

August 11th, 2026
Antelope County Board of Commissioners
Neligh, Nebraska

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Tuesday, August 11th, 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: Krebs, Jacob, Williby, Dittrich and Henery. 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 the agenda as presented. Voting aye: Jacob, Williby, Krebs, Dittrich, and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.

Quarterly Janitorial/Maintenance Report was heard. No action taken.

Review of Payroll Claims.

Review of Vendor Claims.

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

9:10 AM NACO update and Review: Candace Meredith, deputy Director of NACO met with the Board of Commissioners regarding recent updates and developments and general information. Handouts were given. No action.

9:30 AM Commissioner Henery left the meeting.

Great Plains Telephone Upgrade: Earlier this spring Antelope County had requested upgrade of the current telephone system in the courthouse, law enforcement center and weed department. Discussion and bids were reviewed during multiple meetings. Following those discussions, Great Plains Communication was the bid winner. At that time, they reported the transition would be practically a ‘plug and play’ and additional wiring would not be necessary. Today, while trying to connect the 9-1-1 system and integrating all with the three (3) telephone systems/buildings there is some piece (kind) of firewall missing that is needed. In recent weeks it was determined the patch for the 9-1-1 and the telephone integration with the vendors serving the needs is coming in at an approximate \$11,000.00 plus. The Sheriff does not believe the County should be responsible for the extra (up) charges as it was approved as ‘any additional costs would be on the carrier’. Great Plains Communication (the carrier) presented today to share the cost. It was originally presented to the Sheriff as additional cost to his office (the County). Mark Boulay – Nebraska Sales Department and Kelly Starkel, Account Representative were available for discussion today. Discussion. Because of the complexity of the County integrating the 9-1-1 System, telephone system, and communication center, the additional process and expenses were not addressed. The Sheriff believed this process to be a plug and play process. In addition to the missing piece to connect all systems, there will be added expenses from other vendors, like Boyd’s Electric, Applied Connective Technologies and Solacom. Without the piece, the Communication Center would be using multiple lines and trying to coordinate all during emergent situations. Sheriff Moore reported the 9-1-1 Committee is looking at updating the 9-1-1 system, so it is unknown what will actually be needed after the update – which is schedule within the next 12-18 months. During today’s discussion Great Plains agreed to cover the full costs of the integration. Since the timeline on the new 9-1-1 is indefinite, it was discussed to ‘hold’ the contract for a year, and when the time comes to utilize the original contract. As opposed to adding an \$11,000.00 fix to a greater than \$100,000.00 upgrade. Discussion. The Commissioners agreed the County Attorney should weigh in on this first. The Commissioners will visit this again in September, hopefully, the County Attorney will be in attendance at the meeting. Shared diagram for the missing link/action. No action today.

August 4th, 2026 BOC Minutes: Minutes of **August 4th, 2026**, Board of Commissioner Meeting. No action. Commissioners requested to postpone until September 1st BOC meeting.

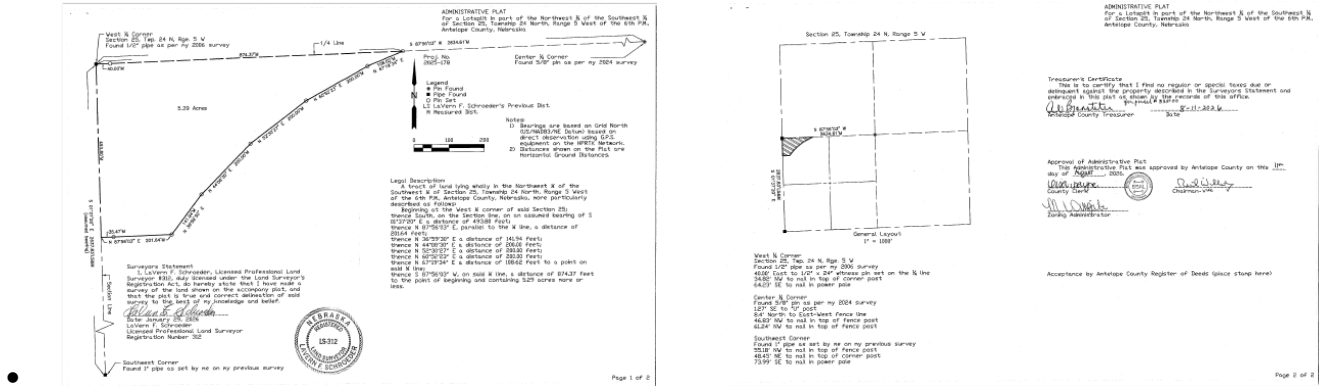
Payroll Claims: Motion by Commissioner Jacob seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve **payroll claims** as presented. Voting aye: Jacob, Dittrich, Krebs, and Williby. Nays none. Henery absent. Motion carried.

Correspondence was Reviewed: Starman Bridge (Elgin Northeast Bridge) acquisition documents; Tactical Pipeline Response Training; Annual Certification of Program Compliance NBPRC and resolution; bridge match reimbursement filing; Imprest pledge collateral; Thunderhead upcoming projects review email; resolution approving office inventories; resolution declaring obsolete, unneeded and unfit property; 852nd road closing resolution; street sign placement in Clearwater from Clearwater Village Clerk; Spencer Quarries, Inc aggregate price sheet; Annual Certification Form for federal funds purchase program; Pipeline Awareness newsletter; October 1st County Government Day; Supreme Court Justice visit is scheduled for August 12th flyer.

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

Antelope Country Club Liquor License Renewal: The clerk advertised the automatic renewal of the liquor license for Antelope Country Club. To date she has received no verbal or written comment on the renewal. It is presented today for approval by the Board of Commissioners. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve the Country Club Liquor license for the 2026-2027 year. Voting aye: Jacob, Krebs, Dittrich and Williby. Nays none. Henery absent. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent: Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards Annual Certification of Program Compliance: Antelope County is required to file annually the Certification to qualify for federal highway funds. This form ensures that the County has a Highway Superintendent on payroll and the additional guidelines are being met for state and federal compliance. Resolution and program compliance. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve Program Compliance for the 2026 fiscal year and authorize vice-chairman to sign. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, Jacob and Williby. Nays none. Henery was absent. Motion carried.



- No further report.

Road Superintendent Report:

- **Access Permit:** Nick Heithoff with Invenergy is requesting a temporary widening of 516th Avenue in the north half of Section 24, Township 24, Range 8 west of the 6th P.M., Antelope County Nebraska. The widening on the west side is for access to Thunderhead Towers 76 & 77. The permit was submitted and is currently being utilized. Mr. Kluthe has no concerns. Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve access as submitted. Voting aye: Jacob, Krebs, Dittrich and Williby. Nays none. Henery absent. Motion carried.
- **Oversize Permits:** Two (2) oversize permits were submitted by KP Squared. The permits are for 516th Avenue and Highway 70, to Tower sites 76 and 77. Road Superintendent, Leigh Kluthe recommended approval, both moves have been completed. Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve oversize permits. Voting aye: Jacob, Krebs, Dittrich and Williby. Nays none. Henery absent. Motion carried.
- **Spencer Quarries, Inc.:** Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve aggregate bid pricing for Spencer Quarries. Voting aye: Jacob, Krebs, Dittrich and Williby. Nays none. Henery absent. Motion carried.
- **NDOT Counter:** Recently there has been plenty of reports and opinions regarding ‘flock’ cameras. NDOT has placed counters in multiple locations in Antelope County however, they are not cameras.
- **Starman Bridge:** (aka Elgin Northeast Bridge) this bridge located east of Elgin, on 840.5 Road in the NW¼ of Section 32, Township 24, Range 6, West of the 6th P.M. Antelope County Nebraska has been in negotiations with three (3) landowners in the area. In all, about 0.50 acres is need to gain access to bridge and subsequent fixes. Brian and Kathleen Dinslage, Gene and Angela Selting and Andy and Kerri Drueke. Mr. Kluthe and Highway Superintendent Brian McDonald has been negotiating with the landowners. Today, Mr. Kluthe presents a total of about \$8,842.14 right of way purchase. The Commissioners agreed to proceed with the acquisition and acquiring land-owner signatures on the easement deeds.
- **Graders: Elgin’s 140H and Brunswick’s 140G:** regarding repairs. Discussion of placing the 140H engine in the 140G because that unit would have both a new transmission and new motor. Hopefully, extending the life of the 140G.
- **John Deere tractor in Elgin 4450** – is repaired. However, work will have to happen on the hydraulic connectors in the back.
- **CAT** – 12H3 – Def injector – repair did not work. CAT will look at it.
- **Western Star:** throwing codes – it is in Norfolk - probably needs a wiring harness.
- **Clearwater Mack** – started throwing codes yesterday. It is at RDO now.
- **849th Road:** hauling material in and mixing on road, virgin material.
- **846th Road:** east to 516th intersection – clay gravel: hopefully, lay down on Thursday.
- **Oakdale Mixing Strip** – got watered again this weekend. Mixing and trying to dry it out.
- **Hoping to shoot oil next week.**
- **845th & 511th Avenue;** north of Bruce Anderson for about ½ mile – pulling. Sandy – and dust lock product left over.
- **Vibrators for Dump trucks:** the Road and Bridge department will be purchasing vibrators for trucks to help empty loads. Should be \$950.00+/- for earthquake comes out of Illinois – ready to install. Dylan is willing and ready to install. Commissioners agreed to purchase and install vibrators on dump trucks.

Billing for Bridge Inspections: Antelope County was billed about \$3,500.00 (from JEO) for bridge inspections post oversize loads that utilized bridges without permits. This will be billed to the hauling company.

Rear end accident: Commissioner Dittrich continues to work with State Farm on settlement. No action today.

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

General: AED Brands CR2 adult/child AED pads 1,504.00; Ameritas insurance 22,962.52; Antelope County Court county court fees 357.70; Antelope County Clerk-Register weed control filing fee for instrument 10.00; Antelope County Sheriff court fees 164.47; Appeara micro swipes-black, towels, mat shadow, dust mop, floorcare 80.50; Applied Connective Technologies battery backup install, sheriff’s office annual warranty, IT managed firewall, IT agreement, Licensing agreement, surveillance agreement, team alert 6,444.24; First-net telephone service 630.76; Black Hills Energy heating fuel 110.37; Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance 80,598.01; Bomgaars bathroom tissue, tail light 21.98; Boyds Electrical Service fire system labor 150.00; Brogan & Stafford court appointed fees 3,349.78; Casey’s fuel 139.43; City of Neligh electricity, trash, water, sewer 2,792.27; City of Neligh-Recycling contract fees 1,000.00; Coldtype Publishing BOE proceedings, legal notices, legal proceedings, notice of audit 165.85; Judith Cole prior service 10.00; Colonial Life insurance 175.22; Copple Rockey & McKeever court appointed fees 395.32; Cubby’s fuel 696.00; DAS State Accounting network service charges 537.60; Dusty’s fuel 1,130.70; Eakes Office Solutions contract base rate fees 187.94; Elgin Public School ribbons for fair 38.60; Elgin Review legal proceedings, notices, public hearing, renewal of liquor license, BOE notice, treasurers semi-annual report 392.51; Elite Office Products maintenance agreement, paper, toner 394.81; Elkhorn Valley Public School ribbons for fair 62.60; Federal Withholding taxes-payroll 14,178.31; First Concord insurance 7,292.76; Great Plains Communications telephone service 332.17; Kyle Guggenmos mowing thistles 250.00; Darrell Hamilton prior service 11.00; Jacks Uniforms 2 pants 176.89; Klein Law court appointed fees for juveniles 13,783.83; Koinzan Enterprises labor-lawn irrigation, supplies for sprinklers 209.16; Lancaster County Sheriff mileage to deliver subpoena 7.51; Lawns R Us 3rd application fertilizing 721.00; Liberty National insurance 133.22; Madison County Treasurer district 7 probation costs for county 11,372.70; Madison National Life insurance 127.99; Microfilm Imaging System monthly rent for scanners, scan software, pistol wands 122.00; Duane Miller prior service 12.00; MIPS laser online receipts, shipping for county forms, payroll, time and attendance, claims, treasurer application, assessors package 3,878.31; NACO northeast district meeting 30.00; National Insurance Services insurances 232.06; Nebraska Department of Revenue taxes 6,001.12; Neligh Postmaster box rent 210.00; Neligh-Oakdale School ribbons for fair 65.60; VSP – NACO Vision insurance 552.75; North Central Public Power District old Willowdale tower 90.28; Lisa Payne amazon order for coffee maker for district court 124.95; Petty Cash (County Clerk) postage 6.37; Petty Cash (County District Court) passport postage 12.90; Pinnacle Bank fuel, currency counterfeit detector, lockout tool kit, hotel stay for sheriff 1,528.32; Pitney Bowes red ink cartridge ex 347.53; Pitzer Digital green paper for election, legal notice, BOE notice, legal notice for audit, commissioners meeting minutes, public hearing, renewal of liquor license 672.31; Quill Corporation black toner cartridge 246.99; Janice Ridder prior service 10.00; Caroline Siems prior service 25.00; Wex Bank fuel 751.05; Social Security-payroll 30,427.40; Stealth Broadband telephone service 1,140.47; Stratton Law court appointed legal services 10,122.02; Summerland Public School ribbons for fair 83.80; Thriftway office supplies 9.67; Trustmark insurance 1,500.35; University of Nebraska-Lincoln Verizon billing through UNL 45.02; Washington National insurance 285.92; Western Oil II fuel 179.00; 319 Graphics tactical polo 174.00; Elgin One Stop fuel 59.00; Neligh Auto battery 8.99; Fitzgerald, Vetter & Temple court appointed fees 404.72; Antelope County Treasurer interfund transfer 200,000.00; Payroll 152,849.04; **Road/Bridge:** AKRS filter kit, air filter, dipstick, freight, oil filter, gasket, seal, cap screw, ring, washer, adapter fitting 576.83; Ameritas insurance 13,688.40; AMH drug testing 215.00; Appeara shop towel, cpp linen/towels 76.47; First-net telephone 141.88; Bauer Built Tire alignment labor truck, shop supplies, alignment shim 395.00; Beckman Lumber punched angle 64.00; Black Hills Energy heating fuel 346.53; Blackstrap Trailer Repair quick release valve, single axle lift valve 1,486.93; Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance 63,399.58; Bomgaars nozzle, solvent, swivel caster, rake wheel, blade replacement, gas can, bur, PTO pin, adjustable nozzle, pump sprayer, wheel, ultra oil, bulk bolts, polycot blades, grease fitting, battery, charger, pipe cap, screw, cycle fuel, wrench combination, inkzall marker, box fan, tissue, equipment spray paint, wire rope clip, brake cleaner, air hose, roundup, trimmer line, grease gun hose, pipe bushing, bleach, shop towel, thermometer, tape measure, bulbs 1,960.25; Boyds Electrical Service wire location, labor 1,025.00; C&R Supply road side actuator, boominator 1,374.87; Chad’s Tire service call, mileage, tire repair, install new o-ring 520.00; Circle M Trucking hauled asphalt 1,567.50; City of Elgin water, sewer, trash 70.79; City of Tilden water, sewer, trash 70.51; Colonial Life insurance 368.11; Colonial Research Chemical crc-552b ¼ cs (10) slam 242.00; Credit Management Services garnishment 693.42; Cubby’s fuel 1,207.76; Dusty’s fuel 304.05; Elgin One Stop fuel 326.94; Emme Sand & Gravel road gravel 17,318.55; Farmers Pride equipment fuel/diesel 43,453.82; Federal Withholding taxes-

payroll 8,036.93; First Concord insurance 1,204.15; Frontier Communications telephone service 1,052.85; Great Plains Communications telephone/internet services 340.85; Harbor Freight socket tray, ratchet set, swivel head rat, long nose pliers, screwdriver set, impact, master bit set 1,152.48; Hoofin-It Trucking 4x side dumps hauled from Oakdale to Royal road 7,250.00; Collection Service Center garnishment 611.50; Island Supply Welding oxygen, stargon, acetylen 242.42; Jebro cold mix asphalt 148,224.02; JEO Consulting survey labor, general engineering-2026 8,148.75; Jonny Dodge grease and check hubs, adjusted brakes, fixed broken wires, labor, replaced filter 945.55; Kayton International 1 year bobcat rental 3,891.25; Kings Crushing crushed rock delivered to Brunswick(347.08 ton) 21,596.06; Lawson Products seal ring, fully-ins female, brass fittings assortment 467.31; Liberty National insurance-payroll 154.27; Lichtenberg Tire mounting tire and dismount, o-ring, miscellaneous shop supplies, tire disposal fee, flat repair, plug patch 331.97; Madison National Life insurance 185.18; Matteo Sand & Gravel road gravel, armor coat 7,952.70; Medical Enterprises dot drug testing 180.00; Mr. S's fuel 2,849.06; Murphy Tractor filter kit, fuel filter, filter element, freight and shipping, labor 4,398.98; National Insurance Services insurance 84.20; Nebraska Child Support garnishment 545.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue taxes 3,715.51; Nebraska Machinery Company injector, gasket, fan as-pulley-replaces, battery-wet, battery-wet-core charge 3,887.14; Nebraska Public Power District electricity 187.71; VSP - Naco Vision insurance 409.17; North Central Public Power District electricity 210.68; Northeast Community College continuing education(4x835.00) 3,340.00; Northeast Glass tinted safety glass, urethane kit 265.00; Quality Iron & Metal cutting tip, oxygen R, ½' x 6" flat/ per foot (30) 499.75; Quick Serve fuel 105.21; Razor Tracking monthly service data processing for fleet devices 1,225.00; RDO Truck Centers belt v-ribbed, belt tension, idler pull, hose 1,264.85; Road Builders Machinery fuel filter, filter element, freight 579.44; Royal Gas & Goods fuel 690.83; Ryans Truck & Tractor fuel system, injectors, gasket, screw, filter, gauge, labor 10,972.36; SAPP Brother Petroleum diesel 8,357.75; Sargent Irrigation labor to cut and thread shaft, column pipe 400.00; Wex Bank fuel 711.59; Social Security -payroll 19,155.00; Spud Construction road gravel, spud mix 82,042.76; Spud Trucking labor to load asphalt at the Oakdale barn 4,000.00; Sta-Bilt Construction single sealcoat 16,300.00; Stealth Broadband telephone service 95.74; Tea Worx labor 9.5 hrs. @ \$165 cold mix to 843 Road and 1 load of gravel to Neligh shed, hauled millings from Oakdale, hauled gravel to spuds 7,301.25; Tinsley Grain hauled cold mix and gravel 3,100.00; Truck Center element fuel water separator, oil filter kit with seals, air panel, filters and o-rings, grease, oil rot, labor, tie strap, clamp support 1,256.74; Trustmark insurance-payroll 1,283.71; Two Rivers Auto Parts wire, 50amp, plug 7 pin, rubber grommet, brake clean, blade fuse, fuse holder, 55 gal def, command red, oil, engine oil, oil filters, wood air freshener, snap ring pliers, power brake, steering pump, steering fluid, no slip pulley, service gage, ironite thoro flush, hose clamp, air construction, pogo stick, serpentine belt 2,384.60; Village of Clearwater water, sewer, trash 92.25; Village of Orchard water, sewer, trash 83.79; Washington National insurance-payroll 99.60; Western Oil II fuel 506.30; Elkhorn Rural Public Power District electricity 426.65; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company telephone 74.82; Constellation heating utility 57.10; Neligh Auto adapter 9.25; Payroll 95,151.77; **Register of Deeds:** MIPS clerks' application, register of deeds, Nebraska deeds online 412.08; **Veterans Aid:** Antelope County Veterans Service Office hospital bill paid for a veteran 525.00; **Law Enforcement:** AKRS 5 gal oil 135.46; Black Hills Energy heating fuel 288.12; Boyd's Electrical Service sally port lights, battery bulbs and office lights, disposal, labor 1,195.00; Cash-Wa Distributing peaches, pears, juice, pork loin, pizza, mayo, foil wrap, potatoes 687.30; City of Neligh electric, water, sewer, trash 2,232.22; Culligan water 142.75; April Curtiss 12 dozen eggs 24.00; Heartland Fire Protection fire sprinkler maintenance 806.75; Hiland Dairy milk and ice cream mix 418.03; Hilltop Community Pharmacy prescriptions for inmates 44.14; Jones Automotive 2 deck drawer systems for 2024 and 2026 dodge ram 1500 crew cab 3,399.98; Jonny Dodge replaced right rear tail lamp, replaced tipm, replaced cabin air filter 556.15; Menards outlet surge protector, cleaning supplies 167.26; Midwest Alarm Services fire alarm system inspection 1,102.56; Midwest Auto Fire Sprinkler FIFR brass upright, labor, freight 561.26; Mikes Repair service generator- change all filters and oil, check antifreeze, dispose all used oil 325.00; Neligh Family Dentistry extraction of tooth, x-ray 559.00; Old Mills Sales oil, air filter, oil filter, labor 180.00; Pinnacle Bank Tylenol, pepperoni slices, pain reliever caplets 96.14; SYSCO croissant, biscuits, dressing, pasta, gravy, milk, pan coating, egg patty, pork loin, chicken leg, apple juice, pancake mix, buns 1,754.67; Thriftway ice cream, bread, pan coating, hamburger puns, milk, bread, cottage cheese, yogurt, pop 434.16; Dendinger Drug inmate prescriptions 569.11; Wells Health Mart Drug inmate prescription 87.32; Wilkinson Farm Market 6 dozen eggs 18.00; **Commissary:** Cash-Wa Distributing candy 585.75; Combined Public Communications calling cards 750.00; Keefe Supply chips, snack mix 225.44; Pinnacle Bank tums, crackers, pop, pepperoni slices, pop tarts, beef stick, toothpaste, you tube tv, pain reliever, melatonin, deodorant 552.91; **Building:** Boyd's Electrical Services 14 fluorescent bulbs, cable strap, blank plate, labor 6,439.08.

12:45 PM Commissioner Henery attends meeting.

Budget: Discussion of budget.

- There are a couple of line items in the general budget that are being budgeted out of the law enforcement fund, the Commissioners desired to have these line items appropriate to the general fund. This would show a better representation of expenses and represents a more transparent budget figure. The item in question is basically the line item for care/vehicle repairs of \$34,000.00. If Sheriff is in agreement – transfer will be completed. No further action.
- The Commissioners moved approximately \$400,000.00 from General to Road and Bridge to mark for a bridge project discussed last week. The final valuation for the County is not due until August 20th. The Commissioners desired to have the Clerk prepare the budget numbers utilizing the current figures with the certified value as set by the Assessor and to follow up with them. If all is as it appears the Commissioners plan to hold the budget hearing on September 8th, 2026, in conjunction with their regular Board Meeting. No further action today.
- **Discussion of Wages:** due to recent developments a long discussion was held regarding wages in the county employees. The Commissioners would like to establish a plan on how much wages are increasing, and how/when the plan to increase is to take place. The clerk was asked to send an email to officials to ask for more direct information to be delivered to the Commissioners regarding when and total numbers (per budget) increase for each office/official.

1:17 PM: Commissioner Krebs left the meeting.

There being no other issues to discuss.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:23 PM.

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairman of the Board, Charlie Henery

Attest: _____
County Clerk, Lisa Payne