

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

DATE: August 19, 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, August 13, 2026, and posting at least by the third day before the scheduled meetings 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 these meetings. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Agenda posted and Open Meetings Act is available upon request.

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, Sean Carson, Sheriff, Tiffany Wood, Sheriff's Deputy, Chelsey Myers, Bethany Deardoff, Ashley Cole, and Dalen Wood.

Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to approve minutes from July 15, 2026, meeting without reading as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof, and the August 12, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. 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	3,727.88
AT&T MOBILITY	TELEPHONE SERVICE	585.78
BARNUM, RUSSELL	JUROR FEES	37.74
BIERMAN, MERLE	JUROR FEES	62.36
BILLINGS, TROY	JUROR FEES	38.04
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD	EMPLOYER SHARE	8778.59
BORDERS & FURROW PC, LLO	COUNTY COURT COSTS	608.26
BROUILLETE, TROSHYNSKI, KINGSTON ETAL	COUNTY COURT COSTS	563.28
BRUMMET, JACK	PRIOR SERVICE	13.00
BURNSIDE, ALAN	JUROR FEES	53.09
CARSON, SEAN	SALARY	4566.25
CARSON, SEAN	SALARY	720.00
COLONIAL LIFE	LIFE INS-MISC GEN	23.60
CONNELL, CHANCE	LAWN CARE	330.00
CONNELL, KATHLEEN M	JANITORIAL CONTRACT	1380.00
COOK, RICHARD	SALARY	3269.50
COOK, RICHARD	PART TIME SALARY	859.50
COOK, RICHARD	MILEAGE, EXPENSES, & JUROR FEES	945.27
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT	1487.76
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL AND REPAIRS	1342.36
CREATIVE PRINTERS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	697.22
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINACE	DATA PROCESSING	468.00
DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS	SURVEYOR FEES	900.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	57.82
FREY, DARRIN	JUROR FEES	44.27
FREY, ERIC	JUROR FEES	43.66
FREY, PAYTON	JUROR FEES	39.41
FREY'S GENERAL STORE LLC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	38.96
GEWECKE, RICHARD	SALARY	5814.41
HANSEL, KIRK	PART TIME SALARY	2232.00
HANSEN, MELODY	JUROR FEES	42.60
HILL, JON	SALARY	1976.83
HOMETOWN LEASING	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	194.53

INTEGRATED COMPUTER SYSTEMS	COMPUTER CONSULTATION	538.50
JOHNSON, ABBIE	JUROR FEES	35.00
JONES, SUSANNE	JUROR FEES	35.00
KARN, JOSEPH	JUROR FEES	35.00
KEVORKIAN, TERRI	JUROR FEES	40.02
KINDERKNECHT, COLE	JUROR FEES	40.32
KRAMER, CATHY	JUROR FEES	35.00
KRAMER, NATHAN	SALARY	1976.83
LAYHER, COOPER	JUROR FEES	39.71
LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK	ANNUAL PROBATION	821.21
LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF	DISTRICT & COUNTY COURT COSTS	79.55
LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER	COOPERATIVE EXTENSION CONTRACT	10216.50
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	COUNTY COURT COSTS	762.50
LOGAN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	DISTRICT COURT COSTS	72.00
MCVAY, KADEE	SALARY	3864.00
MIPS, INC.	SERVICE	1526.06
MORASH, DANNY	JUROR FEES	50.35
MYERS, TEEJAY	JUROR FEES	50.50
NICHOLSON, ABIGALE	JUROR FEES	44.73
NICHOLSON, JENNIFER	SALARY	4566.25
NICHOLSON, JENNIFER	PART TIME SALARY	425.25
NICHOLSON, JENNIFER	MILEAGE	63.84
PETTY CASH FUND	TELEPHONE & UTILITIES	1241.95
SCHAEFFER, DEREK	JUROR FEES	40.62
SCHAEFFER, GEORGE	JUROR FEES	45.18
SCHILTZ, GERARD	JUROR FEES	35.00
SELLERS, BILL	PART TIME SALARY	460.00
SIERKS, CECILIA	JUROR FEES	49.87
STALETON CO-OP MARKET & DELI	SUPPLIES AND COUNTY COURT COST	105.63
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE	DATA PROCESSING	100.00
TRUMBULL REPAIR	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	1186.46
VAN VELSON, ANDREW	SALARY	2013.03
WEEMS, AMANDA	SALARY	5167.50
WEST CENTRAL NE AREA AGENCY ON AGING	ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION	567.84
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDICAL	67.99
WITTHUHN, KENNETH	JUROR FEES	47.92
WONCH, CECIL	SALARY	1976.83
WOOD, TIFFANY	SALARY	6335.93
WOOD, TIFFANY	MILEAGE	114.00
HENDERSON STATE BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	3436.34
GENERAL ROAD		
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD	EMPLOYER SHARE	13.03
BURNSIDE FARMS	GRAVEL & BORROW BUYBACK	3528.00
COOK, RICHARD	SALARY	1579.50
COOK, RICHARD	MILEAGE	277.40
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT FUEL	95.53
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL AND SHOP SUPPLIES	2713.49
CREATIVE PRINTERS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	36.00
CROELL INC	GRAVEL & BORROW BUYBACK	12644.60
EASTSIDE SERVICE	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT FUEL	4336.37
FESSLER TIRE COMPANY	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT TIRES	1000.00
FLOREA, VICTOR	PART TIME SALARY	1459.50
FREY'S GENERAL STORE	SHOP SUPPLIES	164.53
HARVEY, CLINTON	SALARY	782.00
JVIDEN, KENNETH	PART TIME SALARY	2751.00
KOHLER TRAILER SALES & SERVICE	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	87.50
KOVANDA, MICHAEL	SALARY	5740.97

KRAMER, ALAN	SALARY	5800.00
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO	SHOP SUPPLIES	1947.60
PETTY CASH FUND	TELEPHONE & UTILITIES	479.53
POWERPLAN	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	10420.03
T & S CATTLE COMPANY	GRAVEL & BORROW BUYBACK	12600.00
TROYER ENTERPRISES INC	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	409.40
WONCH, CECIL	MILEAGE	48.64
HENDERSON STATE BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	1382.28
COUNTY LIBRARY		
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	BOOKS & EQUIPMENT	136.29
FREY'S GENERAL STORE LLC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	6.99
PETTY CASH FUND	TELEPHONE SERVICE	85.44
RAMIREZ, JULIA	SALARY	862.50
HENDERSON STATE BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	65.99
911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
PETTY CASH FUND	TELEPHONE SERVICE	62.96
TOTAL		161,769.25

Clerk informed Board of West Central District Meeting to be held on September 24, 2026, at the NACO West Office & Training Center, in Ogallala, NE starting at 9:00 a.m.

Clerk provided the board with a letter addressed to them submitted by Ashley Cole regarding the Flock Safety Cameras.

Chelsey Myers addressed the board concerns on the tax allocation requests by the Stapleton Rural Fire District and the Logan County Agricultural Society. Motion by Hill seconded by Kramer to pass, approve, and adopt Resolution #26-4 determining a final levy allocation of General Fund \$54,000 and Sinking Fund \$21,000 for a total of \$75,000 to the Stapleton Rural Fire District and determining a final levy allocation of General Fund \$17,360 and Sinking Fund \$7,440 for a total of \$24,800 to the Logan County Agricultural Society. Yeas: Wonch, Hill, and Kramer. Nays: None

Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to pass, approve and adopt Resolution #26-5 approving the County Board Chairman to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2026. Yeas: Kramer, Hill, and Wonch. Nays: None.

Discussion was had on the Flock Safety Cameras. Ashley Cole was present to address the concerns she had provided in her letter to the Commissioners. Sheriff Sean Carson, Deputy Tiffany Wood, and County Attorney, Andrew Van Velson, explained the way the flock cameras work. They also shared how the cameras have been used locally.

Reports were provided to the board by Richard Cook, Highway & Weed Superintendent, Sean Carson, Sheriff & Emergency Manager, Andrew Van Velson, County Attorney, and Richard Gewecke, Treasurer.

The board recessed from the regular meeting at 10:00am for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Conditional Use Permit submitted by Sandhills Equine LLC. The Logan County Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Application to the Logan County Board of Commissioners on August 3, 2026. Jennifer Nicholson, Zoning Administrator, presented information provided by Sandhills Equine LLC on the proposed composting site. Approval of the application will allow Sandhills Equine LLC to construct and operate a small horse carcass composting site. Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to approve the Conditional Use Application of Sandhills Equine LLC. Yeas: Kramer, Hill, and Wonch. Nays: None.

Regular meeting resumed at 10:16am. Kenneth Kramer joined the meeting.

Commissioners, Nathan Kramer and Jon Hill reported on the various board meetings attended in the last month.

Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to reappoint Jason Trimble and Robert Blevins to the Logan County Board of Adjustments for a three-year term starting August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2029. Yeas: Wonch, Kramer, and Hill. Nays: None.

Sheriff Carson presented the board with a Sandhills Area Sheriff's Association (SASA) Mutual Aid Agreement. The agreement empowers law enforcement officers of each of the Cooperating Agencies (Arthur, Brown, Cherry, Garden, Grant, Hooker, Keith, Logan, McPherson, Sheridan, and Thomas counties) to exercise extraterritorial law enforcement authority and arrest. Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to enter into the agreement. Yeas: Hill, Kramer, and Wonch. Nays: None.

The West Central District Health Department has requested a letter of support to include with their application for the HUD Healthy Homes Production Grant. The funding they would receive if awarded the grant will allow them to expand work around creating safer and healthier homes in communities by addressing housing-related health and safety concerns such as moisture and mold, indoor air quality, pests, fall and injury hazards, lead and other contaminants, and needed home repairs. Motion by Kramer seconded by Hill to provide the letter of support. Yeas: Wonch, Kramer, and Hill. Nays: None.

Kenneth Kramer expressed interest in being considered for future material hauling needs.

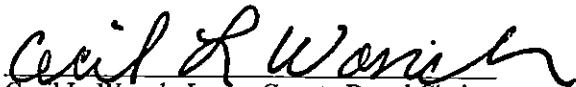
No further regular business. Meeting adjourned.

The Board resolved itself as the Board of Equalization at 10:33am. Chairman, Lee Wonch called the meeting to order and roll call was taken 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 Cook, Richard Gewecke, and Kenneth Kramer.

The Board of Equalization reviewed the ownership and use of all cemetery's real property in Logan County and found them to qualify for the exemptions as of August 1, 2026.

No further business, Board of Equalization adjourned at 10:35am.

The next regular meeting of the Logan County Commissioners will be held September 16, 2026, immediately following the Tax Request and Budget Hearings.


Cecil L. Wonch, Logan County Board Chairman

Attest: 
Jennifer Nicholson, Logan County Clerk

