# BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT NO. 13 (ESU 13)

## Our Mission

Serve, support, and empower

## Our Vision and Beliefs

Achieving educational excellence for all learners through strong partnerships, service, and leadership by...
Collaborating with schools, families, and communities
Serving with equity, efficiency, and integrity
Communicating effectively
Leading with innovation

## Agenda

## Tuesday, September 15, 2026

## Location - ESU 13 Main Office, 4215 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE 69361

## Dinner - 6:30 PM

## Regular Meeting - 7:20 PM

A. **Call to Order**

- Hearing is governed by the Nebraska Open Meeting Act as posted.

1. Meeting is governed by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act as posted.

B. **Review of resolution Setting the ESU 13 Final Tax Request for 2026 - 2027.**
Governing body will meet for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the proposed final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request (§ 77-1601.02).

| Year | Tax Request | Levy | Valuation |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2025-2026 | $2,472,685.32 | 0.015721 | $15,728,726,018 |
| 2026-2027 | $2,474,494.92 | 0.015000 | $16,496,934,019 |

C. **Adjournment**

# NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT

**84-1407. Act, how cited.** Sections 84-1407 to 84-1414 shall be known and may be cited as the Open Meetings Act.

**84-1408. Declaration of intent; meetings open to public.** It is hereby declared to be the policy of this state that the formation of public policy is public business and may not be conducted in secret.

Every meeting of a public body shall be open to the public in order that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of attending and speaking at meetings of public bodies, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of Nebraska, federal statutes, and the Open Meetings Act.

**84-1409. Terms, defined.** For purposes of the Open Meetings Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1)(a) Public body means (i) governing bodies of all political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska, (ii) governing bodies of all agencies, created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, of the executive department of the State of Nebraska, (iii) all independent boards, commissions, bureaus, committees, councils, subunits, or any other bodies created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, (iv) all study or advisory committees of the executive department of the State of Nebraska whether having continuing existence or appointed as special committees with limited existence, (v) advisory committees of the bodies referred to in subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subdivision, and (vi) instrumentalities exercising essentially public functions; and

(b) Public body does not include (i) subcommittees of such bodies unless a quorum of the public body attends a subcommittee meeting or unless such subcommittees are holding hearings, making policy, or taking formal action on behalf of their parent body, except that all meetings of any subcommittee established under section 81-15,175 are subject to the Open Meetings Act, (ii) entities conducting judicial proceedings unless a court or other judicial body is exercising rulemaking authority, deliberating, or deciding upon the issuance of administrative orders, and (iii) the Judicial Resources Commission or subcommittees or subgroups of the commission;

(2) Meeting means all regular, special, or called meetings, formal or informal, of any public body for the purposes of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action of the public body; and

(3) Virtual conferencing means conducting or participating in a meeting electronically or telephonically with interaction among the participants subject to subsection (2) of section 84-1412.

**84-1410. Closed session; when; purpose; reasons listed; procedure; right to challenge; prohibited acts; chance meetings, conventions, or workshops.**

(1) Any public body may hold a closed session by the affirmative vote of a majority of its voting members if a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. The subject matter and the reason necessitating the closed session shall be identified in the motion to close. Closed sessions may be held for, but shall not be limited to, such reasons as:

(a) Strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body;

(b) Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices;

(c) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct;

(d) Evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting;

(e) For the Community Trust created under section 81-1801.02, discussion regarding the amounts to be paid to individuals who have suffered from a tragedy of violence or natural disaster; or

(f) For public hospitals, governing board peer review activities, professional review activities, review and discussion of medical staff investigations or disciplinary actions, and any strategy session concerning transactional negotiations with any referral source that is required by federal law to be conducted at arms length.

Nothing in this section shall permit a closed meeting for discussion of the appointment or election of a new member to any public body.

(2) The vote to hold a closed session shall be taken in open session. The entire motion, the vote of each member on the question of holding a closed session, and the time when the closed session commenced and concluded shall be recorded in the minutes. If the motion to close passes, then the presiding officer immediately prior to the closed session shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session. The public body holding such a closed session shall restrict its consideration of matters during the closed portions to only those purposes set forth in the motion to close as the reason for the closed session. The meeting shall be reconvened in open session before any formal action may be taken. For purposes of this section, formal action shall mean a collective decision or a collective commitment or promise to make a decision on any question, motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance or formation of a position or policy but shall not include negotiating guidance given by members of the public body to legal counsel or other negotiators in closed sessions authorized under subdivision (1)(a) of this section.

(3) Any member of any public body shall have the right to challenge the continuation of a closed session if the member determines that the session has exceeded the reason stated in the original motion to hold a closed session or if the member contends that the closed session is neither clearly necessary for (a) the protection of the public interest or (b) the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Such challenge shall be overruled only by a majority vote of the members of the public body. Such challenge and its disposition shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that any meeting be closed to the public. No person or public body shall fail to invite a portion of its members to a meeting, and no public body shall designate itself a subcommittee of the whole body for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act. No closed session, informal meeting, chance meeting, social gathering, email, fax, or other electronic communication shall be used for the purpose of circumventing the requirements of the act.

(5) The act does not apply to chance meetings or to attendance at or travel to conventions or workshops of members of a public body at which there is no meeting of the body then intentionally convened, if there is no vote or other action taken regarding any matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

**84-1411. Meetings of public body; notice; method; contents; when available; right to modify; duties concerning notice; virtual conferencing authorized; requirements; emergency meeting without notice; appearance before public body; applicability of section.**

(1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (9) of this section, each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting by a method designated by each public body and recorded in its minutes. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public.

(b)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b)(ii) of this section, in the case of a public body described in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of section 84-1409 or such body's advisory committees, notice shall be given at least four times each year of the regular meeting schedule, the location, and the method designated by the public body to provide reasonable advance publicized notice. Such notice shall be given by publication in a legal newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction.

(ii) Subdivision (1)(b)(i) of this section shall not apply in the case of the governing body of a city of the second class or village, any advisory committee of such governing body, the governing body of a rural or suburban fire protection district, or any public body that only meets intermittently and is not required to hold regular meetings.

(iii) Failure to comply with subdivision (1)(b)(i) of this section shall not cause any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken at a meeting of the public body to be void or voidable.

(c) For a public body that decides to publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction to meet the notice requirement in subdivision (1)(a) of this section, in case of refusal, neglect, or inability of the newspaper to publish the notice, the public body shall (i) post such notice on its website, if available, (ii) request the newspaper submit a post on a statewide website, if available, established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers, and (iii) post such notice in a conspicuous public place in such public body's jurisdiction. The public body shall keep a written record of such posting pursuant to subdivision (1)(c)(i) and (iii) of this section and a written record of the request to the newspaper pursuant to subdivision (1)(c)(ii) of this section. The record of such posting shall be evidence that such posting was done as required and shall be sufficient to fulfill the requirement of publication.

(d) Each public body shall record the methods and dates of such notice in its minutes.

(e) Such notice shall contain an agenda of subjects known at the time of the publicized notice or a statement that the agenda, which shall be kept continually current, shall be readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the public body during normal business hours. Agenda items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting. Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be altered later than (i) twenty-four hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting or (ii) forty-eight hours before the scheduled commencement of a meeting of a city council or village board scheduled outside the corporate limits of the municipality. The public body shall have the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

(2)(a) The following entities may hold a meeting by means of virtual conferencing if the requirements of subdivision (2)(b) of this section are met:

(i) A state agency, state board, state commission, state council, or state committee, or an advisory committee of any such state entity;

(ii) An organization, including the governing body, created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act;

(iii) The governing body of a public power district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state;

(iv) The governing body of a public power and irrigation district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state;

(v) An educational service unit;

(vi) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council;

(vii) An organization, including the governing body, of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act;

(viii) A community college board of governors;

(ix) The Nebraska Brand Committee;

(x) A local public health department;

(xi) A metropolitan utilities district;

(xii) A regional metropolitan transit authority; and

(xiii) A natural resources district.

(b) The requirements for holding a meeting by means of virtual conferencing are as follows:

(i) Reasonable advance publicized notice is given as provided in subsection (1) of this section, including providing access to a dial-in number or link to the virtual conference;

(ii) In addition to the public's right to participate by virtual conferencing, reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend at a physical site and participate as provided in section 84-1412, including reasonable seating, in at least one designated site in a building open to the public and identified in the notice, with: At least one member of the entity holding such meeting, or his or her designee, present at each site; a recording of the hearing by audio or visual recording devices; and a reasonable opportunity for input, such as public comment or questions, is provided to at least the same extent as would be provided if virtual conferencing was not used;

(iii) At least one copy of all documents being considered at the meeting is available at any physical site open to the public where individuals may attend the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act; and

(iv) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, subsection (1) of section 70-1014, subsection (2) of section 70-1014.02, or subsection (4) of section 79-2204, no more than one-half of the meetings of the state

entities, advisory committees, boards, councils, organizations, or governing bodies are held by virtual conferencing in a calendar year. In the case of (A) an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas, (B) an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, (C) a governing body of a risk management pool and any advisory committee of such governing body, (D) any advisory committee of any state entity created in response to the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act, (E) the Semiquincentennial Commission, (F) the board of trustees of the Nebraska State Historical Society, or (G) any local foster care review board, such organization, governing body, or committee may hold more than one-half of its meetings by virtual conferencing if such organization holds at least one meeting each calendar year that is not by virtual conferencing.

(3) Virtual conferencing, emails, faxes, or other electronic communication shall not be used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act.

(4) The secretary or other designee of each public body shall maintain a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and shall make reasonable efforts to provide advance notification to them of the time and place of each meeting and the subjects to be discussed at that meeting.

(5) When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes and any formal action taken in such meeting shall pertain only to the emergency. Such emergency meetings may be held by virtual conferencing. The provisions of subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting emergency meetings. Complete minutes of such emergency meetings specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available to the public by no later than the end of the next regular business day.

(6) A public body may allow a member of the public or any other witness to appear before the public body by means of virtual conferencing.

(7)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (5) of this section, if an emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to the Emergency Management Act as defined in section 81-829.39, a public body the territorial jurisdiction of which is included in the emergency declaration, in whole or in part, may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing during such emergency if the public body gives reasonable advance publicized notice as described in subsection (1) of this section. The notice shall include information regarding access for the public and news media. In addition to any formal action taken pertaining to the emergency, the public body may hold such meeting for the purpose of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action by the public body.

(b) The public body shall provide access by providing a dial-in number or a link to the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act. Reasonable arrangements shall be made to accommodate the public's right to hear and speak at the meeting and record the meeting. Subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting such meetings.

(c) The nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes. Complete minutes of such meeting specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of section 84-1413.

(8) In addition to any other statutory authorization for virtual conferencing, any public body not listed in subdivision (2)(a) of this section may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing if:

(a) The purpose of the virtual meeting is to discuss items that are scheduled to be discussed or acted upon at a subsequent non-virtual open meeting of the public body;

(b) No action is taken by the public body at the virtual meeting; and

(c) The public body complies with subdivisions (2)(b)(i) and (ii) of this section.

(9) This section does not apply to a meeting of the Nebraska Power Review Board or a public power district, a public power and irrigation district, an electric membership association, an electric cooperative company, a municipality having a generation and distribution system, or a registered group of municipalities if such meeting is subject to section 70-1034.

**84-1412. Meetings of public body; rights of public; public body; powers and duties.**

(1) Subject to the Open Meetings Act, the public has the right to attend and the right to speak at meetings of public bodies, and all or any part of a meeting of a public body, except for closed sessions called pursuant to section 84-1410, may be videotaped, televised, photographed, broadcast, or recorded by any person in attendance by means of a tape recorder, a camera, video equipment, or any other means of pictorial or sonic reproduction or in writing. Except for closed sessions called pursuant to section 84-1410, a public body shall allow members of the public an opportunity to speak at each meeting.

(2) It shall not be a violation of subsection (1) of this section for any public body to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings, including meetings held by virtual conferencing.

(3) No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. The body shall require any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

(4) No public body shall, for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act, hold a meeting in a place known by the body to be too small to accommodate the anticipated audience.

(5) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds its meeting in its traditional meeting place which is located in this state.

(6) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds a meeting outside of this state if, but only if:

(a) A member entity of the public body is located outside of this state and the meeting is in that member's jurisdiction;

(b) All out-of-state locations identified in the notice are located within public buildings used by members of the entity or at a place which will accommodate the anticipated audience;

(c) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including making virtual conferencing available at an instate location to members, the public, or the press, if requested twenty-four hours in advance;

(d) No more than twenty-five percent of the public body's meetings in a calendar year are held out-of-state;

(e) Out-of-state meetings are not used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act; and

(f) The public body publishes notice of the out-of-state meeting at least twenty-one days before the date of the meeting in a legal newspaper of statewide circulation.

(7) Each public body shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at a meeting.

(8) Public bodies shall make available at the meeting or the instate location for virtual conferencing as required by subdivision (6)(c) of this section, for examination and copying by members of the public, at least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at an open meeting, either in paper or electronic form. Public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. At the beginning of the meeting, the public shall be informed about the location of the information.

**84-1413. Meetings; minutes; roll call vote; secret ballot; when; agenda and minutes; required on website; when.**

(1) Each public body shall keep minutes of all meetings showing the time, place, members present and absent, and the substance of all matters discussed.

(2) Any action taken on any question or motion duly moved and seconded shall be by roll call vote of the public body in open session, and the record shall state how each member voted or if the member was absent or not voting. The requirements of a roll call or viva voce vote shall be satisfied by a public body which utilizes an electronic voting device which allows the yeas and nays of each member of such public body to be readily seen by the public.

(3) The vote to elect leadership within a public body may be taken by secret ballot, but the total number of votes for each candidate shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) The minutes of all meetings and evidence and documentation received or disclosed in open session shall be public records and open to public inspection during normal business hours.

(5) Minutes shall be written or kept as an electronic record and shall be available for inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurs earlier, except that cities of the second class and villages may have an additional ten working days if the employee responsible for writing or keeping the minutes is absent due to a serious illness or emergency.

(6) Beginning July 31, 2022, the governing body of a natural resources district, the city council of a city of the metropolitan class, the city council of a city of the primary class, the city council of a city of the first class, the county board of a county with a population greater than twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and the school board of a school district shall make available on such entity's public website the agenda and minutes of any meeting of the governing body. The agenda shall be placed on the website at least twenty-four hours before the meeting of the governing body. Minutes shall be placed on the website at such time as the minutes are available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of this section. This information shall be available on the public website for at least six months.

**84-1414. Unlawful action by public body; declared void or voidable by district court; when; duty to enforce open meeting laws; citizen's suit; procedure; violations; penalties.**

(1) Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be declared void by the district court if the suit is commenced within one hundred twenty days of the meeting of the public body at which the alleged violation occurred. Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in substantial violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be voidable by the district court if the suit is commenced more than one hundred twenty days after but within one year of the meeting of the public body in which the alleged violation occurred. A suit to void any final action shall be commenced within one year of the action.

(2) The Attorney General and the county attorney of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets shall enforce the Open Meetings Act.

(3) Any citizen of this state may commence a suit in the district court of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets or in which the plaintiff resides for the purpose of requiring compliance with or preventing violations of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of declaring an action of a public body void, or for the purpose of determining the applicability of the act to discussions or decisions of the public body. It shall not be a defense that the citizen attended the meeting and failed to object at such time. The court may order payment of reasonable attorney's fees and court costs to a successful plaintiff in a suit brought under this section.

(4) Any member of a public body who knowingly violates or conspires to violate or who attends or remains at a meeting knowing that the public body is in violation of any provision of the Open Meetings Act shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class III misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.

**84-1415. Open Meetings Act; requirements; waiver; validity of action.**

No motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action made, adopted, passed, or taken at a meeting as defined in section 84-1409 of a public body as defined in such section shall be invalidated because such motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action was made, adopted, passed, or taken at a meeting or meetings on or after March 17, 2020, and on or before April 30, 2021, pursuant to a Governor's Executive Order which waived certain requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

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# 2026-2027
# STATE OF NEBRASKA
# EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT BUDGET FORM

**ESU # 13**

**This budget is for the Period September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027**

**Upon Filing, the Entity Certifies the Information Submitted on this Form to be Correct:**

The following **PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX** is requested for the ensuing year:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| $ 2,474,494.92 | Property Taxes for Non-Bond Purposes |
| $ - | Principal and Interest on Bonds |
| $ 2,474,494.92 | **Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required** |

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of September 1, 2026

| | |
|---|---|
| Principal | $ 2,500.00 |
| Interest | $ 67.50 |
| Total Bonded Indebtedness | $ 2,567.50 |

$ 16,496,934,019.00 **Total Certified Valuation (All Counties)**

*(Certification of Valuation(s) from County Assessor **MUST** be attached)*

**Report of Joint Public Agency & Interlocal Agreements**

Was this Subdivision involved in any Interlocal Agreements or Joint Public Agencies for the reporting period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026?

[X] YES [ ] NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Interlocal Agreement Report by September 30th.*

**County Clerk's Use ONLY**

**Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names**

Did the Subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or other Business Name during the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026?

[ ] YES [X] NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Trade Name Report by September 30th.*

**APA Contact Information**


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PO Box 98917
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**Telephone:** (402) 471-2111 **FAX:** (402) 471-3301

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**Submission Information**

# Budget Due by 9-30-2026

**Submit budget to:**

1. Auditor of Public Accounts -Electronically on Website or Mail
2. County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk

ESU # 13

| Line No. | TOTAL ALL FUNDS | Actual 2024 - 2025 (Column 1) | Actual/Estimated 2025 - 2026 (Column 2) | **Adopted Budget 2026 - 2027** (Column 3) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers:** | | | |
| 2 | Net Cash Balance | $ 1,147,019.92 | $ 1,111,070.76 | $ 400,943.42 |
| 3 | Investments | 3,321,240.23 | 4,911,701.88 | 5,607,515.67 |
| 4 | County Treasurer's Balance | 477,026.70 | 500,191.51 | 488,609.11 |
| 5 | **Subtotal of Beginning Balances** (Lines 2 thru 4) | **4,945,286.85** | **6,522,964.15** | **6,497,068.20** |
| 6 | Personal and Real Property Taxes **(Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)** | 1,948,038.14 | 2,157,809.51 | 2,449,750.00 |
| 7 | Federal Receipts | 7,238,809.75 | 7,223,954.30 | 11,595,537.00 |
| 8 | State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate | 5,326.62 | 6,059.83 | 5,693.23 |
| 9 | State Receipts: Aid for Core Services & Technology Infrastructure | 938,710.30 | 868,977.53 | 821,161.00 |
| 10 | State Receipts: Other | 893,709.47 | 753,101.52 | 1,273,598.00 |
| 11 | State Receipts: Property Tax Credit | 188,573.60 | 196,742.62 | |
| 12 | Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax | 1,210.25 | 1,380.09 | 1,295.17 |
| 13 | Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax | 422.55 | 478.04 | 450.30 |
| 14 | Local Receipts: Other | 6,965,281.13 | 7,202,058.17 | 6,905,716.00 |
| 15 | Transfers In Of Surplus Fees | - | - | - |
| 16 | Transfer In Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers Out on Line 28) | - | - | - |
| 17 | **Total Resources Available** (Lines 5 thru 16) | **23,125,368.66** | **24,933,525.76** | **29,550,268.90** |
| 18 | **Disbursements & Transfers:** | | | |
| 19 | Operating Expenses | 16,206,729.43 | 17,833,049.49 | 23,264,514.00 |
| 20 | Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements) | 99,671.56 | 423,976.19 | 2,200,000.00 |
| 21 | Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.) | 236,628.52 | 68,350.00 | 45,286.00 |
| 22 | Debt Service: Bond Principal & Interest Payments | 59,375.00 | 111,081.88 | 2,568.00 |
| 23 | Debt Service: Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans **(Public Airports)** | | | |
| 24 | Debt Service: Payments to Bank Loans & Other Instruments **(Fire Districts)** | | | |
| 25 | Debt Service: Other | - | - | - |
| 26 | Judgments | - | - | - |
| 27 | Transfers Out of Surplus Fees | - | - | - |
| 28 | Transfers Out Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers In on Line 16) | - | - | - |
| 29 | **Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Lines 19 thru 28) | **16,602,404.51** | **18,436,457.56** | **25,512,368.00** |
| 30 | **Balance Forward/Cash Reserve** (Line 17 - Line 29) | **6,522,964.15** | **6,497,068.20** | **4,037,900.90** |
| 31 | Cash Reserve Percentage | | | 17% |

## PROPERTY TAX RECAP

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Tax from Line 6 | 2,449,750.00 |
| 5 | County Treasurer's Commission - 1% of Total Taxes Collected | 24,744.92 |
| | **Total Property Tax Requirement** | 2,474,494.92 |

## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 15 day of September 2026, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at ESU #13 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2024-2025 Actual Disbursements & Transfers | $ | 16,602,404.51 |
| 2025-2026 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers | $ | 18,436,457.56 |
| 2026-2027 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers | $ | 25,512,368.00 |
| 2026-2027 Necessary Cash Reserve | $ | 4,037,900.90 |
| 2026-2027 Total Resources Available | $ | 29,550,268.90 |
| Total 2026-2027 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement | $ | 2,474,494.92 |
| Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year | $ | 1,244,375.55 |

**Breakdown of Property Tax:**

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| Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes | $ | 2,474,494.92 |
| Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds | $ | - |

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 15 day of September 2026, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at ESU #13 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

| | 2025 | 2026 | Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Operating Budget | 25,639,788.00 | 25,512,368.00 | 0% |
| Property Tax Request | $ 2,472,685.32 | $ 2,474,494.92 | 0% |
| Valuation | 15,728,726,018 | 16,496,934,019 | 5% |
| Tax Rate | 0.015721 | 0.015000 | -5% |
| Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation | 0.014989 | | |

***RESOLUTION*** SETTING THE 2026-2027 PROPERTY TAX REQUEST
FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT NO. 13 (ESU 13)

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 provides that the Governing Body of ESU 13 passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of ESU 13, resolves that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at:

| Fund | Tax Request | Levy |
|---|---|---|
| General Fund | $2,474,494.92 | .015000 |
| Bonded Fund | $ 0.00 | .000000 |
| **Total** | **$2,474,494.92** | **.015000** |

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 5%.

| 2025 Valuation | 2026 Valuation |
|---|---|
| $15,728,726,018 | $16,496,934,019 |

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be $.014989 per $100 of assessed value.

4. ESU 13 proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be $.015000 per $100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of ESU 13 will decrease last year's budget by .4%.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt this *Resolution* setting the Property Tax Request this 15th day of September, 2026.

Roll call vote as follows:

| Board Member | Yes | No |
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| Diane Coon | | |
| Christine Wamsley | | |
| Patricia Jones | | |

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| Ronda Kinsey | | |
| Scott Marsh | | |

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| Kim Marx | | |
| Tom Millette | | |
| Eric Packer | | |
| Mandy Plog | | |
| Ray Richards | | |
| Mark Sinner | | |
| Caroline Winchester | | |

The undersigned herewith certifies as President of the Board of ESU 13 that the above stated *RESOLUTION* was duly adopted by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board.

President of the Board_____