

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

DATE: February 18, 2026

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Regular meetings of the County Commissioners of Logan County, Nebraska were held in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse in Stapleton, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in The Stapleton Enterprise in the issue dated February 12, 2026, and posting at least by the third day before the scheduled meeting at the Logan County Courthouse and the Stapleton Post Office and was simultaneously given to the Chairman and 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, Jon Hill, Board Member, and Nathan Kramer, Board Member. Also present were Jennifer Nicholson, Clerk/Assessor, Andrew Van Velson, County Attorney, Richard Cook, Highway Superintendent, Richard Gewecke, Treasurer, and Sean Carson, Sheriff.

Motion by Hill seconded by Kramer to approve January 21, 2026, minutes without reading as the Clerk previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Yeas: Hill, Kramer, and Wonch. Nays: None.

The clerk informed the Board of the West Central District Meeting to be held March 26, 2026, at NACO West in Ogallala and reminded the board and officials to file their financial statements with the state by March 1, 2026. The clerk also shared a response from Senator Jacobson to their letter concerning the Veterans Aid Fund.

Chairman, Lee Wonch, called for discussion on claim submitted by Sheriff, Sean Carson, for snowplow kit for the Sheriff's UTV. Discussion was had. Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to approve claim as presented from Sheriff's budget. Yeas: Kramer and Hill. Nays: Wonch.

A motion by Hill seconded by Kramer to approve all remaining claims as presented. Yeas: Hill, Kramer, and Wonch. Nays: None.

Claims were audited and allowed as follows:

COUNTY GENERAL

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	3,536.56
AT&T MOBILITY	TELEPHONE SERVICE	345.10
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD	EMPLOYER SHARE	8,389.60
BROUILLETE, TROSHYNSKI, KINGSTON	COUNTY COURT COSTS	637.50
BRUMMET, JACK	PRIOR SERVICE	13.00
CARSON, SEAN	SALARY	4,566.25
CARSON, SEAN	SALARY	720.00
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION	APPRAISER'S FEES	6,175.00
COLONIAL LIFE	LIFE INS-MISC GEN	24.30
CONNELL, CHANCE	LAWN CARE & SNOW REMOVAL	50.00
CONNELL, KATHLEEN M	JANITORIAL CONTRACT	1,380.00
COOK, RICHARD	SALARY	3,761.13
COOK, RICHARD	PART TIME SALARY	477.00
COOK, RICHARD	DUES, MILEAGE AND REGISTRATION	900.77
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	SUPPLIES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, & EQUIPMENT	3,218.87
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL AND REPAIRS	905.89
CREATIVE PRINTERS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	765.19
DAN'S PROPANE INC	UTILITIES	819.50
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINACE	DATA PROCESSING	468.00
DEARDOFF, BETHANY	SALARY	3,118.13
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION SUPPLIES	345.00
GALLS, INC	SUPPLIES	150.23
GEWECKE, RICHARD	SALARY	5,758.60
HANSEL, KIRK	PART TIME SALARY	440.00
HARVEY, PAT	PRIOR SERVICE	72.00
HILL, JON	SALARY	1,973.46
KRAMER, NATHAN	SALARY	1,973.46
LEGAL & LIABILITY RISK MGT INSTITUTE	TRAINING	450.00
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARD PRISONERS	2,805.00
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	COUNTY COURT COSTS	175.00
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS, INC	PLANNING COSTS	1,450.00
MIPS, INC.	SERVICE	1,471.95

NE CLERKS, REG OF DEEDS, ELECT COMM	DUES	50.00
NICHOLSON, JENNIFER	SALARY	4,566.25
NICHOLSON, JENNIFER	PART TIME SALARY	425.25
NICHOLSON, JENNIFER	MILEAGE	94.98
PETTY CASH FUND	TELE, UTILITIES, DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS & POST	1,238.92
SANDHILLS RC&D	DUES	100.00
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT ARE SELLERS, BILL	DUES	200.00
	PART TIME SALARY	540.00
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE	DATA PROCESSING	100.00
VAN VELSON, ANDREW	SALARY	2,013.03
VAN VELSON, ANDREW	MILEAGE & FEE REIMBURSEMENT	286.52
WEEMS, AMANDA	SALARY	4,370.63
WONCH, CECIL	SALARY	1,973.46
WONCH, CECIL	LODGING REIMBURSEMENT	289.90
WOOD, TIFFANY	SALARY	4,997.43
HENDERSON STATE BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	3,088.91
GENERAL ROAD		
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD	EMPLOYER SHARE	13.03
COOK, RICHARD	SALARY	1,147.50
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	SUPPLIES	77.71
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL AND SHOP SUPPLIES	1,414.31
CREATIVE PRINTERS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	13.30
CROELL INC	GRAVEL & BORROW	3,986.52
DAN'S PROPANE INC	PROPANE	596.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	24.39
EASTSIDE SERVICE	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT FUEL	3,111.06
FESSLER TIRE COMPANY	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT TIRES	321.04
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	166.12
FREY'S GENERAL STORE LLC	SHOP SUPPLIES	33.13
HARVEY, CLINTON	SALARY	4,807.63
JVIDEN, KENNETH	PART TIME SALARY	1,711.50
KOVANDA, MICHAEL	SALARY	4,817.60
KOVANDA, MICHAEL	TOOLS REIMBURSEMENT	32.85
KRAMER, ALAN	SALARY	4,876.63
MYERS, LARRY	SALARY	3,910.63
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	28.29
PETTY CASH FUND	TELE. AND UTILITIES	618.90
POWERPLAN	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	14,305.15
RUSH TRUCK CENTER	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	159.40
TITAN MACHINERY INC	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	100.30
HENDERSON STATE BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	1,624.79
COUNTY LIBRARY		
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	BOOKS	84.21
CREATIVE PRINTERS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	6.95
PETTY CASH FUND	TELEPHONE SERVICE	106.23
RAMIREZ, JULIA	SALARY	1,170.00
HENDERSON STATE BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	89.51
911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
PETTY CASH FUND	TELEPHONE SERVICE	62.96
	TOTAL	131,089.41

Emergency Manager, Sean Carson, informed the board of a NEMA Grant available through Region 26 to purchase a cooling tent and/or an iPad for emergency uses. No action was necessary at this time.

Reports were provided to the board by Richard Cook, Highway and Weed Superintendent, Andrew Van Velson, County Attorney, Richard Gewecke, Treasurer, and Commissioners on the various boards they serve on.

The board discussed asking Lincoln County if they would entertain an interlocal agreement for Veteran's Services. Logan County Veteran Service Officer, Richard Cook, reported that he currently supports 47 Veterans from Lincoln County to help alleviate the large numbers the Lincoln County Veteran Service Officer has. The board directed County Attorney, Andrew Van Velson to put together a proposed interlocal agreement to be reviewed next month.

No further regular business. Meeting adjourned.

The Board resolved itself as the Board of Equalization at 9:56 a.m. Chairman, Lee Wonch called the meeting to order and roll call was taken as follows: Present: Lee Wonch, Jon Hill, and Nathan Kramer. Also present were Jennifer Nicholson, Assessor, Richard Cook, Andrew Van Velson, and Richard Gewecke.

Assessor, Jennifer Nicholson, reported that this was a reaffirmation year for current Permissive Exemptions. Exemptions for St John's Catholic Church, Gandy Community Bible Church, The Cornerstone Church, and the American Legion & VFW Post had all been filed timely. There was no new Form 451's filed.

The assessor discussed the 2026 Ag land values. There will be a 12% increase in all classes of grass and no change to irrigated or dryland classes. Residential values on homes built in 1962 and prior will see a 20% increase as there were 13 residential sales for this sales study and they were primarily the older homes.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Logan County Commissioners will be held March 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.



Cecil L Wonch, Logan County Board Chairman

Attest: 
Jennifer Nicholson, Logan County Clerk

