

**MINUTES: January 17, 2023 CASS COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
 Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Plattsmouth Journal and online at [Cass County, NE Webpage](#).  
 Agenda was made available for public inspection at the office of the Cass County Clerk.

8:00am- Call Meeting to Order; Open Meetings Act Notice & Pledge of Allegiance: Members Present: Sharp, Boyle, DeGarmo and Murdoch. Others present: Chris Perrone-County Attorney, Gerri Draper-County Clerk

CONVENE-BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: RE-ORGANIZATION:

1. Appoint Chairman

MOTION: Sharp moved, Degarmo seconded to select Duane Murdoch as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried 4-0

2. Appoint Vice Chairman

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Sharp seconded to select Alex DeGarmo as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried 4-0

3. Appoint Commissioners as Committee Representatives for Cass County

ORGANIZATION:	2023 Member	2023 Alternate
Region 6 Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency (ENHSA)	Boyle	Dist. 4
Sarpy & Cass County Health Department Board	Sharp	DeGarmo
Representative on County Noxious Weed Board	Sharp	Murdoch
Local Emergency Planning Committee	Murdoch	Sharp
Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council (SENCA)	Boyle	Murdoch
5 Rivers RC & D Committee	Dist. 4	Murdoch
Advisory Committee for City County Co-Location	Sharp	Murdoch
Cass County Economic Development Council	DeGarmo	Sharp
I.T/Computer Liaison	DeGarmo	Dist. 4
Extension and 4H Representative	Boyle	Sharp
Joint Public Agency Board Member (Fair)	DeGarmo	Dist. 4
MAPA-TTAC District 2 Commissioner	Dist. 4	Boyle
MAPA Financial Committee	Dist. 4	Boyle

COMMITTEES AS NEEDED:	2023 Member
Buildings	Sharp & Murdoch
Finance	DeGarmo & Murdoch
FOP	Boyle & Dist. 4
Insurance +	Murdoch & Dist. 4
Cass County/Lower Platte South NRD -MOU	DeGarmo & Boyle
Emergency Mgmt. Assessment /EMS/Paramedic Program	DeGarmo & Boyle
Sheriff's Office Merit Commission: Effective 1/1/19 (3yr term per State Statute)	Murdoch
BHAC Behavioral Health Advisory Committee - Assigned by BHAC serve with Jeff Leach	Murdoch

MOTION: Sharp moved, Boyle seconded to approve committee representatives for 2023 as selected. Motion carried 4-0

8:11am CLOSE REORGANIZATION

CONSENT AGENDA: Previous Meeting Minutes, Claims, Payroll/Time Balance Reports and fees for January 17, 2023.

MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Murdoch seconded to approve consent agenda as prepared. Motion carried 4-0

GENERAL: All Copy Products \$25.44 (Sup) Raymond Althouse \$44.88 (Srv) Amazon \$352.52 (Sup) American Eagle Computer Products \$275.80 (Sup) American Heart Association \$845.00 (Sup) Ameritas Life Insurance \$2,907.44 (County Adjust) Ameritas Life Insurance \$31,855.32 (Ins) Arias Neuropsychology and Behavioral \$4,000.00 (Srv) Merle Backmeyer \$258.50 (Srv) Betterway Tire & Auto \$765.44 (Srv) Big Red Locksmiths \$125.00 (Srv) Black Hills Energy \$689.91 (Srv) Bob Barker Company \$142.50 (Srv) Bomgaars \$201.29 (Sup) Boundtree Medical \$1,023.20 (Sup) Linda Brouhard \$14.13 (Reim) Grant Bullock \$75.00 (Reim) Cash-Wa Distributing \$669.20 (Sup) Cass County Court \$1,099.90 (Srv) Cass County Public Defender \$1,895.83 (Srv) Cass County Sheriff \$3,212.80 (Srv) Cass County Treasurer \$24,464.19 (Srv) Cassgram \$65.00 (Srv) Charter Communications \$181.61 (Srv) Chemsearch \$472.48 (Srv) Clerk of the District Court \$180.00 (Srv) Comdata Corporation \$1,428.91 (Srv) Copple Chevrolet \$123,050.00 (Sup) Jim Crofoot \$28.63 (Srv) Percival Culligan Water \$47.50 (Sup) DAS State Accounting \$132.32 (Srv) Datashield Corporation \$55.00 (Srv) Kelly Dawson \$235.00 (Reim) Des Moines Stamp \$461.00 (Sup) Diamond Vogel \$249.22 (Srv) Eakes Office Solutions \$2,733.02 (Sup) Eastern Nebraska Human Service Agency \$22,738.00 (Srv) Encartele \$6,000.00 (Srv) Eugene Farris \$76.25 (Srv) Ferguson Enterprises \$56.45 (Srv) First Concord \$262.50 (County Adjust) First State Bank \$33,870.78 (Ins) Frontier Cooperative \$80.11 (Srv) Grainger \$401.80 (Sup) Great Plains Uniforms \$139.50 (Sup) Village of Greenwood \$208.19 (Srv) Michelle Group \$180.00 (Srv) Hampton Inn \$239.90 (Srv) Hometown Leasing \$986.81 (Srv) In Force Technology \$3,024.00 (Srv) Interstate All Battery Center \$627.60 (Sup) Lisa Gonzalez \$3,799.14 (Srv) Jones Automotive \$451.30 (Srv) Brad Ksiazek \$121.50 (Reim) Lancaster County Sheriff's Dept \$19.97 (Srv) LG Cleaners \$462.40 (Srv) Gerald Liess \$720.00 (Srv) Lincoln Journal Star \$992.46 (Srv) Amy Luttmann \$1,619.00 (Srv) Matheson Tri-Gas \$263.09 (Srv) Meeske Ace Hardware \$180.82 (Sup) Meeske Auto Parts \$18.18 (Sup) Menards \$638.04 (Sup) Menards Capital One Commercial \$207.74 (Sup) Metropolitan Area Planning Agency \$6,516.50 (Srv) Mid States Organized Crime Info \$200.00 (Srv) MIPS \$5,696.64 (Srv) Alan Mueller \$30.00 (Srv) NACO \$215.00 (Srv) Nebraska County Assessor Association \$60.00 (Srv) Nebraska Association of Emergency Management \$150.00 (Srv) Nebraska District Court Clerks Association \$125.00 (Srv) NPPD \$5,635.59 (Srv) Nebraska Sheriff's Association \$1,870.00 (Srv) Nebraska Weed Control Association \$120.00 (Srv) Nebraska.gov \$1.00 (Srv) Village of Nehawka \$193.55 (Srv) NESCA \$210.00 (Srv) John Oehlerking \$35.38 (Srv) Office Warehouse \$199.00

(Sup) Omaha Compound \$665.68 (Srv) OPPD \$231.44 (Srv) Omega Chemical \$64.42 (Srv) H.S.A \$2,150.00 (Ins) O'Reilly Auto Parts \$402.20 (Sup) Oxen Technology \$7,070.00 (Srv) Paper Tiger Shredding \$152.00 (Srv) Papillion Sanitation \$893.70 (Srv) Pediatric Emergency Standards \$624.57 (Srv) Perfection Auto Repair \$184.75 (Srv) Pip Marketing Signs & Printing \$3,880.77 (Srv) Pitney Bowes \$20,000.00 (Srv) City of Plattsmouth \$659.20 (Srv) Plattsmouth Police Department \$175.00 (Srv) Thomas Prickett \$126.44 (Srv) Professional Heating & Air Conditioning \$24,700.00 (Srv) Pro1tek \$335.25 (Srv) Quill Corporation \$260.94 (Sup) Radar Road Tec \$740.00 (Srv) Reliance Standard Life Ins \$178.50 (Ins) Ricoh \$289.89 (Srv) Otoe County Rural Water District #3 \$126.00 (Srv) Rural Water District #1 \$34.50 (Srv) Teresa Salinger \$83.75 (Reim) Sarpy County Sheriff Office \$1,896.31 (Srv) Sarpy County Treasurer \$1,727.01 (Srv) SE District Assessors Association \$50.00 (Srv) Secretary of State \$20.00 (Srv) Jerry Smith \$363.12 (Srv) Michael Smith \$378.00 (Reim) SOE Software \$750.00 (Srv) Spectra Associates \$55.95 (Srv) Rebert Staben \$20.13 (Srv) Stericycle \$92.62 (Srv) Summit Food Service \$15,430.00 (Sup) George Tesar Jr \$43.88 (Srv) Thomson Reuters – West \$1,385.34 (Srv) Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation \$1,231.76 (Srv) Mary Tilson \$375.00 (Srv) Transunion Risk & Alternative \$75.00 (Srv) Unifirst Corporation \$433.15 (Srv) United Healthcare \$76,093.54 (County Adjust) US Bank \$562.41 (Srv) US Bank Voyager \$8605.08 (Srv) Verizon \$867.87 (Srv) Verizon Connect \$314.40 (Srv) VSP Vision \$368.80 (County Adjust) Walkenhorst's \$1,104.00 (Srv) Washington County Court \$2.00 (Srv) Justin Widick \$29.25 (Srv) Windstream \$13,905.20 (Srv) Zelle \$4,640.00 (Srv) CLAIMS: \$498,754.99 PAYROLL: \$397,359.91 TOTAL: \$896,114.90 ROADS: Ace Irrigation \$6,849.42 (Srv) Akrs Equipment \$1,506.10 (Srv) Aramark \$283.15 (Srv) CNH Industrial Accounts \$3,415.19 (Sup) Frontier Cooperative \$15,094.67 (Srv) KEA Constructors \$22,266.79 (Srv) Keckler Oil Company \$21.25 (Srv) Martin Marietta \$12,682.01 (Srv) Meeske Ace Hardware \$140.65 (Sup) Meeske Auto Parts \$6.58 (Sup) MIPS \$146.45 (Srv) Murphy Tractor & Equipment \$659,136.70 (Sup) NMC \$19,974.50 (Srv) Pankonin's \$395.61 (Srv) Quality Signs \$38.00 (Srv) RDO Truck Center \$20,452.67 (Srv) Safety-Kleen Systems \$162.26 (Srv) Shaffer Communications \$330.00 (Srv) US Bank Voyager \$2,714.93 (Srv) Wessels Trucking \$149.40 (Srv) CLAIMS: \$765,766.33 PAYROLL: \$64,684.69 TOTAL: \$830,451.02 JUVENILE DIVERSION: TOTAL: \$1573.60 VISITOR PROMOTION: Lincoln Journal Star \$25.05 (Srv) Omaha Magazine \$3,995.00 (Srv) Carl Reichart \$439.07 (Reim) CLAIMS: \$4,459.12 PAYROLL: \$1,149.00 TOTAL: \$5,608.12 VISITOR IMPROVEMENT: Pink Gorilla Events \$4,000.00 (Srv) TOTAL: \$4,000.00 RECORD PRESERVATION: MIPS \$278.64 (Srv) TOTAL: \$278.64 COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: Amazon \$16,197.62 (Sup) TOTAL: \$16,197.62 INHERITANCE: Cass County Treasurer \$1,000,000.00 (Srv) TOTAL: \$1,000,000.00 KENO/LOTTERY: Nebraska Department of Revenue \$4,122.10 (Srv) TOTAL: \$4,122.10 OVERALL GRAND TOTAL: \$2,757,582.00

1. Regular Agenda:

MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Murdoch seconded to approve agenda as prepared. Motion carried 4-0

2. Past Meetings Attended by Commissioners:

- Sharp: None
- Boyle: NACO Board Orientation
- DeGarmo: NACO Board Orientation, Fair Board Meeting
- Murdoch: Fair Board Meeting

3. Public Hearing/Action (8:15am): none scheduled

4. Litigation & Legal Matters-Christopher Perrone, County Attorney:

4A. Discuss/Action- Appoint Interim County Attorney/Appoint to fill remaining term of County Attorney

MOTION: Sharp moved, Boyle seconded to appoint Christopher Perrone to fill remaining term of Cass County Attorney. Motion carried 4-0

5. Road Matters-Lenny Thorne, Highway Superintendent:

5A. Discuss/Action- Letter of Agreement with Lower Platte South NRD on cost share for bridge replacement on Alvo Road, Chair signature required

MOTION: Sharp moved, DeGarmo seconded to authorize chair to sign letter of agreement with the Lower Platte South NRD on cost share for bridge replacement on Alvo Road. Motion carried 4-0

6. New Business & Unfinished Business:

6A. Discussion only- Cass County Fair Board, extension building

Fair Board members Kevin Albert and Scott Luebben appeared requesting an additional \$750,000 (estimated) for building  
MOTION: Murdoch moved, Boyle seconded to table item until the 1/31/23 meeting to allow fair board to gather additional information for board review. Motion carried 4-0

6B. Discuss/Action- Lauren Stohlman- Extension Educator, introducing new extension educator and approval for an extension board member. Stohlman introduced Carol Waters-Horticulture

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Sharp seconded to approve Jennifer Sommer to the Extension Board. Motion carried 4-0

6C. Discuss/Action- Mike Jensen-Zoning Administrator, re-appoint Planning Commission Members (3yr terms); Bill Sullivan, Roger Dennis, Justin Widick and John Oehlerking

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Sharp seconded to re-appoint Bill Sullivan and Roger Dennis and replace Justin Widick with Jim Grotian and John Oehlerking with Jack Safarik.

Murdoch noted he spoke with both Grotian and Safarik and both were willing to serve, discussion continued with Sharp rescinding his second. Motion failed due to lack of second. DeGarmo asked that that Widick, Oehlerking, Grotian and Safarik appear before the board at the 1/31/23 meeting to allow further discussion on this matter before making a decision.

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Sharp seconded to re-appoint Bill Sullivan and Roger Dennis to the Planning Commission (3yr terms). Motion carried 4-0

6D. Discuss/Action- Mike Jensen- Zoning Administrator, Update International Energy code 2009 to 2018

MOTION: Sharp moved, Murdoch seconded to update international energy code to 201 with the omission of: Blower door test. Motion carried 4-0

6E. Discuss/Action- Approve 2023 mileage rates effective January 1, 2023 per Nebraska Revised State Statute 81-1176  
MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Murdoch seconded to approve 2023 mileage rates \$0.655 per mile/civil processing \$0.685.  
Motion carried 4-0

6F. Discuss/Action- Maddie Huges-Zelle HR, introduction. No action taken

9:00am Close as Board of Commissioners

9:01am CONVENE- BOARD OF EQUALIZATION- Teresa Salinger, Assessor:

1. Discuss/Action- Tax List Corrections/Clerical Error List: Parcel(s) #130392727-2022, 130086347-2022, 130078328-2022, 130028290-2022, 130017914-2022, 130225290-2022, 130227188-2020, 130223522-2020, 130035084-2022, 130025631-2022

MOTION: Sharp moved, Murdoch seconded to approve tax corrections as presented. Motion carried 4-0

2. Discuss/Action- Homestead Exemption Appeal filed by P. Iverson; reason for approval or denial must be provided

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Sharp seconded to deny appeal filed by Portia Iverson due to untimely filing. Motion carried 4-0

9:06am Re-Convvene as Board of Commissioners

Other Business Matters/Public Input & Comments

Non action item: Annual Report received -SENCA 2021

Discussion held regarding building repairs needed at LEC Building

9:16am ADJOURN AS CASS COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: MOTION: Sharp moved, DeGarmo seconded. Motion carried 4-0

I, Gerri Draper, the undersigned Clerk of Cass County, Nebraska do hereby certify the above minutes were taken by me, and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and are part of the official records of this office. I therefore set my hand and affix the County Seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

State of Nebraska)  
County of Cass) <sup>ss.</sup>

Gerri Draper, County Clerk

We, the undersigned Board of Commissioners of Cass County, Nebraska do hereby certify the above minutes are true and correct to the best of our knowledge, and are part of the official records of the Cass County Clerk's Office. We therefore set our hands this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

Dale Sharp-Dist. 1, Taylor Boyle-Dist. 2, Alexander DeGarmo-Dist. 3, John Winkler-Dist. 4, Duane Murdoch-Dist. 5

*Cass County Board of Commissioners*