanning equipment monthly fee for county and district court 122.00; Duane Miller prior service 12.00; MIPS treasurer application, clerks-payroll, time and attendance, claims, assessors administrative package 3,327.03; Mr. S's fuel 778.03; National Insurance Service insurance 60.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue taxes 5,811.57; VSP - NACO Vision insurance 543.06; North Central Public Power District old Willowdale tower-radio equipment 82.35; Northeast Nebraska Heating & Air fixed toilets and toilet float and handle 248.18; Petty Cash (County Clerk) registration/title vehicle for Leigh 30.00; Pinnacle Bank firearm training, jacks uniforms and equipment(large sheriffs patch, name tape with Velcro), wireless charger and cable, fuel, 50 pack flash drives, command wall hooks, portable external hard drive, prong paper fasteners 941.20; Pitzer Digital legal notice, notice of BOE meeting, election notice, notice of July meetings 262.92; Quill book steno 25.85; Region IV quarterly billing 2,808.00; Janice Ridder prior service 10.00; Caroline Siems prior service 25.00; Wex Bank fuel 1,337.43; Snider Memorial Funeral Home county burial for Amy Dugal 2,000.00; Social Security payroll 29,967.10; Stratton Delay Carlson Stover & Stratton public defender fees for July 5,000.00; Sunflower Law guardianship of a minor/attorney fees 1,243.76; Trustmark insurance 1,535.26; University of Nebraska-Lincoln Verizon wireless data for extension office 45.02; Washington National insurance 285.92; Western Oil II fuel 323.10; Kelli Wilkinson mileage/court witness 327.40; Antelope County Treasurer interfund transfer 400,000.00; Payroll;
Road/Bridge: AKRS hose fitting, bulk hose, gasket, washer, o-ring, cap screw, bolt kit, oil pump, turbo charger, nozzle holder, mower blade 4,137.15; Ameritas insurance 14,277.43; Antelope Memorial Hospital road guy drug testing 152.00; FirstNet telephone service 141.82; Blackstrap Traile1-inchir shop labor, fix tag and dump gate, shop supplies, blur butt connector, glad hand seals, quick release valve, brass straight fitting, tube nut, single axle lift valve, crimp and seal 3,098.73; Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance 66,553.36; City of Elgin water, sewer, trash 71.42; City of Neligh garbage, dumpster stickers 30.00; City of Tilden water, sewer, trash 70.71; CM Supplies bandages, gauze roll, eye wash, triple antibiotic, alcohol wipes, tweezers, cold pack, wound seal, burn spray, cloth scissors 1,216.80; Colonial Life insurance 368.11; Corner Hardware keys 8.50; Corner Service & Tire 2-tire dismount and mount 100.00; Credit Management Services garnishment 633.66; Cubby’s fuel 1,480.28; Dusty’s fuel 397.49; Elgin One Stop fuel 146.57; Elkhorn Rural Public Power District heating fuel 427.17; Emme Sand & Gravel 61.30 tons 3/8”x1”, 552.61 tons road gravel 9,852.30; Farmers Pride equipment fuel/diesel 28,097.21; Federal Withholding tax 8,146.40; First Concord insurance 529.96; Graham Tire tires-4 1,357.70; Great Plains Communication telephone service 340.85; Hoofin-It Trucking hauling cold mix near Oakdale-machine hire 4,132.50; Collection Service Center garnishment 611.50; Island Supply Welding oxygen, stargon, acetylen 234.60; Joel Sinclair 1” crushed state spec to clearwater and Oakdale yard 63,093.03; Jebro asphalt oil 164,072.34; Jeo Consulting Group 2026 general engineering, surveying, designing, construction survey 7,170.00; Kayton International pry bar, lithium comm 177.55; Liberty National insurance 154.27; Lichtenberg Tire general grabber atx, tire mount and dismount, tire balancing, tire disposal fee, shop supplies, tires, o-ring, section repair 2,710.48; Madison National Life insurance 62.53; Matteo Sand & Gravel road gravel 7,890.12; Medical Enterprises dot compliant drug testing panel 396.00; Ethans Repair LLC(Midwest repair) 2 trips to Orchard, diagnostic and repair, labor 589.95; Murphy Tractor rod, hydraulic, freight, shipping, plus 50 955.70; National Insurance Services insurance 84.20; Nebraska Child Support garnishment 1,037.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue taxes 3,933.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue-Motor Fuel Tax quarterly payment 3,135.00; Nebraska Machinery Company element, air filter, element-prim, filter-air, lube filter, compressor, seal, belt, strip-wear, clip, washer, bolt 2,638.02; Neligh Auto & Machine bearing, grease, bearing set, grease cap, wire set, E-Z lube cap, rubber plug, oil filter 200.02; VSP - Naco Vision insurance 402.39; North Central Public Power District electricity 194.23; Northeast Glass tinted safety glass(motor grader left and right door) 1,420.00; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company telephone service 74.82; Quick Service Oil fuel, wiper 159.53; Razor Tracking data processing for fleet devices 1,225.00; Royal Gas & Goods fuel 481.28; Rueter’s Red Power o-ring, hose, dryer, freight, shipping, parts 868.98; SAPP Brother Petroleum diesel 6,605.72; Kasey Shenshaw DOT physical 150.00; WEX Bank fuel 829.48; Social Security payroll 20,085.36; Spud Construction road gravel, armor coat gravel, spud mix 115,035.86;

Spud Trucking loaded trucks with big payloader on Oakdale cold mix strip, provided 2 trucks to haul(labor) 1,890.00; Marv Thieman pintle hitch 50.00; Truck Center fuel pump, o-ring 438.90; Trustmark insurance 1,165.15; Two Rivers Auto Parts HD fuel fleet, gladhand seal, gl command red, 60 in contractor top, freight, slip joint plier, oil filter, oil, ½ inch wire rope, engine oil filter, air filter, strap clamp, front disk brake pad and rot, fuse holder, lamp kit, front wheel bearing, oil, cable ties, engine oil, engine air filter, front left and right disc, 3,178.65; Village of Brunswick water, sewer, trash 59.50; Village of Orchard water, sewer, trash 83.79; Washington National insurance 99.60; Western Oil II equipment fuel 226.33; Tinsley Grain 1 inch red rock 745.32; Payroll; **County Visitor Promotion:** Neligh Chamber of Commerce annual chamber BBQ for fair 350.00; Neligh Mills Historical Site Chris Sayre-Nebraska smorgasbord 122.50;

Register of Deeds: MIPS clerks’ application, register of deeds, Nebraska deeds online data processing 412.08;

Law Enforcement: Bomgaars surge protector, grabber, crate, Miracle-Gro potting ex 486.94; Carhart Lumber fastener 3.22; Cash-Wa0 Distributing turner, tongs, knife, pan, tongs, turner, tissue, cabbage, cheese, potato, veggie blend, juice, mayo, chicken legs, sour cream, pizza cheese, paper cups, powdered sugar, sugar, slaw mix 901.34; City of Neligh water, sewer, trash, electricity 2,161.68; Cubby’s fuel 92.95; April Curtiss 20 dozen eggs 40.00; Faith Health inmate medical expenses 405.00; Heartland Fire Protection 705 5lb dry chemical hydro, annual fire extinguisher inspection, semi-annual kitchen suppression system, recertification 917.00; Hiland Dairy milk 700.29; Hilltop Community Pharmacy anti-diarrhea med 23.98; O'Neill Pest Control sprayed chemical for spiders 100.00; Pinnacle Bank filters for c-pap machine, cottage cheese, lunch meat, yogurt, bread, batteries, end table, extension cord, paper medicine cups, paper portion cups 249.04; Thriftway Market onion, bread, cereal, turkey breast, roast beef, yogurt, tuna, jelly, powder sugar, pop 213.04; Dendinger Drug inmate prescriptions 646.16; Trane U S laundry and kitchen units serviced, fuel/trip charge 1,731.00; Wilkinson Farm Market 8 dozen eggs 24.00;

Commissary: Cash-Wa Distributing candy, popcorn oil 494.41; Charm-TEX brown sports bras, case of 72 bowls 15 oz., blankets, fitted sheets, socks, panties, boxers, sandals, knit shorts 2,248.08; Keefe Supply chips, coffee, snack mix 290.72; Nebraska Popcorn Sales 2-50lb yellow popcorn 64.00; Pinnacle Bank deodorant, shampoo, ibuprofen, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, beef sticks, soap, pop tarts, snack cakes, granola bars, salt and pepper, pop, candy, body powder, tums, melatonin, cream cleanser, lotion, dental floss, iPad, pitcher, storage tote container, hanging baskets, seeds 1,419.66.

Zoning Administrator’s Report:

- Zoning Permit Report for June was reviewed and put on file.
- Discussion of Data Matrix Centers. Mrs. Wingate is reviewing regulations and will follow up with the Commissioners.
- No further report.

NPPD Antelope-Holt County Transmission Line- Mr. Jason Hofer had emailed Commissioner Dittrich in follow-up of last week’s discussion and questions. Clearance at any point will be maintained at 20 feet. NPPD standards is clearance of 33 feet. Near structures the pole support will be improved. Galvanized steel poles, 6-foot by 6-foot base.

Office Inventories and Resolutions – Hold until the August meeting. No action today.

Terraform Power Equipment update and modernization on Prairie Breeze 1 Windfarm: Abe Davis from Terraform met with the Commissioners regarding the plan and timeline for updating the towers in Prairied Breeze 1 Windfarm. Currently, the electricity is sold to Omaha Public Power District (OPPD). Their plan is to update the towers throughout the project. There are currently 118 wind turbines to be updated, of which 99 are in Antelope County. The plan is to update blades, hub and machine head. Location, tower and foundation will remain the same. The new blades will be 45’ longer than existing blades making the total blade length 209 feet. Total tower height will be 481’. All setbacks will be met, so if towers today do not have a great enough setback for the new blades, they will not change. The WIOM will remain in place. The longer blades will generate more electricity which should increase the name plate capacity tax collected by the local subdivisions by 5-10% overall. The repower structure will have an additional ten (10) year life span. Timeline is the second half of 2027 to late 2028. Terraform will be meeting with the Board regularly in the next couple of months. Discussion of road use agreement, heavy haul permits and setbacks. No action today.

Road Superintendent Report:

- **Underground Permits:** Jon Strom of Great Plains Communication submitted underground permits to expand communication and connectivity to rural Antelope County residents. Boring intersections. Motion by Commissioner Williby, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve underground permits on the recommendation of Road Superintendent. Voting aye: Williby, Krebs, Dittrich and Henery. Nays none. Jacob absent. Motion carried. The following permits are all located in Township 26, Range 8.
 - *511th Avenue – between Sections 7 & 8
 - *856th Road – between Sections 8 & 17
 - *512th Avenue – between Sections 8 & 9 and 16 & 17
- **Bridge north of Clearwater:** Mr. Kluthe presented a couple of pictures showing a hole in the deck of the Clearwater north bridge. Discussion of action needed. Discussion. This is probably a 210-foot structure. Highway Superintendent thought this should be a spring project. Discussion about bidding – part or all of the decking. Currently, there is some cold mix being placed. Discussion regarding the decking – it appears to be original. Antelope County Highway Superintendent believes underneath the decking is hollow. He wants to know what direction the Commissioners wanted to go. Discussion of a patching fix for temporary and having Highway Superintendent get preliminary figures for fixes. The Commissioners agreed this could be a \$30,000.00 to over one million. Follow up next meeting.
- **Armor Coating:** Finishing up in Stanton County this week. Should be in Antelope County next week.
- **Crane for Sign Truck:** today, Road Superintendent shared three (3) like bids for a new crane for the sign pickup. Review of the bids. Bids ranged from \$13,000.00 to \$23,465.00. Three (3) cranes were available through LCL Truck Equipment in Hastings; they would be installing. The bid from Venco was \$17000.00 – crane is in Ohio – and is eight (8) weeks out, and they would ship for us to install. Cranes were from 16’ to 20’ reach. Discussion. No action taken.
- 531st was laid down on Friday.
- Hauling gravel to the Oakdale mixing strip.
- Have enough milling for south of Morrison’s on 519th Avenue – to work on that section of road.
- Cannot get oil this week. Planning on hitting it hard next week – should be available. Virgin material comes from Spud’s Sand and Gravel. With the hot dry weather predicted. Layout should go well. They will work with some new employee talent and the mixture for a more perfect product. Truck hire is necessary to get the work done as expected. The Commissioners asked the road superintendent and road foremen to be prepared and ready to go.

Budget: Discussion whether we need to hold a meeting towards the end of July to discuss budget and allow time for individual office reviews. The Commissioners agreed to add this to the August 4th agenda.

Rear-end Accident: On or about May 21, 2026, the 2016 Dodge pickup from the Elgin Barn was rear-ended in the location of Mr. S’s in Oakdale Nebraska. Since that time Antelope County has gathered two (2) estimates. State Farm – the fault insurance company has sent a settlement check. After last weeks meeting Commissioner Dittrich has reached out to State Farm and the local body shops to ensure a better plan. The 2016 Dodge pickup was hit pretty hard, bending the frame and much other damage – and on the verge of being totaled. Commissioner Dittrich – stated he thought we could capitalize on non-use claim. He requested to continue to work with the body shops and insurance company and try to get a satisfactory settlement from State Farm, and consideration of buying the salvaged vehicle back. Commissioners Williby, Krebs and Henery agreed to have him proceed with the negotiations. No further action.

There being no other issues to discuss.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairman of the Board, Charlie Henery

Attest: _____
County Clerk, Lisa Payne