

January 16, 2025  
O'Neill, Nebraska

The Holt County Board of Supervisors met as a Board of Equalization with all members present. County Assessor Tim Wallinger, County Treasurer Shelly Ross and County Clerk Cathy Pavel were also in attendance. This meeting publicized pursuant to Section 84-1411 R.R.S. 1943. Notice of meeting given in advance thereof by publication in paper as shown by Affidavit of Publication on January 8, 2025, in the Summerland Advocate. Chairman Frahm convened the meeting at 9:30 A.M. with the flag salute.

Motion by Paxton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neiman, to approve the minutes of the December 31, 2024, meeting as printed. Voting Aye: Treptow, Linqvist, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Tielke and Frahm. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Paxton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Breiner, to approve the tax list corrections #25-001 as submitted by the Assessor. Voting Aye: Linqvist, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Tielke, Treptow and Frahm. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Paxton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neiman, to approve the Qualifying For-Profit Nursing Facility, Skilled Nursing Facility or Assisted Living applications on file for 2025. Voting Aye: Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Tielke, Treptow, Linqvist and Frahm. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Frahm adjourned the meeting at 9:41 A.M.

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Doug Frahm, Chairman

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Cathy Pavel, Clerk

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The Holt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session as per adjournment with all members present. This meeting publicized pursuant to Section 84-1411 R.R.S. 1943. Notice of meeting given in advance thereof by publication in paper as shown by Affidavit of Publication on January 8, 2025, in the Summerland Advocate. Chairman Tielke convened the meeting at 9:45 A.M. and informed the public of the location of the Open Meeting Poster.

Motion by Frahm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paxton, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2025, meeting as printed. Voting Aye: Treptow, Linqvist, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and placed on file.

Motion by Paxton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neiman, to acknowledge receipt of the Semi-Annual Statement and placed on file with the County Clerk. Voting Aye: Linqvist, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Claims were reviewed.

Correspondence was reviewed.

The Finance Committee reported that the County Officials had remitted their monthly fees to the County Treasurer as required.

9:50 A.M. being the time advertised for public comment General Manager Upper Elkhorn NRD Dennis Schueth was present to speak to the Board.

10:00 A.M. the Board conducted a conference meeting with Nextlink representatives Ebony Cooksey and Aaron Clark on broadband development for Holt County.

Sheriff Ben Matchett and Deputy Ed Nordby were present to discuss wages for jailers, jail administrator, deputies & merit pay for Sheriff Deputies for 2025.

Motion by Breiner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neiman, to continue with the 3 year plan implement in 2023 and to increase the sheriff deputy wages \$2.00 per hour and to include the 2025 merit pay. Voting Aye: Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Linqvist and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Frahm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paxton, to increase the jailer wages \$1.00 per hour. Voting Aye: Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Linqvist, Neiman and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Frahm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linqvist, to increase the jail administrator (Lieutenant) an additional \$1.00 per hour. Voting Aye: Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Linqvist, Neiman, Breiner and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Neiman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Breiner, to increase the part time deputy wages to \$23.00 per hour. Voting Aye: Frahm, Treptow, Linqvist, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Marv Fritz was present to discuss the VRDG, LLC Solar Energy Storage permitting approval for the proposed project in Northeast Holt County. County Attorney Brent Kelly and Attorney David Levy were on a conference call with the Board.

11:00 A.M. Supervisor Treptow was excused.

11:28 A.M. Supervisor Treptow returned to the meeting.

Motion by Breiner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paxton, to authorize the Chairman to sign the permitting letter with VRDG, LLC confirming battery energy storage is a permitted accessory use to the solar energy generation facility previously approved via conditional use permit, provided that, prior to commencing construction, VRDG provide, and the Zoning Administrator approve, an updated site plan and wiring diagram that accurately incorporate the conditionally permitted solar energy generation facility, the accessory battery energy storage use, the project substation and other project improvements. Voting Aye: Treptow, Linqvist, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Paxton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neiman, to approve the surety bonds on file for Linda Montgomery, Golden Township and Heath Dobrovlny, Francis Township Treasurer. Voting Aye: Linqvist, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Neiman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treptow, to set a public hearing date for February 18, 2025, at 11:15 A.M. for the Annual 2025 One & Six Year Road Improvement Program Hearing in the Holt County Board of Supervisors meeting room. Voting Aye: Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Linqvist and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Neiman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Breiner, to approve the Right of Way permits for Mike Kelly for electrical cable for irrigation in NW ¼ 6-29-13, NE ¼ 6-29-13 & NE ¼ 32-30-13. Voting Aye: Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Linquist, Neiman and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Neiman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paxton, to approve the state bid from Wm Krotter Co. on a 2024 Ram 4x4 3500 Crew Cab long box for \$49,458.00. Voting Aye: Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Linquist, Neiman, Breiner and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Paxton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Breiner, to approve the purchase of 8 storage racks and 2 warehouse ladders from Nebraska Federal Surplus Property. Voting Aye: Frahm, Treptow, Linquist, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Gary Connot Road Superintendent presented his Department Activity Report.

Motion by Frahm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treptow, to approve the following claims. Voting Aye: Treptow, Linquist, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

**General Fund Claim Fund Total: \$447962.75**

American Express, Serv, \$69.00  
Anson Ins, Ins, \$71082.00  
Antelope Cty Sheriff, Serv, \$630.00  
Appeara, Serv, \$200.98  
Applied Connective, Serv, \$2085.76  
Atkinson Graphic, Ad, \$206.56  
Bartak Glass, Parts/Rep, \$6273.00  
Beam Insurance Administrators, Serv, \$432.36  
Robert Bergman, Prior Retireme, \$66.00  
Black Hills Energy, Serv, \$1163.94  
Bomgaars, Parts, \$58.90  
R.F.Bouska, Prior Retireme, \$108.00  
Boyd-Holt Mut Aid, Serv, \$40.80  
Boyd-Holt E911, Serv, \$146841.50  
Boyd's Electrical Service, Inc., Serv, \$6930.33  
Brent Kelly Law Firm, Gas, \$1140.62  
Bruner Frank Schumacher Husak, Llc, Atty Fees, \$190.00  
Buller, Stephanie, Trvl, \$107.24  
C&S Repair, Parts/Rep, \$67.00  
Ivan Campbell, Prior Retireme, \$18.00  
Carhart Lumber Co., Supp, \$4251.99  
Century Link, Serv, \$81.32  
Century Link, Serv, \$1261.05  
Century Link, Serv, \$195.52  
Charm Tex, Serv, \$70.90  
City Of O'neill, Serv, \$684.79  
Clearly Communications, Serv, \$339.30  
Crowne Plaza Kearney, Trvl, \$279.90  
Das State Accounting-Central Financ, Serv, \$424.00  
Dept of Corr Serv, Serv, \$2439.45  
Gary Devall, Prior Retireme, \$18.00  
Eakes, Serv, \$91.94  
EVFM, Med, \$368.00  
Dave Ertz, Per Diem, \$45.91  
Fox's Food Plaza, Fuel, \$80.13  
Fusion Cloud Services, Llc, Sheriff, \$242.56  
Galyen, Boettcher & Baier Pc, Llo, Atty Fees, \$440.00  
Gokie Oil Company, Inc., Fuel, \$156.61  
Great America Leasing Co, Serv, \$1506.39  
Great Plains Comm., Inc., Serv, \$166.00  
Frank Grenier, Prior Retireme, \$60.00  
Tim Haggerty, Prior Retireme, \$42.00  
John Hammerlun, Trvl, \$9.38  
Heartland Fire Protection, Monthly, \$378.40  
Holiday Inn Express, Trvl, \$249.90  
Holt Co. Independent, Ad, \$76.85  
Holt Cty Sheriff, Pstg, \$15.26  
Holt Cty Treas, Fee, \$39.50  
Holt Co Dist Court, Crt Fees, \$72.00  
Hometown Leasing, Serv, \$82.41  
Johnston, Bethany, Pstg, \$34.84  
Kbrx, Ad, \$7.50  
Kirschmer, Alexis, Prior Retireme, \$42.00  
Kipton Krysl, Prior Retireme, \$30.00  
LaQuinta, Trvl, \$2374.05  
Liewer, Mark, Trvl, \$16.00  
Loup Basin Rc&D Council, Dues, \$200.00  
Matchett, Ben, Trvl, \$32.00  
Meritain Health, Ins, \$125,000.00  
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc Equip Monthly \$246.00  
Mid American Research, Serv, \$80.39

Mips, Inc, Equip Monthly, \$2425.50  
 Moody Motor, Serv, \$210.30  
 NACO P&Z , Dues, \$40.00  
 Naco, Dues, \$50.00  
 Ne Health & Human Services, Dues, \$90.00  
 NACO, Mtg, \$50.00  
 Nebraska Public Power District, Serv, \$3432.90  
 Nebraska Tech & Telecomm, Inc Serv, \$503.32  
 Nebraska Weed Control Association, Registration , \$150.00  
 Nebr Assoc of Cty Assessor, Dues, \$100.00  
 Niobrara Valley Electric, Serv, \$82.28  
 O'neill Car Wash, Rep, \$57.94  
 O'neill Chemical Co., Parts, \$576.93  
 O'neill Family Pharmacy, Medical, \$738.15  
 O'Neill Pest Control, Serv, \$75.00  
 O'Neill Printing, Supp, \$4.35  
 O'neill Super Foods, Misc, \$1406.32  
 Office Products Center, Supp, \$252.00  
 One Office Solution, Supp, \$21.76  
 One Office Solution, Supp, \$161.43  
 One Office Solution, Supp, \$59.33  
 One Office Solution, Supp, \$236.64  
 One Office Solution, Supp, \$401.83  
 One Office Solution, Supp, \$63.92  
 One Office Solution, Supp, \$46.96  
 One Office Solution, Supp, \$12.18  
 Peterson, Brandon, Trvl, \$46.90  
 Petty Cash-Clerk, Supp, \$21.25  
 Petty Cash-Cty Atty, Pstg, \$242.68  
 Delmar Pinkerman, Prior Retireme, \$2.00  
 Postmaster, Box Rent, \$352.00  
 Powertech, Serv, \$520.00  
 Quill Corporation, Supp, \$765.11  
 Quill Corporation, Supp, \$83.39  
 Rasmussen Land Surveying, Serv, \$9926.00  
 Region Iv, Inc, Serv, \$7969.00  
 Region IV, Serv, \$5548.00  
 Reiser, Ins, 50.00  
 Rotherham Tire Service Tire Serv, \$78.00  
 Schaecher Electric, Serv, \$187.16  
 Schindler Electric, Serv, \$132.95  
 Eileen Schmit, Prior Retireme, \$30.00  
 Secretary of State, Supp, \$30.00  
 Security Shredding, Serv, \$80.00  
 Seger Funeral Home, Serv, \$6400.00  
 Ralph Seger, Prior Retireme, \$18.00  
 Sidwell Harris, Serv, \$187.50  
 Darla Smith, Contract Labor, \$1,700.00  
 Rodney W Smith, Dues, \$284.40  
 Special T's, Supp, \$108.00  
 Ken Stenka, Trvl, \$175.54  
 Summerland Advocate, Ad, \$144.13  
 GIT, Serv, \$562.50  
 Thomas, Judith, Prior Retireme, \$96.00  
 Three River Communications, Serv, \$231.80  
 Amy Timmerman, Dues, \$90.04  
 Tomjack, Chris, Trvl, \$28.81  
 Torpin's Rodeo Market, Supp, \$1257.04  
 UNL, Serv, \$100.00  
 Us Bank , Supp, \$66.31  
 Regina Val Verde, Trvl, \$91.98  
 Verizon, Serv, \$91.75  
 Verizon Wireless, Serv, \$274.66  
 Duane Vosler, Trvl, \$21.44  
 Ladonna Werth, Trvl, \$101.84  
 Wex, Fuel, \$2137.40  
 Wm Krotter, Parts/Rep, \$612.88  
 Zelle Human Resource Solutions , Serv, \$3000.00  
 Avera St. Anthony's Med, \$12923.02  
**Road Fund Claim Fund Total: \$414445.82**  
 Agland, Supp, \$708.41  
 Akrs Equipment, Roads, \$25350.00  
 Akrs Equipment Solutions, Inc., Parts, \$9263.01  
 Anson Elec, Serv, \$738.00  
 Appeara, Serv, \$357.32

At&T, Serv, \$68.99  
Avera St. Anthony's, Med, \$190.00  
B&M Repair, Serv, \$620.84  
B's Enterprises, Inc., Serv, \$7074.40  
Black Hills Energy, Serv, \$1832.21  
Blackstrap Inc., Serv, \$45417.68  
Bomgaars, Parts, \$3793.58  
Bowman Consulting, Serv, \$39021.35  
Breiner, Welding, Serv, \$2912.94  
Carhart, Supp, \$1425.18  
Carroll Olson Enterprises, Rep/Parts, \$518.37  
Century Link, Serv, \$117.32  
Century Link, Serv, \$0.83  
Century Link, Serv, \$69.12  
Century Link, Serv, \$70.37  
Chambers Township, Serv, \$11500.00  
Cintas, Serv, \$142.00  
City Of Atkinson, Serv, \$78.32  
Cole Petroleum, Fuel, \$18936.00  
Cole Sand & Gravel, Roads, \$26286.58  
Connot Tire Service, Parts, \$5138.05  
Dexter Diesel, Fuel, \$8145.10  
Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, Serv, \$96.15  
Elkhorn Sand & Gravel, Gravel, \$17766.30  
Emme Sand & Gravel, Sand, \$31127.73  
Ewing Feed & Supply, Supp, \$70.89  
Farmers Pride, Serv, \$10197.73  
First Stop, Fuel, \$106.06  
Fusion Cloud Services, Llc, Road, \$50.29  
Galyen Energy Supp, Supp, \$3348.61  
Garrett Enterprises, Serv, \$1297.52  
Gentele Construction, Serv, \$23990.92  
Great Plains Comm., Inc., Serv, \$54.34  
Great Western Gas, Fuel, \$670.10  
Green's Service, Parts/Rep, \$116.29  
Keith Hipke, Clay, \$4448.14  
Holt Co Independent, Ad, \$30.00  
Holt Co Tire, Serv, \$799.80  
J&J Sanitation, Serv, \$340.02  
J&J Sanitation, Serv, \$201.32  
John Deere Financial Power Plan, Serv, \$7771.22  
K & M Telephone Co., Serv, \$36.71  
Kimball Midwest, Serv, \$896.47  
Jennifer Koenig, Supp, \$35.30  
LaQuinta, Trvl, \$374.85  
LCL Truck, Serv, \$2726.83  
Mainelli Wagner, Serv, \$55748.83  
McCormick Tree, Serv, \$1077.50  
Midwest Serv, Serv, \$625.00  
Mitchell Equip, Parts/Rep, \$163.67  
Molt MFH, Serv, \$1280.00  
Motor Fuels Division, Tax, \$4344.00  
Municipal Power, Serv, \$811.11  
Nebraska Public Power District, Serv, \$541.67  
Niobrara Valley Electric, Serv, \$761.72  
Nmc, Serv, \$11009.65  
North Central Public Power, Serv, \$132.15  
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, Serv, \$46.50  
O'Neill Auto Supply, Inc., Parts/Rep, \$3137.10  
O'Neill Shopper, Ad, \$288.27  
Ogden's Ace Hardware, Parts, \$21.93  
One Office Solution, Serv, \$266.96  
Platte Valley Communications, Inc., Serv, \$620.64  
Pomp's Tire, Serv, \$2504.18  
Quality Alignment & Repair, Labor, \$1044.03  
Ranchland Auto Parts, Parts, \$1067.78  
Reiman's Body Shop, Parts, \$165.00  
Road Builders, Serv, \$123.68  
Rotherham Tire, Parts/Rep, \$884.00  
Ryan's Truck & Tractor Repair, Rep/Parts, \$1390.77  
Shaffer, Jeffery, Trvl, \$20.68  
Shamrock Diesel Repair, Rep/Parts, \$442.83  
Sioux City Truck, Serv, \$269.79  
Southside Mini Mart, Fuel, \$108.04  
Stern Oil, Serv, \$407.17  
Summerland Advocate, Ad, \$95.00  
The Sandhill Ties, Serv, \$35.00

Torpin's Rodeo Market, Supp, \$87.39  
Triple R Tire, Parts, \$25.00  
Truck Center Companies,Parts, \$2962.44  
Uline, Supp, \$86.86  
Uptown Cooking Creations, Supp, \$650.00  
Us Bank , Supp, \$706.29  
Verizon, Serv, \$785.95  
Village Of Chambers,Serv, \$118.77  
Susan Walters, Supp, \$77.94  
Warp Networks, Serv, \$60.99  
Welsh Welding & Repair, Parts/Rep, \$28.50  
White Star Oil Company ,Fuel, \$387.47  
White's Service,Serv,\$319.39  
Wm. Krotter,, Parts, \$165.45  
Wm. Krotter, Parts, \$220.80  
95 West Express, Fuel, \$132.62  
**Visitor's Promo Claim Fund Total: \$3867.23**  
O'Neill Chamber Of Commerce, Contract Labor,\$2187.23  
Omaha Magazine, Ad, \$1680.00

**Visitor's Improvement Fund Total: \$25000.00**

O'Neill Summerfest Entertainment, Entertainment, \$25000.00

Motion by Frahm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paxton, to approve January 9, 2025, as a floating holiday for all Holt County employees that were scheduled to work and worked that day, due to the National Day of Mourning for President Jimmy Carter.

Voting Aye: Linquist, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Frahm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neiman, to appoint and re-appoint the following to the Holt County Planning & Zoning Board: District #1 Dean Sidak; District #2 open; District #3 Rod Heiss; District #4 Ricky Devall; District #5 Kevin DeKay; District #6 Wayne Kaup; District #7 John Vogel; At Large Dan Grass & John Krysl. Voting Aye: Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Linquist and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Custodian Rick Slaymaker updated the Board on building and grounds maintenance and the Board checked on progress in the Administration Building.

Chairman Tielke adjourned the meeting at 1:41 P.M. until January 31, 2025, at 9:45 A.M.

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William J. Tielke, Chairman

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Cathy Pavel, Clerk