

**FURNAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
PROCEEDINGS FOR JUNE 10, 2025**

The Furnas County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, for a regular board meeting in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 3rd Floor in the Courthouse. Notice of the meetings was published in the Valley Voice newspaper and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner, posted on County's website and kept current in the County Clerk's Office.

Mike Sexton, Chairman, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and informed those present of the Open Meetings Act poster displayed on the wall and the provisions of the Act will be followed at this meeting. Board members present: Mike Sexton, Dennis Tegtman and Allan McCoy. Also present: Lois Bishop, County Clerk, Patrick Calkins, County Attorney.

The agenda was approved on a motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

Minutes from May 27, 2025, meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

The following claims were reviewed and approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

Abbreviations for this legal: S Supplies; SF Sheriff Fees; SC Services & Charges; LF Legal Fees; M Mileage, Meals, Meetings; D Dues, Reg. or Subs; DN Donation; R Rent; Refund; T Taxes; TR Training; MH Mental Health Hearing; I Insurance; BP Bond Payment; LP Lease/Loan Payment; C Contract Labor; WF Witness Fees, G Garnishments, P Postage, VP Visitor Promotion, W Wages; JD Jury Duty; E Equipment, F Fee's, PY Prior Year, GR Grant, BA Burial Assistance

General Salaries \$21,744.53 Aflac I \$575.91 Ag Valley Coop SC \$68.00 Ag Valley Coop SC \$2,191.97 Amazon Capital Services SC \$(432.07) Amazon Capital Services SC \$738.50 Amazon Capital Services SC \$35.98 At-Scene, LLC SC \$1,800.00 ATC Communications SC \$50.00 Axon Enterprise Inc SC \$7,791.00 Banner Capital Bank T \$4,716.85 Banner Capital Bank T \$2,159.71 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,628.60 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$2,282.68 Banner Capital Bank - Visa SC \$660.41 Banner Capital Bank - Visa SC \$77.00 Banner Capital Bank - Visa SC \$41.00 Lois E Bishop M \$111.94 Black Hills Energy SC \$46.61 Brico Pest Control SC \$30.00 Tiffany Burton M/RF \$962.01 Camas Publishing, Llc-Valley Voice SC \$508.38 Cidnet SC \$300.00 911 Custom SC \$1,053.34 D & D Service SC \$95.48 Daake Law Office, LLC LF \$1,425.00 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$526.94 Eakes Office Plus SC \$816.81 Eakes Office Plus SC \$981.47 Eakes Office Plus SC \$161.47 Family Medical Specialties SF \$313.00 FGH Law Office, LLC LF \$163.80 First Central Bank LP \$3,791.61 Frontier County D \$2,500.00 Furnas Co District Court-Petty Cash P \$10.85 Furnas County Clerk F \$25.00 Gosper County Sheriff D \$2,500.00 Harlan County Sheriff's Office SF \$39.90 Hemelstrand's Inc SC \$19.97 Hometown Leasing LP \$773.35 Jessica Huntley M \$112.97 Jac Storage R \$155.00 John Deere Financial SC \$112.56 Kaufman Kawasaki Inc SC \$1,156.53 Kelleys Supermarket Inc SC \$988.09 Kelleys Supermarket Inc SC \$60.77 Klein,Brewster,Brandt & Messersmith LF \$1,146.30 Erin M Laborie M/RF \$700.06 Makayla Livingston M \$232.00 Madison National Life Ins Co Inc I \$141.50 Marks Pharmacy SC \$113.70 Mid-American Benefits Inc. I \$2,375.81 Mips Inc SC \$5,880.75 Mousel,Brooks,Schneider,Mustin & LF \$799.20 Ne Association Of County Officials D \$1,714.74 Nirma SC \$59,351.50 Phelps County Sheriff's Office SF \$1,026.72 Pinpoint Communications SC \$1,080.71 Quill Corporation SC \$9.84 Quill Corporation SC \$132.55 Red Willow Co Treasurer/Bailiff SC \$4,478.17 S & W Auto Parts SC \$190.21 Whitney A Schroeder LF \$2,500.00 Soarin Group SC \$2,713.50 Stapel Tire & Repair SC \$1,300.00 State Ne Admin Serv Central Finance SC \$537.60 Tk Elevator Corporation SC \$185.70 Tripe Motor Company Inc SC \$36.00 University Of Ne Medical Center SC \$650.00 Verizon Wireless SC \$82.95 Vision Service Plan I \$144.52 Anthony T Weverka RF \$123.00 Wex Bank (Building & Grounds) SC \$105.74 Wex Bank (Em Mgr) SC \$98.70 Wex Bank (Sheriff) SC \$1,287.66 4 States Towing SC \$375.00 Total \$155,387.05 Roads Salaries \$15,740.03 Aflac I \$468.79 Ag Valley Coop SC \$15,532.03 Amazon Capital Services SC \$22.97 ATC Communications SC \$93.94 Banner Capital Bank T \$3,559.83 Banner Capital Bank T \$1,586.01 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$980.69 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,471.08 Black Hills Energy SC \$147.27 Cambridge Telephone SC \$55.85 CHS Agri Service Center SC \$4,039.20 City Of Arapahoe SC \$220.20 City Of Cambridge SC \$124.17 Credit Management Services G \$284.59 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$501.69 Extreme Ag Inc SC \$1,772.50 Heartland New Holland SC \$73.18 Hemelstrand's Inc SC \$13.79 Husker Hardware SC \$14.17 Jacobs Auto Sales & Service SC \$593.70 Jim's Ok Tire Inc SC \$1,456.83 Kelleys Supermarket Inc SC \$220.62 Kimball Midwest SC \$157.68 Ne Child Support Payment Center G \$167.00 Newman Signs Inc SC \$4,220.38 Nirma SC \$59,351.50 NMC, Inc SC \$17,305.86 Overton Sand And Gravel SC \$16,723.64 Pinpoint Communications SC \$134.18 Powerplan SC \$768.92 RDO Truck Centers SC \$5,263.70 RDO Truck Centers SC \$350.00 S & W Auto Parts SC \$43.32 S & W Auto Parts SC \$1,018.35 Selden Lumber, Inc SC \$3,363.75 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC \$428.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC \$131.42 Titan Machinery - Holdrege SC \$499.70 Van Diest Supply Company SC \$913.03 Village Of Wilsonville SC \$44.36 Vision Service Plan I \$90.75 Wex Bank (Road) SC \$378.00 Eric J Youngquist SC \$380.00 Total \$160,706.67 Highway/Bridge Buyback Ace Irrigation & Mfg Co SC \$8,572.50 Total \$8,572.50 Arpa Delbert H Laws, Jr SC \$16,891.00 Total \$16,891.00 911 Emergency Salaries \$307.36 ATC Communications SC \$40.00 Banner Capital Bank T \$26.89 Banner Capital Bank T \$26.78 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$15.75 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$23.63 County Wide Directory LLC SC \$1,360.00 Total \$1,800.41 911 Wireless Arapahoe Telephone SC \$140.58 Cambridge Telephone SC \$175.13 CenturyLink SC \$2,358.10 Frontier SC \$264.65 Total \$2,938.46 Grand Total \$346,296.09.

Reports received: Fee Reports: ROD, District Court, Sheriff’s Office; Treasurers Revenue List & Monthly Operating Statement. Correspondence received: NIRMA- Contribution billing statement; NE Tax

Equalization and Review Commission- Order for Hearing and Notice of Hearing; Furnas County Assessor- Notice of Valuation Change for County Farm.

The Clerk informed the Board that the Order / Notice of Hearing has been cancelled, per the Assessor. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to adjourn the Commissioner meeting at 9:30 a.m. and convene the Board of Equalization Meeting. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, Tegtman, McCoy. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:

Chairman Sexton opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and advised of the Open Meetings Act poster on the wall and the provisions of the Act will be followed at this meeting. Board members present: Mike Sexton, Dennis Tegtman and Allan McCoy. Also present: Lois Bishop, County Clerk, Patrick Calkins, County Attorney, Sherry Thooft, Assessor.

Thooft presented the Commissioners a copy of her 2025 Plan of Assessment for Furnas County for Assessment Years 2026, 2027 and 2028, dated June 2, 2025. She then reviewed the 2025 Correction to Furnas County Tax Roll due to Over/Under Valued and Clerical Errors Report. Motion by McCoy to approve the report, second by Tegtman. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Tax for Cambridge Memorial Hospital, Inc., for 16 vehicles was approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

Chairman Sexton adjourned the Board of Equalization Meeting at meeting at 9:40 a.m. to reconvene into regular commissioners Meeting.

COMMISSIONER MEETING (Reconvened):

The Board reviewed the preliminary budget report. They will complete it at the next meeting. After review and discussion on employee salaries & wages, Tegtman made a motion to increase the County Attorneys secretary’s salary due to increased responsibilities to align with Office Clerks and a 3.5% across-the-board raise starting January 2025, second by McCoy. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

Public Comment: No one from the public attended the meeting.

At 10:05 a.m., Chairman Sexton moved that the Furnas County Board go into executive session pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1410(1)(c), to investigate allegations of criminal misconduct. Second by McCoy. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to reconvene in open session at 11:45 a.m. Chairman Sexton restated the purpose of the closed session was limited to only investigate allegations of criminal misconduct. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, Tegtman, McCoy. Motion carried. No formal actions were taken at this time.

There was no further business before the Board, Chairman Sexton adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m. The next regular board meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. or subject to call.

Mike Sexton, Chairman of the Board

Attest: Lois E. Bishop, County Clerk