

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

DATE: JANUARY 21, 2026 TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Regular meeting of the County Commissioners of Logan County, Nebraska was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse in Stapleton, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in The Stapleton Enterprise in the issue dated January 15, 2026, and posting at least by the third day before the schedule meeting at the Logan County Courthouse and the Stapleton Post Office and was simultaneously given to the Chairman all members of the County Board. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the notice and in the notice to members of the Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Agenda posted and open meetings poster is on wall in Commissioners Room.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lee Wonch. Roll call was answered as follows: Present: Lee Wonch, Chairman, Nathan Kramer, Board Member, and Jon Hill, Board Member. Also present were Jennifer Nicholson, Clerk/Assessor, Andrew Van Velson, County Attorney, Richard Gewecke, Treasurer, Richard Cook, Highway and Weed Superintendent, and Sean Carson, Sheriff and Emergency Manager, Dan Kramer, and Bryan Higgins.

Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to approve December 16, 2025, minutes without reading, as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Yeas: Kramer, Hill, and Wonch. Nays: None.

Motion by Hill seconded by Kramer to approve claims as presented. Yeas: Hill, Kramer, and Wonch. Nays: None.

Claims were audited and allowed as follows:

COUNTY GENERAL

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	3,911.72
AT&T MOBILITY	TELEPHONE SERVICE	336.07
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD	EMPLOYER SHARE	8,389.60
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	COUNTY COURT COSTS	498.88
BROUILLET, TROSHYNNSKI, KINGSTON ETAL	DISTRICT & COUNTY COURT COSTS	1,476.80
BRUMMET, JACK	PRIOR SERVICE	13.00
CARSON, SEAN	SALARY	4,566.25
CARSON, SEAN	SALARY	640.00
CARSON, SEAN	MILEAGE	163.80
COLONIAL LIFE	LIFE INS-MISC GEN	24.30
CONNELL, KATHLEEN M	JANITORIAL CONTRACT	1,380.00
COOK, RICHARD	SALARY	2,901.63
COOK, RICHARD	MILEAGE & REGISTRATIONS	252.58
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	SUPPLIES, FUEL, & REPAIRS	1,174.86
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL AND REPAIRS	626.59
CREATIVE PRINTERS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	279.98
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	579.80
DAN'S PROPANE INC	UTILITIES	894.00
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINACE	DATA PROCESSING	468.00
DEARDOFF, BETHANY	SALARY	3,792.95
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE & BUILDING SUPPLIES	963.32
FREY'S GENERAL STORE LLC	BUILDING & GROUNDS	25.34
GEWECKE, RICHARD	SALARY	5,758.60
HANSEL, KIRK	PART TIME SALARY	1,112.00
HILL, JON	SALARY	1,973.50
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	LODGING	124.95
JORGENSEN'S LAWN SERVICE LLC	LAWN CARE	586.53
KRAMER, NATHAN	SALARY	1,973.50
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	PRISONER BOARD	715.00
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	COUNTY COURT COSTS	195.00
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS, INC	PLANNING COSTS	725.00
MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO.CEN	DUES & SUBSCRIPTION	100.00
MIPS, INC.	SERVICE	1,487.80
MODERN MARKETING	LAW ENF SUPPLIES	159.26
NE CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURT	DUES	50.00
NE ASSN OF COUNTY ASSESSORS	DUES	100.00
NICHOLSON, JENNIFER	SALARY	4,566.25
NICHOLSON, JENNIFER	PART TIME SALARY	425.25
NICHOLSON, JENNIFER	MILEAGE	210.15
PETTY CASH FUND	TELE, UTILITIES, DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS & POSTAGE	1,542.98
STAPLETON CO-OP MARKET & DELI	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	35.46
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE	DATA PROCESSING	100.00
VAN VELSON, ANDREW	SALARY	2,013.03

WEEMS, AMANDA	SALARY	5,164.13
WEST CENTRAL DIST ASSESSOR'S ASSN	DUES	25.00
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	15.89
WONCH, CECIL	SALARY	1,973.50
WONCH, CECIL	MILEAGE	168.00
WOOD, TIFFANY	SALARY	6,887.83
HENDERSON STATE BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	3,247.59
GENERAL ROAD		
AJ SHEET METAL INC	BUILDING REPAIRS	14.58
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD	EMPLOYER SHARE	13.03
COOK, RICHARD	SALARY	2,060.00
COOK, RICHARD	MILEAGE	15.95
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	328.63
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL AND OIL	1,773.08
CROELL INC	GRAVEL & BORROW	1,433.91
DAN'S PROPANE INC	PROPANE	670.65
EASTSIDE SERVICE	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT FUEL	4,113.14
FESSLER TIRE COMPANY	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT TIRES	249.62
GARRETT TIRES & TREADS	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT TIRES	626.95
HARVEY, CLINT	SALARY	5,266.63
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	35.34
JIVIDEN, KENNETH	PART TIME SALARY	1,680.00
KOVANDA, MICHAEL	SALARY	5,539.60
KRAMER, ALAN	SALARY	5,508.63
MYERS, LARRY	SALARY	4,232.63
MYERS, LARRY	MILEAGE	56.70
NEBRASKA MACHINERY CENTER	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	1,504.74
PETTY CASH FUND	TELE. AND UTILITIES	585.91
POWERPLAN	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	9,812.67
TITAN MACHINERY INC	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	309.35
HENDERSON STATE BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	1,855.54
COUNTY LIBRARY		
CREATIVE PRINTERS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	15.00
PETTY CASH FUND	TELEPHONE SERVICE	106.23
RAMIREZ, JULIA	SALARY	1,038.75
HENDERSON STATE BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	79.46
911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
PETTY CASH FUND	TELEPHONE SERVICE	62.96
	TOTAL	123,785.35

Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to reappoint Lee Wonch Chairman for 2026. Yeas: Kramer, Hill, and Wonch. Nays: None. Chairman Wonch continued the meeting.

Motion by Wonch seconded by Hill to reappoint Nathan Kramer Vice Chairman for 2026. Yeas: Wonch, Hill, and Kramer. Nays: None.

Clerk informed the board that County Board Chair Workshop is on February 13, 2026, and West Central District Meeting is March 26, 2026.

Dan Kramer and Bryan Higgins from the Veterans Service Board requested the board raise Veteran Service Officer Richard Cook's wages. Motion by Hill seconded by Kramer to raise Cook's hourly wage to \$18.00 per hour. Yeas: Hill, Kramer, and Wonch. Nays: None. The Veterans Service Board also spoke to the board about Governor Pillen's proposed transfer of \$2.5 million from the Nebraska Veteran's Aid Fund to help balance the state budget. They requested the Commissioners join in the objections as these funds are used to help struggling Veterans. The Commissioners agreed to draw up and sign a letter protesting the transfer.

Motion by Hill seconded by Kramer for salaries for the appointed officers and rates to be set as follows: Emergency Manager \$18.00 per hour, Highway Superintendent \$18.00 per hour, Noxious Weed Superintendent \$18.00 per hour, and County Surveyor at \$1.00 per annum. Rates for occasional employment for equipment operators are \$17.00 per hour and machine hire and operator \$200.00 per hour. Rates for copies are \$0.25 per copy, emailed copies \$1.50 per copy and faxed copies \$2.50 for first page and \$1.00 for each additional page. Mileage rates are set by the State at .725 cents per mile. Yeas: Hill, Kramer, and Wonch. Nays: None.

The 2026 annual salary for County Clerk, Treasurer, and Sheriff were previously set at \$54,795 and County Commissioners at \$9,322.

Motion by Hill seconded by Kramer to set the following appointments:

Petty Cash Officer – Richard Gewecke

Noxious Weed Superintendent – Richard Cook

Highway Superintendent – Richard Cook

Emergency Manager – Sean Carson

County Physician - Dr. Loper

County Health Board - Dr. Loper, County Physician, Sean Carson, Sheriff and Jennifer Nicholson, County Clerk.

Region II Human Services Governing Board Member and the West Central District on Aging Board - Cecil Wonch

Lexington Landfill Board – Cecil Wonch, Board Member, Nathan Kramer, Alternate

West Central Health Department Board - Jon Hill

RC&D Board – Jon Hill as the County Commissioner Member

Sandhill Weed Management Board – Richard Cook

Yea: Kramer, Hill, and Wonch. Nays: None.

Hearing of the One- and Six-Year Road Plan was opened at 9:30 am. Motion by Hill seconded by Kramer to pass, approve, and adopt Resolution #26-1 approving the One-and Six-Year Road Plan as presented. Yea: Wonch, Kramer, and Hill. Nays: None. Hearing concluded at 9:39 am.

Richard Cook, Highway and Weed Superintendent, Andrew Van Velson, Attorney, Sean Carson, Sheriff and Emergency Manager, and Richard Gewecke, Treasurer gave monthly reports.

Motion by Hill seconded by Kramer to designate The Stapleton Enterprise as the official newspaper and the Logan County Website, logancounty.ne.gov, as the official website of Logan County. Yea: Hill, Kramer, and Wonch. Nays: None.

Motion by Hill seconded by Kramer to set the date for the regular meeting of Logan County to be the third Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Yea: Wonch, Kramer, and Hill. Nays: None.

Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to designate the Courthouse, Post Office, Frey's General Store, Kimber's, Stapleton Cooperative Market, The Feed Bunk, Creative Printers and the Logan County Website as possible places to post notice of a meeting when it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable notice. Yea: Kramer, Hill, and Wonch. Nays: None.

Richard Gewecke, Logan County Treasurer, made semi-annual settlement with the County Board and filed a statement showing the amount of money on hand belonging to the various funds. The County Board examined such settlement and found same to be correct and hereby entered and order to that effect. Motion by Hill seconded by Kramer to approve the semi-annual statement. Yea: Hill, Kramer, and Wonch. Nays: None.

Road men wages were discussed. Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to raise the road maintenance men from \$22.00 per hour to \$23.00 per hour. Yea: Hill, Kramer and Wonch. Nays: None.

Richard Cook, Noxious Weed Superintendent, presented the board with the annual weed report. Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to accept the report as written and to have Chairman Wonch sign. Yea: Kramer, Hill, and Wonch. Nays: None.

Annual signature report was signed by the County Officials and their Deputies

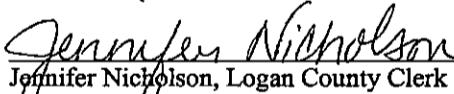
No further business, meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Next regular Commissioner meeting to be February 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.



Cecil L. Wonch, Logan County Board Chairman

Attest:


Jennifer Nicholson, Logan County Clerk

