

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

DATE: July 15, 2026 TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Regular meetings of the County Commissioners and Board of Equalization of Logan County, Nebraska were held in the Commissioners Meeting 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, July 9, 2026, and posting at least by the third day before the schedule meetings at the Logan County Courthouse and the Stapleton Post Office and were 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 these meetings. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meetings were open to the attendance of the public. Agenda posted and open meetings poster is on the wall in the Commissioners Meeting 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, Richard Cook, Highway Superintendent, Richard Gewecke, Treasurer, Scott Salisbury, Scott Gaites, and Brian Walz.

Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to approve minutes from June 17, 2026, meeting, without reading as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Yeas: Kramer, Hill, and Wonch. Nays: None.

A 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	3,651.84
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD	EMPLOYER SHARE	8,804.64
BROUILLETE, TROSHYNSKI, KINGSTON	COUNTY COURT COSTS	939.50
BRUMMET, JACK	PRIOR SERVICE	13.00
CARSON, SEAN	SALARY	4,566.25
CARSON, SEAN	SALARY	720.00
CARSON, SEAN	MILEAGE	246.50
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION	APPRAISER'S FEES	25,950.00
COLONIAL LIFE	LIFE INS - MISC GEN	27.60
CONNELL, CHANCE	LAWN CARE	330.00
CONNELL, KATHLEEN M	JANITORIAL CONTRACT	1,380.00
COOK, RICHARD	SALARY	3,130.00
COOK, RICHARD	PART TIME SALARY	270.00
COOK, RICHARD	MILEAGE & EQUIPMENT	400.84
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	BUILDING & OFFICE SUPPLIES	884.12
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL	987.19
CREATIVE PRINTERS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	378.15
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	BOARD PRISONERS	200.00
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINACE	DATA PROCESSING	468.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	221.10
GALLS, INC	LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPLIES	55.61
GEWECKE, RICHARD	SALARY	5,814.41
HANSEL, KIRK	PART TIME SALARY	692.00
HILL, JON	SALARY	1,976.83
HOLIDAY INN KEARNEY	LODGING	239.90
HOMETOWN LEASING	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	194.53
KEITH COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS	911 SERVICE & TOWER	12,512.75
KRAMER, NATHAN	SALARY	1,976.83
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	COUNTY COURT COSTS	25.00
MCVAY, KADEE	SALARY	2,128.50
MIPS, INC.	SERVICE	1,526.06
MODERN MARKETING	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	521.53
NICHOLSON, JENNIFER	SALARY	4,566.25
NICHOLSON, JENNIFER	PART TIME SALARY	425.25
PETTY CASH FUND	TELEPHONE & UTILITIES	1,149.06
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE	3,160.20
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STAPLETON CO-OP MARKET & DELI	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	12.37
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE	DATA PROCESSING	100.00
VAN VELSON, ANDREW	SALARY	2,013.03
WEEMS, AMANDA	SALARY	4,374.00
WEEMS, AMANDA	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	216.00
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDICAL	54.88

WONCH, CECIL	SALARY	1,976.83
WOOD, TIFFANY	SALARY	5,473.40
HENDERSON STATE BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	2,968.12
GENERAL ROAD		
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD	EMPLOYER SHARE	13.03
COOK, RICHARD	SALARY	1,386.00
COOK, RICHARD	MILEAGE	208.08
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL AND SHOP SUPPLIES	1,697.27
CROELL INC	GRAVEL & BORROW	1,398.25
EASTSIDE SERVICE	FUEL	6,550.46
FREY'S GENERAL STORE	SHOP TOOLS & SUPPLIES	88.95
HARVEY, CLINTON	SALARY	4,742.00
JIVIDEN, KENNETH	PART TIME SALARY	1,753.50
KOVANDA, MICHAEL	SALARY	5,004.97
KRAMER, ALAN	SALARY	4,857.00
MEAD LUMBER	LUMBER	136.90
MYERS, LARRY	SALARY	5,731.00
PETTY CASH FUND	TELEPHONE AND UTILITIES	498.29
POWERPLAN	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	11,740.53
HENDERSON STATE BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	1,790.96
COUNTY LIBRARY		
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	37.98
PETTY CASH FUND	TELEPHONE SERVICE	65.55
RAMIREZ, JULIA	SALARY	1,083.75
HENDERSON STATE BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	82.90
911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
PETTY CASH FUND	TELEPHONE SERVICE	62.96
SHOP BUILDING DEBT SERVICE		
SANDHILLS STATE BANK	SHOP PAYMENT	49,999.99
TOTAL		208,227.39

Clerk informed the Board the Budget Workshop is planned for August 12, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Scott Salisbury with the Logan County Ag Society addressed the board requesting a special designated license for Logan County Fair & Rodeo beginning on July 31, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. through August 1, 2026, at 12:00 a.m. Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to approve special designated liquor license. Yeas: Kramer and Hill. Nays: Wonch.

Reports were provided to the board by Richard Cook, Highway and Weed Superintendent and Commissioner Lee Wonch on the Region II board meetings he attended.

Highway Superintendent, Richard Cook, had previously furnished the board with more information on the cost of paying for an outside source to haul materials. Steve Scholz will haul to a stockpile.

Dan Kramer from the Veteran Service Board recommended the board appoint Bryan Higgins as the part-time Veteran's Service Officer to assist the county's Veteran Service Officer, Richard Cook. Clerk advised that the position needs to be advertised before hiring/appointing is completed.

Sheriff, Sean Carson, gave a report and discussion continued about replacing the Sheriff Deputy's patrol car. Sheriff Carson informed the board the unit had been taken to Janssen Auto Group for an estimate of repairs needed. Commissioner Wonch had done some research and stated he does not feel the vehicle should be replaced until it has 150,000 miles on it. The estimate will be reviewed and decision to fix or replace Deputy's patrol car will be made later.

Paul Brune with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) along with construction managers from WSP and Forbes Bros, and members of the NPPD Board of Directors updated the board on the R-Project 345 kV Transmission Line being constructed through the county along Highway 83. Mr. Brune reported that construction has begun south of Stapleton, however, soil-disturbing activities north of Stapleton and east of Thedford have been paused. NPPD will continue to conduct right-of-way negotiations, access surveys, mowing, and staking for access routes and structures in that area.

Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to designate NACO/State Print Shop to print postcards for LB644. Yeas: Kramer, Hill, and Wonch. Nays: None.

Richard Gewecke, Treasurer, gave a six-month report. Motion by Hill seconded by Kramer to approve the six-month report as presented by the Logan County Treasurer. Yeas: Wonch, Kramer, and Hill. Nays: None.

Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to approve and adopt Resolution 26-2 imposing a twelve-month moratorium on the acceptance of applications for wind energy systems, solar energy systems, battery energy storage systems, cryptocurrency-mining operations, data centers and AI facilities, carbon dioxide capture, transport, and sequestration

facilities, future high-voltage electric transmission infrastructure, and other utility-scale facility or specialized technology facilities. Yeas: Kramer, Hill, and Wonch. Nays: None.

Discussion was had on purchasing a scraper for the road department. It was determined that there currently is no need for one.

Two full-time roadmen have recently resigned so discussion was had on getting the position advertised.

No further regular business. Meeting adjourned.

The board resolved itself as the Board of Equalization at 10:13 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, Clerk/Assessor, Richard Cook, Richard Gewecke, and Scott Gaites.

Motion by Hill seconded by Kramer to approve minutes from the special meeting held July 8, 2026, as presented. Yeas: Hill, Kramer, and Wonch. Nays: None.

Motion by Hill seconded by Kramer to make the following decisions on Property Valuation Protests filed for the 2026 tax year:

Protest #1 Parcel ID 570006597 Tract #3 in E1/2 22-17-27 owned by Darrin and Denise Frey. Filed by Denise Frey. Remove the grain bin and a farm utility storage shed, lowering the improvements value by \$3565.

Protest #2 Parcel ID 570006376 All 15-17-27 owned by Jomabili, Inc. Filed by Linda Grabenstein. No change to assessed value.

Protest #3 Parcel ID 570006341 W1/2 14-17-27 owned by Jomabili, Inc. Filed by Linda Grabenstein. No change to assessed value.

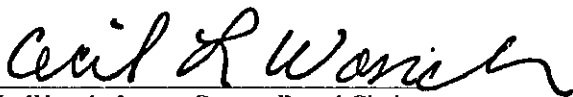
Protest #4 Parcel ID 570006236 SE1/4; E1/2SW1/4 11-17-27 owned by Jomabili, Inc. Filed by Linda Grabenstein. No change to assessed value.

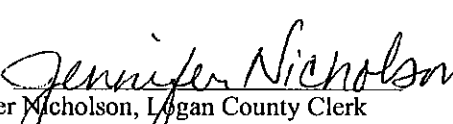
Protest #5 Parcel ID 570006449 W1/2; SE1/4 18-17-27 owned by Mary Joedeman. Filed by Mary Joedeman. No change to assessed value.

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

Board of Equalization adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Logan County Commissioners will be held August 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.


Cecil L. Wonch, Logan County Board Chairman

Attest: 
Jennifer Nicholson, Logan County Clerk

