

**FURNAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
PROCEEDINGS FOR May 12, 2026**

The Furnas County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, for a regular board meeting in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor in the Courthouse. Notice of the meeting 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.

Chairman Mike Sexton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and informed those present of the Open Meetings Act poster displayed on the wall, stating that the provisions of the Act would be followed throughout the meeting. Board members present were Mike Sexton, Dennis Tegtman and Allan McCoy. Also present were Lois Bishop, County Clerk and Patrick Calkins, County Attorney.

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

Minutes from April 28, 2026, meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by McCoy, seconded by Tegtman. Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

The following claims were reviewed and approved on a motion by Tegtman, seconded 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 \$22,710.39 Aflac I \$572.71 Ag Valley Coop SC \$1,687.14 Amazon Capital Services SC \$204.78 Amazon Capital Services SC \$590.06 Amazon Capital Services SC \$59.99 Andrews Feed SC \$213.00 Atc Communications SC \$50.00 Banner Capital Bank T \$4,618.48 Banner Capital Bank T \$2,270.74 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,692.98 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$2,373.39 Banner Capital Bank - Visa SC \$341.16 Banner Capital Bank - Visa SC \$41.00 Mickayla Blender M \$84.10 Brico Pest Control SC \$180.00 Buffalo County SC \$400.00 Camas Publishing, LLC-Valley Voice SC \$1,122.83 City Of Beaver City SC \$2,979.71 Contryman Associates SC \$18,000.00 Crowne Plaza Kearney SC \$959.70 D&D Service SC \$796.88 Datashield Corporation SC \$27.20 Dead Sled Towing And Recovery LLC SC \$523.00 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$497.81 Dr. Jesse Neal Dental Care SC \$178.54 Eakes Office Plus SC \$600.56 Eakes Office Plus SC \$205.62 Eakes Office Plus SC \$1,937.74 Fgh Law Office, LLC LF \$1,716.07 First Central Bank LP \$3,277.58 Furnas County Clerk D \$25.00 Furnas County Clerk District Court LF \$108.00 Furnas County Sheriff-Postage P \$93.10 Furnas County Sheriff's Office LF \$213.86 Garey Funeral Homes Inc M \$447.70 Gworks (Gis Workshop, LLC) SC \$25,579.00 Harlan County Health System SC \$7,483.32 Hemelstrand's Inc SC \$13.99 Hometown Leasing SC \$855.19 Jac Storage R \$155.00 Kelleys Supermarket Inc SC \$554.54 Klein,Brewster,Brandt & Messersmith LF \$2,176.45 Erin M Laborie M \$346.55 Madison National Life Ins Co Inc I \$125.50 Marks Pharmacy SC \$100.27 Marvin Planning Consultants SC \$3,000.00 Klarchen Mckenzie C \$420.00 MIPS Inc SC \$2,785.29 Mousel,Brooks,Schneider,Mustin & LF \$725.00 Ne Assn Of County Officials D \$600.00 Ne Child Support Payment Center G \$450.00 Ne State Fire Marshall-Elevator Div SC \$120.00 Phelps County Sheriff's Office LF \$18.50 Pinpoint Communications SC \$1,080.92 Point-C I \$33,686.28 Pritchard & Abbott, Inc SC \$900.00 Region 3 Behavioral Health Services SC \$162.27 Shaw Law Office LF \$1,327.15 Julie Sisson M \$135.10 State Ne Admin Serv Central Finance SC \$537.60 Sherry Thooft M \$194.15 United States Post Office P \$78.00 Gerald Utterback M \$108.75 Verizon Wireless SC \$400.89 Vision Service Plan I \$140.46 Westfield Pharmacy SC \$170.45 Wex Bank (Building & Grounds) SC \$64.85 Wex Bank (Em Mgr) SC \$204.92 Wex Bank (Sheriff) SC \$1,491.79 Total \$157,993.00 Roads Salaries W \$15,785.48 Adam Marshall Land & Auction SC \$29,270.00 Aflac I \$540.26 Ag Valley Coop SC \$16,482.82 Amazon Capital Services SC \$111.60 Atc Communications SC \$193.90 Banner Capital Bank T \$3,471.42 Banner Capital Bank T \$1,581.35 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$975.31 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,462.95 Black Hills Energy SC \$143.87 Cambridge General Store SC \$45.25 Cambridge Telephone SC \$143.86 Central States Aggregate LLC SC \$5,712.84 Chs Agri Service Center SC \$5,495.15 City Of Arapahoe SC \$230.08 City Of Beaver City SC \$151.56 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$434.99 Extreme Ag Inc SC \$95.00 Furnas County Clerk D \$20.00 Heartland New Holland SC \$1,107.81 Hemelstrand's Inc SC \$24.01 Kansas Payment Center G \$222.00 Ne Child Support Payment Center G \$167.00 Nmc, Inc SC \$6,898.28 Pinpoint Communications SC \$212.18 Pro Building Supply Inc SC \$88.90 Roy's Sales & Service SC \$117.64 Sappa Valley Farm & Auto, LLC SC \$262.06 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC \$61.47 Twin Valleys Public Power District SC \$155.96 Village Of Wilsonville SC \$44.36 Vision Service Plan I \$76.68 Wagners Supermarket Inc SC \$42.07 Wex Bank (Road) SC \$252.26 Total \$92,080.37 Highway/Bridge Buyback Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co SC \$69,721.70 Oak Creek Engineering, LLC SC \$3,151.65 Overton Sand And Gravel SC \$11,086.79 Saul Ramos Construction, Inc SC \$15,809.43 \$99,769.57 Visitors Promotion Nebraska Porcelain Artists SC \$1,000.00 Oxford Turkey Days Inc SC \$1,000.00 Total \$2,000.00 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 \$149.25 Frontier SC \$290.43 Total \$614.81 Courthouse Bond Bokf, Na SC \$200.00 Bokf, Na SC \$9,055.00 Total \$9,255.00 Grand Total \$362,306.86.

Reports received included Fee Reports from Register of Deeds, Sheriff, County Court, Clerk of District Court; Treasurer Revenue List & Fund Balance Listing; and Road Expenditure Report.

Correspondence received: USDA FSA- Ag Foreign Investment Disclosure Act

Sheriff Doug Brown reviewed and discussed Resolution 2026-5-12, regarding Automatic License Plate Reader with Flock Safety. Motion by Tegtman, seconded by McCoy to approve Resolution 2026-5-12. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried. Sheriff Brown also discussed prisoner medical billing and personnel matters.

Motion by Tegtman, seconded by McCoy to approve Region 3 Behavioral Health Services FY 2027 County Match Request of \$11,809.37. RCV: Sexton, Tegtman, McCoy. Motion carried.

Motion by McCoy, seconded by Tegtman to approve Region 3 Behavioral Health Services and Furnas County Letter of Agreement for EPC. RCV: Sexton, Tegtman, McCoy. Motion carried.

NACO Health Insurance plan renewals for 2026-2027 was reviewed. Motion by Tegtman, seconded by McCoy to continue with the same BCBS Medical Plan- \$6,100 QHDHP with the County buying down to \$500/\$1000 deductible with Point-C as administrator.

Board Of Equalization: No items were brought before the Board; no meeting was held.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present for comments.

Discussion was held regarding outside ash trays, a trash receptacle, the handicap parking sign located on the north side of the courthouse, and the old mower building. Connie Gustafson, Sheriff's Office Manager, will order a new ash tray for the south side of the courthouse and look for a possible trash receptacle. The Board will hire someone to relocate the existing handicap sign on building to a post in front of the designated handicap parking spaces. The Board also discussed removal of the old mower building. In addition, private burial on Furnas County land was discussed. The Assessor's Office and Planning and Zoning Department will conduct further review in the matter.

Department Reports: Tiffany Burton, Clerk of District Court, discussed personnel matters.

Motion by Sexton, seconded by Tegtman, to go into closed session at 10:59 a.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. RCV: Sexton, Tegtman, McCoy. Motion carried. Motion by McCoy, seconded by Tegtman to exit closed session at 11:05 a.m. RCV: Sexton, Tegtman, McCoy. Motion carried. No action was taken.

There was no further business before the Board, Chairman Sexton adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.

The next regular board meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 9:00 am or subject to call.

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Mike Sexton, Chairman of the Board

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Attest: Lois E. Bishop, County Clerk