

**FURNAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
PROCEEDINGS FOR January 27, 2026**

The Furnas County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 27, 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 County's website, and kept current in the County Clerk's Office.

Mike Sexton, Chairman, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m., informing 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 were: Mike Sexton, Dennis Tegtman and Allan McCoy. Also present: County Clerk Lois Bishop and County Attorney Patrick Calkins.

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

Minutes from January 13, 2026, 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 McCoy, second by Tegtman. 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 \$76,195.85 Aflac I \$1,355.11 Banner Capital Bank T \$16,016.66 Banner Capital Bank T \$7,499.36 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$4,610.16 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$6,757.88 Beaver City Manor SC \$1,191.40 Black Hills Energy SC \$377.17 Mickayla Blender M \$107.78 Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Nebraska I \$47,895.83 Blue 360 Media SC \$105.95 Broken Bar C Electric, LLC SC \$170.00 Buffalo County Sheriff SC \$21.36 Camas Publishing, LLC-Valley Voice SC \$192.00 Justin Daake (Public Defender) C \$5,736.76 Dead Sled Towing And Recovery LLC SC \$575.00 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$1,242.37 Des Moines Stamp Mfg. Co. SC \$140.15 Empower Retirement R \$500.00 Larsen's Ace Hardware SC \$19.98 Madison National Life Ins Co Inc I \$151.84 Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc I \$31.81 Mid-American Benefits Inc. I \$4,384.89 Mid-American Research Chemical SC \$279.90 Midwest Special Services SC \$1,784.45 Naceb - Ne Assn Co Extension Boards D \$50.00 Ne Assn Co Clerks, Rod, Elections D \$50.00 Ne Child Support Payment Center G \$450.00 Ne Law Enforcement Training D \$500.00 Quill Corporation SC \$142.74 State Ne Admin Serv Central Finance SC \$172.00 Streicher's Inc SC \$25.99 Twin Rivers Transfer SC \$780.70 Twopturf, LLC SC \$2,116.91 Us Postal Services SC \$488.50 Vision Service Plan I \$275.08 Anthony T Weverka RF \$292.40 Total \$182,687.98 Roads Salaries W \$15,681.44 Aflac I \$378.46 Banner Capital Bank T \$3,431.84 Banner Capital Bank T \$1,561.84 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$913.79 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,370.68 Black Hills Energy SC \$490.83 Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Nebraska I \$18,151.17 Bomgaars Supply, Inc SC \$518.92 Central Nebraska Equipment LLC SC \$731.54 Central States Aggregate LLC SC \$12,608.19 City Of Cambridge SC \$144.32 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$435.03 Lance M. Harter, P.E. C \$645.83 Alex Huntley SC \$160.00 Kansas Payment Center G \$222.00 Ne Child Support Payment Center G \$167.00 Newman Signs Inc SC \$1,755.76 Oak Creek Engineering, LLC SC \$10,020.10 Raka SC \$452.12 River Valley Services SC \$6,105.00 Vision Service Plan I \$76.70 Total \$76,022.56 Inheritance Caterpillar Financial Services Corp SC \$150,000.00 Total \$150,000.00 911 Emergency CenturyLink SC \$5,695.00 Platte Valley Communications SC \$1,605.16 Total \$7,300.16 911 Wireless CenturyLink SC \$81.00 Total \$81.00 Grand Total \$416,091.70.

Reports: Fee Reports: Treasurers Revenue List; Treasurers Semi-Annual Report.

Correspondence: NE Commission on Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice- Noncompliance Fine;

NE Commission on Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice- Jail Standards-Annual Inspection

Nebraska Extension Lead Educator Erin Laborie and Assistant Makayla Livingston presented the Annual Programming and Financial Statement Report and reviewed Extension programs provided throughout county communities and schools during the year.

Noxious Weed Superintendent Todd Weverka reported on funding, annual reports, the tree program, landowner agreements, and continuing education hours.

Emergency Manager Roger Powell reported on Planning and Zoning activities, including initial work on the 10-year Comprehensive Plan; discussed tire replacement for the Courthouse pickup; and requested approval to purchase a four-gas monitor. Powell stated he would explore grant opportunities for safety equipment funding

Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to approve ROW Utility Permit 2026-1-27 for Kurt Knutson. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the request from Ron McClain for the change of the status of Road 714, between Hwy 283 and Road 425, from minimum maintenance to graveled. Calkins will consult with Highway Superintendent Lance Harter regarding requirements, study and cost.

Gregg O'Brien, NMC Caterpillar was present for signing documents related to the financing of a 2026 motor grader with CAT Financial.

The board reviewed the letter from NE Dept. of Health & Human Services, RE: 84055 Y3; Notice of Mutual Termination on IV-D Child Support Enforcement, providing formal notice of the collective decision to mutually terminate the grant subaward agreement effective December 31, 2025. Services were transferred to YoungWilliams under their contract with NDHHS.

Tegtman reported on committee meetings attended: Mid NE Individual Services on January 21, 2026, and Region 3 Behavioral Services Governing Board on January 23, 2026.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of the public were present.

There was no further business before the Board, Chairman Sexton adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

The next regular board meetings will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 9:00 am or subject to call.

Mike Sexton, Chairman of the Board

Attest: Lois E. Bishop, County Clerk