

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

DATE: May 20, 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 this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in The Stapleton Enterprise in the issue dated May 14, 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 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 shown hereafter 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: 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 & Weed Superintendent, Sean Carson, Sheriff & Emergency Manager, and Sarah Cathcart, Representative for Senator Ricketts.

Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to approve minutes of April 15, 2026, meeting without reading as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Yeas: Kramer, Hill, and Wonch. Nays: None

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

Claims were audited and allowed as follows:

COUNTY GENERAL

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	4,226.78
AT&T MOBILITY	TELEPHONE SERVICE	357.22
AT-SCENE LLC	SUBSCRIPTION	1,341.00
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD	EMPLOYER SHARE	8,389.60
BROUILLETE, TROSHYNSKI, KINGSTON	COUNTY COURT COSTS	468.42
BRUMMET, JACK	PRIOR SERVICE	26.00
CARSON, SEAN	SALARY	4,566.25
CARSON, SEAN	SALARY	720.00
CARSON, SEAN	MILEAGE	870.00
COLONIAL LIFE	LIFE INS - MISC GEN	22.30
CONNELL, CHANCE	LAWN CARE	439.00
CONNELL, KATHLEEN M	JANITORIAL CONTRACT	1,380.00
CONTRYMAN ASSOCIATES, PC	AUDIT COSTS	18,000.00
COOK, RICHARD	SALARY	3,648.63
COOK, RICHARD	PART TIME SALARY	486.00
COOK, RICHARD	MILEAGE & REGISTRATION	578.09
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	SUPPLIES, MILEAGE, & LODGING	2,151.94
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL AND REPAIRS	2,199.67
CREATIVE PRINTERS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	1,523.15
DAN'S PROPANE INC	UTILITIES	596.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	237.85
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	DATA PROCESSING	1,873.86
GALLS, INC	LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPLIES	30.95
GEWECKE, RICHARD	SALARY	5,758.60
GWORKS	GIS SERVICES	4,500.00
HANSEL, KIRK	PART TIME SALARY	1,364.00
HANSEL, KIRK	MILEAGE	210.25
HEARTLAND PRECISION RIFLE	TRAINING	300.00
HILL, JON	SALARY	1,973.46
HOMETOWN LEASING	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	194.53
KEITH COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS	911 SERVICE & TOWER	752.73
KRAMER, NATHAN	SALARY	1,973.46
L-TRON	EQUIPMENT	900.00
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARD PRISONERS	1,155.00
LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER	CONTRACT SERVICE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	7,125.80
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	COUNTY COURT COSTS	160.00
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS, INC	PLANNING COSTS	1,450.00
MCVAY, KADEE	PART TIME SALARY	2,241.00
MIPS, INC.	SERVICE	1,420.10
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	DUES	50.00
NICHOLSON, JENNIFER	SALARY	4,566.25
NICHOLSON, JENNIFER	PART TIME SALARY	425.25
NICHOLSON, JENNIFER	MILEAGE	67.43
PETTY CASH FUND	TELE, UTILITIES, DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS & POST	1,638.45
SANDHILLS SHERIFF ASSOCIATION	DUES	150.00
SELLERS, BILL	PART TIME SALARY	480.00
STODDARD SPRINKLERS	BUILDING & GROUNDS REPAIR	171.00
SWANSON HUNTING ACRES, INC	LODGING	90.00

THE RADAR SHOP	MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	192.00
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE	DATA PROCESSING	100.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	SUBSCRIPTION	475.94
VAN VELSON, ANDREW	SALARY	2,013.03
VAN VELSON, ANDREW	MILEAGE	435.75
WEEMS, AMANDA	SALARY	5,187.13
WONCH, CECIL	SALARY	1,973.46
WONCH, CECIL	MILEAGE	97.15
WOOD, TIFFANY	SALARY	6,474.31
HENDERSON STATE BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	3,257.25
GENERAL ROAD		
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD	EMPLOYER SHARE	13.03
COOK, RICHARD	SALARY	1,777.50
CORNHUSKER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	27,167.63
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL AND SHOP TOOLS	1,139.73
CROELL INC	GRAVEL & BORROW	345.10
EASTSIDE SERVICE	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT FUEL	4,586.78
HARVEY, CLINTON	SALARY	5,704.63
JIVIDEN, KENNETH	PART TIME SALARY	1,953.00
JIVIDEN, KENNETH	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT FUEL	90.90
KOVANDA, MICHAEL	SALARY	7,370.60
KRAMER, ALAN	SALARY	5,796.63
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO	DRAG BLADES	1,198.20
MILLS HARDWARE	SHOP TOOLS	429.00
MYERS, LARRY	SALARY	4,715.63
PETTY CASH FUND	TELE. AND UTILITIES	512.33
POWERPLAN	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	11,523.05
PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY	SHOP EXPENSE	100.00
TITAN MACHINERY INC	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	297.10
TROYER ENTERPRISES INC	STEEL PRODUCTS	943.22
HENDERSON STATE BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	2,087.36
COUNTY LIBRARY		
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	BOOKS & SUMMER READING SUPPLIES	110.36
CREATIVE PRINTERS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	24.74
PETTY CASH FUND	TELEPHONE SERVICE	123.11
RAMIREZ, JULIA	SALARY	1,282.50
RAMIREZ, JULIA	BOOKS & SUMMER READING SUPPLIES	54.09
HENDERSON STATE BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	98.12
911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
PETTY CASH FUND	TELEPHONE SERVICE	62.96
	TOTAL	192,963.34

Megan Trevino from the West Central District Health Department discussed with the board installing a Blood Pressure and Heart Hub at the courthouse as part of their Cardiovascular Health Learning Collaborative. The Hub will be free and available for use by the public during regular Courthouse hours. Motion by Hill seconded by Kramer to allow the installation. Yeas: Wonch, Kramer, and Hill. Nays: None. The Blood Pressure and Heart Hub will be installed in the meeting room at the courthouse soon.

Clerk reminded Commissioners of the Land Use Forum and County Board Workshop, June 3-4 at the Younes Center-North in Kearney.

Reports were given by Richard Cook on the Roads, Weeds, and Veteran Service Departments.

Sean Carson, Sheriff and Emergency Manager, gave his monthly report and discussed continuing the Flock camera subscription. No action was taken.

Reports were also given by Andrew Van Velson, Logan County Attorney, Richard Gewecke, Treasurer and Commissioners Jon Hill on West Central Health District and Lee Wonch on Lexington Landfill.

County Attorney, Andrew Van Velson, presented the board with a draft credit card policy for use of credit cards used by county officials. Discussion was had on single and monthly transaction limits. Motion by Hill seconded by Kramer to approve and implement the credit card policy. Yeas: Hill, Kramer, and Wonch. Nays: None.

Motion by Hill seconded by Kramer to approve the Utility Permit Application for Great Plains Communications for construction of fiber to homes in various rural locations. Yeas: Hill and Wonch. Nays: Kramer.

Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to approve Audit Report for the budget year ending June 30, 2025. Yeas: Wonch, Kramer, and Hill. Nays: None.

The Board discussed the new BCBS insurance rates. There was an average increase of 4.68% for health insurance and no increase this year for dental insurance. A motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to continue with the NACO BCBS Group Plan, \$1600 deductible and 60-day eligibility waiting period beginning July 1, 2026, and the Dental Indemnity Plan (Premier Option 14) for Dental. Yeas: Kramer, Hill, and Wonch. Nays: None.

Clerk asked to have the Check/Payroll date for June to be June 18, 2026, as June 19, 2026, is the observed holiday Juneteenth and the Courthouse is closed. Permission granted.

AFLAC Representative, Carla Jensen, shared information about different insurance plans.

No further business. Regular meeting adjourned.

The Board resolved itself as the Board of Equalization at 11:07 a.m. Chairman, Lee Wonch called the meeting to order and roll call was taken as follows: Lee Wonch, Nathan Kramer, and Jon Hill. Also present were Jennifer Nicholson, Andrew Van Velson, Richard Cook, Richard Gewecke, and Sean Carson.

Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to set Board of Equalization meetings to hear valuation protests for June 17, July 8, and July 15, 2026. Times for June 17 and July 15 at 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on July 8. Yeas: Hill, Kramer, and Wonch. Nays: None.

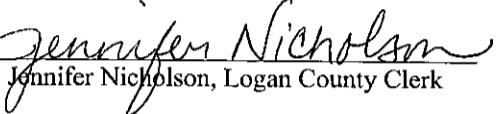
The Logan County Assessor informed the Board that the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission has ordered that no order proposing an adjustment of the value for a class or subclass of real property in Logan County for tax year 2026 shall be entered and no further proceedings shall be held to determine whether an adjustment should be made.

The board reviewed the contracts for property appraisal from Central Plains Valuation for 2026-2027. Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to approve contracts as presented. Yeas: Kramer, Wonch, and Hill. Nays: None.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Logan County Commissioners will be held June 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.


Cecil L. Wonch, Logan County Board Chairman

Attest: 
Jennifer Nicholson, Logan County Clerk