

**FURNAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
PROCEEDINGS FOR January 13, 2026**

The Furnas County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 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 the County's website and kept current in the County Clerk's Office.

County Clerk Lois Bishop opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and informing those present of the Open Meetings Act poster displayed in the meeting room and that the provisions of the Act will be followed.

Board members present: Mike Sexton, Dennis Tegtman and Allan McCoy. Also present: Lois Bishop, County Clerk, Patrick Calkins, County Attorney.

Clerk Bishop opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners for 2026. Tegtman nominated Sexton, seconded by McCoy. RCV: Ayes: Tegtman, McCoy. Abstain: Sexton. Motion carried. Re-elected Chairman Sexton assumed the chair and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to approve the agenda. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

Minutes from December 23, 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 W \$33,601.48 Aflac I \$353.72 Ag Valley Coop SC \$787.84 Amazon Capital Services SC \$371.10 Amazon Capital Services SC \$367.52 Andrews Feed SC \$29.85 Applied Communication Technology SC \$80.00 Atc Communications SC \$50.00 Banner Capital Bank T \$9,183.42 Banner Capital Bank T \$3,542.62 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$2,626.77 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$3,681.11 Banner Capital Bank - Visa SC \$2,151.08 Banner Capital Bank - Visa SC \$41.00 Benchmark Government Solutions, LLC SC \$357.90 Black Hills Energy SC \$216.66 Brico Pest Control SC \$40.00 Patrick Calkins SC \$478.00 Camas Publishing, LLC-Valley Voice SC \$394.22 City Of Beaver City SC \$4,835.07 D & D Service SC \$253.55 Daake Law Office, LLC LF \$175.00 Datavant SC \$2.00 Dawson County Sheriff LF \$1,908.00 Dead Sled Towing And Recovery LLC SC \$345.00 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$414.09 Des Moines Stamp Mfg. Co. SC \$95.10 Eakes Office Plus SC \$403.58 Eakes Office Plus SC \$24.66 FGH Law Office, LLC R \$69.55 First Central Bank SC \$3,277.58 Furnas Co District Court-Petty Cash P \$40.00 Furnas County Attorney P \$100.00 Furnas County Clerk D \$25.00 Furnas County Court SC \$1,331.82 Furnas County Treasurer-Postage P \$12.84 Hemelstrand's Inc SC \$23.44 Hometown Leasing R \$852.39 Jac Storage R \$155.00 Kelleys Supermarket Inc SC \$833.90 Klein,Brewster,Brandt & Messersmith LF \$1,100.00 Lee's Crossroads Cafe SC \$390.15 Lexington Regional Health SC \$49.86 Madison National Life Ins Co Inc I \$119.63 Marks Pharmacy SC \$44.53 Klarchen Mckenzie C \$1,590.00 Mid-American Benefits Inc. I \$9,224.80 MIPS Inc SC \$4,226.22 Mousel,Brooks,Schneider,Mustin & LF \$277.20 Ne Assn County Assessors D \$100.00 Ne Assn Emergency Management D \$175.00 Ne Association Of County Officials D \$75.00 Ne Child Support Payment Center G \$450.00 Ne Clerks Of District Court Assoc. D \$50.00 Ne Health & Human Services SC \$338.73 Phelps County Sheriff's Office LF \$1,540.00 Physicians Laboratory, P.C. SC \$692.00 Pinpoint Communications SC \$1,081.55 Roger Powell RF \$44.67 Red Willow Co Treasurer/Veterans C \$6,695.91 Region 3 Behavioral Health Services SC \$2,926.83 River Valley Services SC \$7,365.25 Rooks County Health Center G \$327.75 S & W Auto Parts SC \$54.74 Mike Sexton M \$112.00 Sirchie Acquisition Company LLC SC \$49.57 Soarin Group SC \$2,965.50 State Ne Admin Serv Central Finance SC \$537.60 Strayer Communications R \$7,200.00 Streicher's Inc SC \$212.95 Tk Elevator Corporation SC \$192.12 Home2Suites SC \$749.70 Usda, Aphis, General SC \$1,323.10 Verizon Wireless SC \$400.99 Vision Service Plan I \$124.54 West Central District D \$25.00 Wex Bank (Em Mgr) SC \$105.77 Wex Bank (Sheriff) SC \$1,175.18 Total \$127,645.70 Roads Salaries W \$21,876.87 Aflac I \$378.44 Ag Valley Coop SC \$9,667.30 Atc Communications SC \$194.06 Banner Capital Bank T \$5,384.80 Banner Capital Bank T \$2,218.15 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,344.85 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$2,017.28 Black Hills Energy SC \$682.54 Cambridge General Store SC \$33.74 Cambridge Telephone SC \$143.91 Chs Agri Service Center SC \$3,554.44 City Of Arapahoe SC \$260.03 City Of Beaver City SC \$410.89 City Of Cambridge SC \$131.57 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$434.99 Extreme Ag Inc SC \$441.75 Grummert Professional Services, LLC SC \$1,450.00 Hemelstrand's Inc SC \$26.46 Husker Hardware SC \$255.84 Jim's Ok Tire Inc SC \$9,506.42 Kansas Payment Center G \$222.00 Kelleys Supermarket Inc SC \$25.52 Kelleys Supermarket Inc SC \$37.84 Kimball Midwest SC \$495.96 Lord's Inc SC \$26.31 Michael Todd Industrial Supply SC \$492.96 Ne Assn Of County Officials D \$160.00 Ne Child Support Payment Center G \$167.00 Nmc, Inc SC \$3,986.38 Nmc, Inc SC \$1,019.99 Overton Sand And Gravel SC \$33,143.76 Pinpoint Communications SC \$212.24 Roy's Sales & Service SC \$24.07 S & W Auto Parts SC \$189.99 S & W Auto Parts SC \$1,014.16 Sappa Valley Farm & Auto, LLC SC \$35.78

Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC \$212.54 Twin Valleys Public Power District SC \$175.36 Village Of Wilsonville SC \$44.36 Vision Service Plan I \$76.68 Wagners Supermarket Inc SC \$8.19 Wex Bank (Road) SC \$295.26 Total \$102,480.68 Reg Of Deeds MIPS Inc SC \$153.70 Total \$153.70 911 Emergency Salaries W \$302.46 Atc Communications SC \$40.00 Banner Capital Bank T \$31.79 Banner Capital Bank T \$26.78 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$15.75 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$23.63 Total \$440.41 911 Wireless Cambridge Telephone SC \$175.13 CenturyLink SC \$7,892.60 Frontier SC \$265.57 Total \$8,333.30 Grand Total \$239,053.79.

Reports received: Fee Reports: ROD, District Court, Sheriff's Office; County Court; Treasurers Revenue List & Monthly Operating Statement. Correspondence received: None.

REORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENTS – 2026

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS- VICE CHAIRMAN: Tegtman nominated McCoy. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, Tegtman. Abstain: McCoy. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Chairman: McCoy nominated Mike Sexton. RCV: Ayes: Tegtman, McCoy. Abstain: Sexton. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman: Tegtman nominated McCoy. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, Tegtman. Abstain: McCoy. Motion carried.

WEED DISTRICT BOARD

Chairman: Tegtman nominated Sexton. RCV: Ayes: Tegtman, McCoy. Abstain: Sexton. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman: Tegtman nominated McCoy. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, Tegtman. Abstain: McCoy. Motion carried.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to reappoint the same individuals serving in 2025 to the following positions and committees for calendar year 2026:

COUNTY APPOINTMENTS:

- Overseers of Courthouse, Jail & Grounds – County Commissioners
- Highway Superintendent – Lance Harter, Oak Creek Engineering
- Investment Officer – Barbara Powell, County Treasurer
- Emergency Manager – Roger Powell
- Planning & Zoning Administrator – Roger Powell
- Veterans Service Officer – Michael Simmonds
- Safety Committee Chairman – Doug Brown

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

- South Central Nebraska Area Agency on Aging – Mike Sexton
- Mid-Nebraska Individual Services – Dennis Tegtman
- Region 3 Governing Board – Dennis Tegtman
- Farm Consultant Manager – Dennis Tegtman
- Extension Board Liaison – Allan McCoy
- Central Community College Advisory Board – Allan McCoy
- Land Valuation Board – Dennis Tegtman
- Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department – Mike Sexton

Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to designate the *Valley Voice* as the Official County Newspaper, including publication on the Public Notices Online website, and to designate the Furnas County website (www.furnascounty.ne.gov) as an additional method of public notice. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to adopt Resolution 2026-1-13, Designating Banks as Depositories for Furnas County for the Calendar Year 2026: Banner Capital Bank, Beaver City; First Central Bank, Arapahoe, Cambridge & Edison; First State Bank, Cambridge & Holbrook; South Central State Bank, Oxford; Waypoint Bank, Cambridge; NFIT (NE Federal Investment Trust), Lincoln; NPAIT (PMA Financial Network), Naperville IL and Premier Bank, Lincoln. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to certify the 2026 appointment of Lance Harter, as Contract Consultant basis, operating with Class A License, number S-1426, as Highway Superintendent for the calendar year, January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for the purpose of the 2026 calendar year Highway Incentive Payment, to be issued to Furnas County by the Nebraska Department of Transportation in February 2026. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: No items were brought before the Board; no meeting was held.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one from the public attended the meeting.

Roger Powell discussed NIRMAs suggestions for signage in the county. Powell will check the State laws regarding signs.

Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to adopt Resolution 2026-1-13B - Certifying the Proper Completion of Project for Structures C003320410 & C003350450. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

Lance Harter, Oak Creek Engineering, discussed advertising for bids to construct Structure No. C003330215, 726 Road, E of Hwy 283, on Gosper County line and the shared work and cost with Gosper County. The ad will run for 3 weeks with bid opening on February 24, 2026.

Gregg O'Brien, NMC Caterpillar, discussed the purchase and financing of a 2026 CAT motor grader EB210321. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to purchase a 2026 CAT motor grader, S/N EB210321, NASPO pricing of \$343,600.00 less trade-in of 2010 CAT 140M, S/N B9D02063 of \$57,500.00. Financing will be \$150,000.00 from Inheritance Funds, \$286,500 financed through CAT Financial.

Sheriff Doug Brown discussed new employee and training.

Burial Assistance Application was reviewed.

Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman, to designate the Clerk of the District Court as full-time elected official. RCV: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

After discussion and reviewing changes in legislation regarding budgets and commissioners' salary, a motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to approve Resolution 2026-1-13A, Establishing Salaries for Elected Officials for 2027-2030 as follows:

For elected officials, the 2027 salary shall be the 2026 salary plus an increase based on the cumulative Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor on the 12-month average from December 2025 to November 2026, plus 1%. The salaries for 2028 through 2030 shall be based on the previous year's salary, plus an increase based on the cumulative Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor in November 2026, November 2027, and November 2028, plus 1%. The annual CPI-U increase shall not exceed 3% and, in the event of a CPI-U that is at 0% or less, officials and employees shall receive only the "plus 1%" increase. The full-time Chief Deputies for the County Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, and Clerk of the District Court shall receive 70% of the elected officials. The County Commissioners and Chairmans salary for calendar years 2027 and 2028, shall be \$31,993.63. For calendar years 2029 and 2030, the annual salary for the office of County Board Chair and County Commissioners shall be established at \$31,993.63, plus an increase based on the cumulative Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor in November 2027 and November 2028, plus 1%. The annual CPI-U increase shall not exceed 3% and, in the event of a CPI-U that is at 0% or less, officials and employees shall receive only the "plus 1%" increase. RCV: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

There was no further business before the Board, Chairman Sexton adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm. The next regular board meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 9:00 am or subject to call.

Mike Sexton, Chairman of the Board

Attest: Lois E. Bishop, County Clerk