McKenzie, Jaina

From: McKenzie, Jaina
Sent: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 9:59 AM
To: db_zim@hotmail.com
Cc: Schreier, Jeff; Hanna, Kyle
Subject: Barneston Township Gage County - Audit Waiver Approval

Board Chairperson:

We have received and reviewed the audit waiver request for Barneston Township in Gage County for the fiscal year ending in 2025. **The 2025 audit waiver request has been approved**.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (402) 471-2111.

Thank you,

Jaina McKenzie
Auditor I
Auditor of Public Accounts
Room 2303, State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509
Phone (402) 499-8777
jaina.mckenzie@nebraska.gov

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2025-2026
STATE OF NEBRASKA
GENERAL BUDGET FORM

Barneston Township

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF
Gage County

This budget is for the Period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026

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:

$ 46,133.58	A1	Property Taxes for Non-Bond Purposes
	A2	Principal and Interest on Bonds
$ 46,133.58	A3	**Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required**

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of July 1, 2025

-	A4	Principal
-	A5	Interest
$ -	A6	**Total Bonded Indebtedness**

110,333,490	A7	**Total General Fund Certified Valuation (All Counties)**

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

County Clerk's Use ONLY

Budget Document To Be Used As Audit Waiver?

My Subdivision has elected to use this Budget Document as the Audit Waiver.
(If YES, Board Minutes MUST be Attached)

[X] YES [ ] NO

If **YES**, Column 2 **MUST** contain **ACTUAL** Numbers.

If YES, DO NOT COMPLETE/SUBMIT SEPARATE AUDIT WAIVER REQUEST.

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, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[ ] YES [X] NO

*If **YES**, Please attach Interlocal Agreement Report.*

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, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[ ] YES [X] NO

*If **YES**, Please attach Trade Name Report.*

APA Contact Information

Auditor of Public Accounts
PO BOX 98917
Lincoln, NE 68509

Telephone: (402) 471-2111 **FAX:** (402) 471-3301

Website: auditors.nebraska.gov

Questions - E-Mail: Jeff.Schreier@nebraska.gov

Submission Information

Budget Due by 9-30-2025

Submit budget to:

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

Line No.	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	Actual 2023 - 2024 (Column 1)		Actual/Estimated 2024 - 2025 (Column 2)		**Adopted Budget 2025 - 2026** (Column 3)	
1	**Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers:**						
2	Beginning Net Cash Balance	108,483.08	B1	94,909.86	B29	94,787.56	B57
3	Investments	-	B2	-	B30	-	B58
4	County Treasurer's Balance	309.35	B3	541.32	B31	1,366.73	B59
5	**Subtotal of Beginning Balances** (Lines 2 thru 4)	**108,792.43**	B4	**95,451.18**	B32	**96,154.29**	B60
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes **(Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)**	39,782.75	B5	38,429.36	B33	45,229.00	B61
7	Federal Receipts	-	B6	-	B34	-	B62
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate **(To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)**	116.55	B7	112.15	B35	110.00	B63
9	State Receipts: State Aid	-	B8	-	B36	-	B64
10	State Receipts: Other	451.04	B9	500.15	B37	-	B65
11	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit	3,529.40	B10	4,423.14	B38		
12	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax	-	B11	-	B39	-	B66
13	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax **(To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)**	88.10	B12	88.10	B40	88.10	B67
14	Local Receipts: Other	183.43	B13	256.52	B41	150.00	B68
15	Transfers In Of Surplus Fees **(To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)**	-	B14	-	B42	-	B69
16	Transfer In Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers Out on Line 28)	-	B15	-	B43	-	B70
17	**Total Resources Available** (Lines 5 thru 16)	**152,943.70**	B16	**139,260.60**	B44	**141,731.39**	B71
18	**Disbursements & Transfers:**						
19	Operating Expenses	32,365.24	B17	17,979.03	B45	100,000.00	B72
20	Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements)	-	B18	-	B46	-	B73
21	Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.)	25,127.28	B19	25,127.28	B47	41,000.00	B74
22	Debt Service: Bond Principal & Interest Payments	-	B20	-	B48	-	B75
23	Debt Service: Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans **(Public Airports)**	-	B21	-	B49	-	B76
24	Debt Service: Payments to Bank Loans & Other Instruments **(Fire Districts)**	-	B22	-	B50	-	B77
25	Debt Service: Other	-	B23	-	B51	-	B78
26	Judgments	-	B24	-	B52	-	B79
27	Transfers Out of Surplus Fees	-	B25	-	B53	-	B80
28	Transfers Out Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers In on Line 16)	-	B26	-	B54	-	B81
29	**Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Lines 19 thru 28)	**57,492.52**	B27	**43,106.31**	B55	**141,000.00**	B82
30	**Balance Forward/Cash Reserve** (Line 17 - Line 29)	**95,451.18**	B28	**96,154.29**	B56	**731.39**	B83
31					Cash Reserve Percentage	1%	B84

PROPERTY TAX RECAP

Tax from Line 6	45,229.00	B85
County Treasurer's Commission at 2% of Line 6	904.58	B86
Total Property Tax Requirement	**46,133.58**	B87

Barneston Township in Gage County

To Assist the County For Levy Setting Purposes

The Cover Page identifies the Property Tax Request between Principal & Interest on Bonds and All Other Purposes. If your political subdivision needs more of a breakdown for levy setting purposes, complete the section below.

Property Tax Request by Fund:		Property Tax Request
General Fund	$	46,133.58
Sinking Fund		
Bond Fund	$	-
_____ Fund		
Total Tax Request	** $	46,133.58

** This Amount should agree to the Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required on the Cover Page (Page 1).

Documentation of Transfers:

(Only complete if there are transfers noted on Page 2, Column 2)

Please explain what fund the monies were transferred from, what fund they were transferred to, and the reason for the transfer.

Transfer From:	Transfer To:

Amount:

Reason:

Transfer From:	Transfer To:

Amount:

Reason:

Township Property Taxes

If this is a Township Subdivision budget form, the amount of property taxes shown above and on the front cover may not represent the amount the Township will receive. Statute 39-1522 outlines that one-half of all money collected from the township levy on property within the corporate limits of a city or village shall be paid to the treasurer of the city or village to be used for the maintenance and repairs of the streets.

Township should take this into consideration when determining property tax amount to be budgeted.

Township Total Valuation	110,333,490
City/Village Valuation included in Township Valuation	
General Fund Tax Rate	0.041813
Township Taxes within City/Village	-
50% of Township Taxes within City/Village	-
Projected Township Taxes to be collected	46,133.58

Cash Reserve Fund

Statute 13-503 says cash reserve means funds required for the period before revenue would become available for expenditure but shall not include funds held in any special reserve fund. If the cash reserve on Page 2 exceeds 50%, you can list below amounts being held in a special reserve fund.

Special Reserve Fund Name	Amount
Total Special Reserve Funds	-

Total Cash Reserve	$	731.39
Remaining Cash Reserve	$	731.39
Remaining Cash Reserve %		1%

Note: Township would need to verify with County Assessor the amount of City / Village valuation included within the Township Total Valuation. This calculation is only shown here as information for the Township to help determine the amount of property taxes needed to operate. **IT SHOULD NOT BE USED BY THE COUNTY FOR LEVY SETTING PURPOSES.**

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

If no official address, please provide address where correspondence should be sent

NAME	**David Zimmerman**
ADDRESS	**7748 E State Hwy 8**
CITY & ZIP CODE	**Wymore NE 68466**
TELEPHONE	**402-223-8474**
WEBSITE	**db_zim@hotmail.com**

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	David Zimmerman	Jason Allington	Jennifer M. Busboom, CPA
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Chairperson	Treasurer	Blobaum & Busboom, PC
TELEPHONE	402-223-8474	402-223-8696	402-729-6136
EMAIL ADDRESS	db_zim@hotmail.com	partcoyote@hotmail.com	bbcpas@windstream.net

For Questions on this form, who should we contact (please √ one): Contact will be via email if supplied.

- [ ] Board Chairperson
- [ ] Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other
- [X] Preparer

NOTE: If Budget Document is used as an Audit Waiver, approval of the Audit Waiver will be sent to the Board Chairperson via email. If no email address is supplied for the Board Chairperson, notification will be mailed via post office to address listed above.

Barneston Township in Gage County

2025-2026 LID SUPPORTING SCHEDULE

Line No.	Calculation of Restricted Funds				
(1)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirements			46,133.58	C1
(2)	Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate			110.00	C2
(3)	In-Lieu of Tax Payments			88.10	C3
(4)	Transfers of Surplus Fees			-	C4
	Prior Year Budgeted Capital Improvements that were excluded from Restricted Funds.				
(5)	Prior Year Capital Improvements Excluded from Restricted Funds (From 2024-2025 Lid Exceptions, Line (10))	-	C5		
(6)	**LESS:** Amount Spent During 2024-2025	-	C6		
(7)	**LESS:** Amount Expected to be Spent in Future Budget Years	-	C7		
(8)	Amount to be included as Restricted Funds **(Cannot be a Negative Number)**			-	C8
(8a)	Nameplate Capacity Tax			-	C9
(9)	**TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS (A)**			**46,331.68**	C10

	Lid Exceptions				
(10)	Capital Improvements Budgeted (Purchase of Real Property and Improvements on Real Property)	-	C11		
(11)	**LESS:** Amount of prior year capital improvements that were excluded from previous lid calculations but were not spent and now budgeted this fiscal year *(cannot exclude same capital improvements from more than one lid calculation.)* Agrees to Line (7).	-	C12		
(12)	Allowable Capital Improvements			-	C13
(13)	Bonded Indebtedness			-	C14
(14)	Public Facilities Construction Projects (Statute 72-2301 to 72-2308) **(Fire Districts & Hospital Districts Only)**			-	C15
(15)	Interlocal Agreements/Joint Public Agency Agreements			-	C16
(16)	Public Safety Communication Project - Statute 86-416 **(Fire Districts Only)**			-	C17
(16a)	Benefits Paid Under the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act **(Fire Districts & Airport Authorities Only)**			-	C18
(17)	Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans from the Department of Aeronautics **(Public Airports Only)**			-	C19
(18)	Judgments			-	C20
(19)	Refund of Property Taxes to Taxpayers			-	C21
(20)	Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster			-	C22
(21)	**TOTAL LID EXCEPTIONS (B)**			**-**	C23
	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS For Lid Computation (To Line 9 of the Lid Computation Form) *To Calculate: Total Restricted Funds (A)-Line 9 MINUS Total Lid Exceptions (B)-Line 21*			**46,331.68**	C24

*Total Restricted Funds for Lid Computation **cannot** be less than zero. See Instruction Manual on completing the Lid Supporting Schedule.*

Barneston Township
in
Gage County

LID COMPUTATION FORM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

PRIOR YEAR RESTRICTED FUNDS AUTHORITY OPTION 1 **OR** OPTION 2

OPTION 1

Prior Year Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) from last year's Lid Computation Form	D1	67,277.22
		Option 1 - (1)

OPTION 2

Only use if a vote was taken at a townhall meeting last year to exceed Lid for one year

Line (1) of Prior Year Lid Computation Form	D2	-
		Option 2 - (A)
Allowable Percent Increase **Less** Vote Taken (Prior Year Lid Computation Form Line (6) - Line (5))	D3	- %
		Option 2 - (B)
Dollar Amount of Allowable Increase Excluding the vote taken (Line (A) times Line (B))	D4	-
		Option 2 - (C)
Calculated Prior Year Restricted Funds Authority (Line (A) Plus Line (C)) =	D5	-
		Option 2 - (1)

CURRENT YEAR ALLOWABLE INCREASES

1 **BASE LIMITATION PERCENT INCREASE (2.5%)** — D6: 2.50 % (2)

2 **ALLOWABLE GROWTH PER THE ASSESSOR MINUS 2.5%** — D7: - % (3)

626,310.00	/	92,860,628.00	=	0.67 %
2025 Growth per Assessor		2024 Valuation		Multiply times 100 To get %

3 **ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT BOARD APPROVED INCREASE** — D8: 1.00 % (4)

3	/	3	=	100.00 %
# of Board Members voting "Yes" for Increase		Total # of Members in Governing Body at Meeting		Must be at least .75 (75%) of the Governing Body

ATTACH A COPY OF THE BOARD MINUTES APPROVING THE INCREASE.

4 **SPECIAL ELECTION/TOWNHALL MEETING - VOTER APPROVED % INCREASE** — D9: - % (5)

Please Attach Ballot Sample and Election Results OR Record of Action From Townhall Meeting

TOTAL ALLOWABLE PERCENT INCREASE = Line (2) + Line (3) + Line (4) + Line (5)	D10	3.50 %
		(6)
Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Restricted Funds = Line (1) x Line (6)	D11	2,354.70
		(7)
Total Restricted Funds Authority = Line (1) + Line (7)	D12	69,631.92
		(8)
Less: Restricted Funds from Lid Supporting Schedule	D13	46,331.68
		(9)
Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) - Line (9)	D14	23,300.24
		(10)

LINE (10) MUST BE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO ZERO OR YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE LID LAW.

The amount of Unused Restricted Funds Authority on Line (10) must be published in the Notice of Budget Hearing.

Barneston Township in Gage County

2025-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LID EXEMPTIONS

Description of Capital Improvement	Amount Budgeted
Total - Must agree to Line 10 on Lid Support Page 4	$ -

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND ALLOWABLE GROWTH VALUE

{format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts and (e) community colleges.}

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

WILLET & CAROTHERS

TO: 2205 N 6TH STE 10A
BEATRICE NE 68310-0000

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: GAGE

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
BARNESTON TOWNSHIP	Township	626,310	110,333,490

**Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.*

I PATRICIA MILLIGAN, GAGE County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-509 and 13-518.

Patricia Milligan
(signature of county assessor)

COUNTY ASSESSOR Seal GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

August 18, 2025
(date)

CC: County Clerk, GAGE County
CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if different county, _____ County

Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document.

Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment Division (July 2025)

Assessor's Use Only

3,656,688 Pers Prior
3,594,962 Pers Value

89,263,948 Real Prior
106,738,528 Real Value

Barneston Township

Summary of Significant Forecast Assumptions

Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2026

This financial forecast presents, to the best of management's knowledge and belief, the expected revenue and expenditures of the Barneston Township for the forecast period. Accordingly, the forecast reflects management's judgment as of August 22, 2025, the date of this forecast, of expected conditions and its expected course of action. The presentation of prospective information is for compliance with Nebraska law requiring political subdivisions to file an annual budget with their respective county clerk and the State Auditor's office. The assumptions disclosed herein are those that management believes are significant to the forecast. There will usually be differences between the forecasted and actual results because events and circumstances frequently do not occur as expected, and those differences may be material.

Forecasted Results for the Year Ending June 30, 2025

Forecasted results for the year ending June 30, 2025 were calculated by annualizing the Results of the operations for the remainder of the 2024-2025 year based on historical results.

Forecasted Results for the Year Ending June 30, 2026

Forecasted results for the year ending June 30, 2026 were based upon the forecasted results of operations for the year ending June 30, 2025 as well as any additional requirements for 2025-2026 based on input from the governing board including the following:

Revenues are budgeted at the amounts similar to the prior year with the exception of the state revenues where State Department of Revenue estimates are used.

Operating expenditures are estimated at the highest several years' prior experience.

Debt service expenditures, if applicable, are according the amortization schedules.

Capital outlay is budgeted at the maximum remaining available funds, given a minimal cash reserve.

Blobaum & Busboom, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

Brian L. Blobaum, CPA
Jennifer M. Busboom, CPA
Michael A. Blobaum, CPA

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Accountants' Compilation Report

Board of Trustees
Barneston Township
Wymore, NE 68466

Management is responsible for the accompanying historical financial statement of the Barneston Township, Nebraska, which comprises financial information in the form of the 2025-2026 State of Nebraska General Budget Form, included in the accompanying prescribed form for the years ended June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025, in accordance with the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA and the form prescribed by the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts. We did not audit, examine, or review the historical financial statement included in the accompanying prescribed form nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the historical financial statement included in the accompanying prescribed form.

The historical financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form are presented in accordance with the requirements of the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, and are not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management is responsible for the accompanying forecast of Barneston Township, Nebraska, which comprises forecasted information in the form of the 2025-2026 State of Nebraska General Budget Form, included in the accompanying prescribed form in accordance with the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts for the year ended June 30, 2026, including the summary of significant forecast assumptions in accordance with the guidelines for the presentation of a forecast established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit, examine, or review the forecast nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the forecast included in the accompanying prescribed form.

The forecasted results may not be achieved, as there will usually be differences between the forecasted and actual results because events and circumstances frequently do not occur as expected, and those differences may be material. We have no responsibility to update this report for events and circumstances occurring after the date of this report.

Management has elected to omit the summary of significant accounting policies required by guidelines for the presentation of a forecast established by the AICPA other than those related to significant assumptions. If the omitted disclosures were included in the forecast, they might influence the user's conclusion about the results of operations of the forecasted period. Accordingly, the forecast is not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

The forecast included in the accompanying prescribed form is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, and is not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The accompanying budget form and report are intended solely for the information and use of the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, Gage County Clerk, and management of the Barneston Township are not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Blobaum & Busboom PC

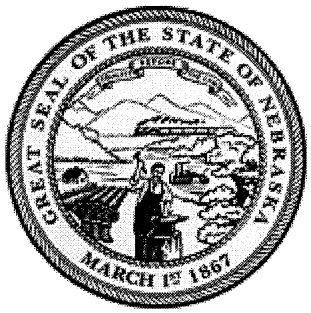
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August 22, 2025

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Mike Foley

Please Print For Your Records

Filing Confirmation For The Reporting Period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Date and Time:	August 22, 2025 16:36:27
Involvement in Interlocal Agreements:	No
Type of Subdivision:	Townships
Name of Subdivision:	Barneston Township Gage County

Contact Information

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State:	Nebraska
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#2 BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

The Budget Hearing of Barnes Township was held the 1st day of Sept, 2025, at 8:00 Am, Notice of the budget hearing was published in Beatrice Daily Sun newspaper on the 28th day of Aug, 2025.

Board Members:

Present	Absent
Allington	
Mayer	
Zimmerman	

Others Present:

The budget hearing was opened at 8:01 A.m. Three copies of the proposed budget statement were availableto the public.

Allington made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement as directed in the prepared budget notes, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget.

The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed budget statement. Public comment ensued. All members of the public wishing to address the governing body were provided a reasonable amount of time to do so.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Allington and seconded by Mayer to adjourn the budget hearing.

3 Ayes 0 Nays Motion: Passed X Failed

The budget hearing was closed at 8:05 P.m.

#3 MEETING MINUTES (to adopt the budget during regular meeting)

The Meeting of Bridgeton Twsp was held the 1 day of Sept, 2025, at 8:40 AM
The Budget Hearing was held previously on the 1 day of Sept, 2025, at 8:00 am.

Notice of this meeting was published in Bridgeton Daily Sun newspaper on the 28 day of August, 2025.

Board Members:

Present	Absent
Allinotou	
McGuire	
Zimmerman	

1% Increase in Restricted Funds Authority

A motion was made by Allinotou and seconded by McGuire to increase the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%.

3 Ayes 0 Nays Motion: Passed X
Failed

Request for Audit Waiver (if applicable)

A motion was made by Allinotou and seconded by McGuire to request an audit waiver for the fiscal year ended June, 2025.

3 Ayes 0 Nays Motion: Passed X
Failed

Budget Approval

A motion was made by Allinotou and seconded by McGuire
to approve the budget as proposed.

3 Ayes 0 Nays Motion: Passed X
Failed

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Allinotou
McGuire to adjourn the meeting.

3 Ayes 0 Nays Motion: Passed X
Failed

****Regular meeting proceedings to be included in minutes as applicable.

Adjourned ~~8:42 AM~~
8:19 Am

*** Proof of Publication ***

State of Nebraska)
Gage County) SS.

BARNESTON TOWNSHIP
JASON ALLINGTON
49714 S 80TH RD
WYMORE NE 68466

ORDER NUMBER 1261794

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she/he is a Clerk of the Beatrice Daily Sun, a legal newspaper printed, published and having a general circulation in the County of Gage and State of Nebraska, and that the attached printed notice was published in said newspaper and that said newspaper is the legal newspaper under the statues of the State of Nebraska.

The above facts are within my personal knowledge and are further verified by my personal inspection of each notice in each of said issues.

Clerk of the Beatrice Daily Sun

Signature Marie Sailors Date 9/10/25

Section: ROP
Category: ROP
PUBLISHED ON: 08/28/2025

TOTAL AD COST:	129.57
FILED ON:	9/12/2025

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me on

Sep 12, 20 25

Uva K Boone Notary Public

General Notary - State of Nebraska
UVA K. BOONE
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Eagles seek elusive NFC East repeat on path to another Super Bowl title

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The Philadelphia Eagles are aiming for another Super Bowl championship.

Just don't call it a repeat, even if that word will be thrown around plenty in the NFC East, a division that hasn't had consecutive titles from the same team since the Eagles won their fourth in a row in 2004.

The Eagles have struck "repeat" from their vernacular this season as Super Bowl MVP Jalen Hurts, 2,000-yard rusher Saquon Barkley and A.J. Brown go for another "two-peat" -- division and NFL championships.

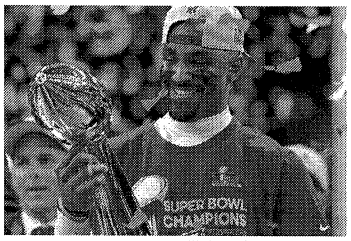
"Everything else is in the past," coach Nick Sirianni said. "I think that when teams are trying so hard to repeat or trying so hard to recapture, there's two mistakes that they make. They either are looking at their past accomplishments or they're looking too far into the future of how do you do that again? And it's really about the daily grind that you go through day in and day out. There's a mental toughness to being able to do that and go through that every single day."

The Eagles return most of their key starters on both sides of the ball, many in their primes and signed to long-term deals. They could be championship contenders for years to come.

Barkley had a career year in his debut with the Eagles. He ran for 2,504 yards in the regular season and playoffs, breaking Terrell Davis' record for most yards rushing combined in one season.

Barkley had 2,005 yards in the regular season before sitting out the final game with a chance to break Eric Dickerson's single-season mark. The Eagles rewarded him with a two-year contract extension with $36 million guaranteed.

Barkley expects bigger and better in Year 2.



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Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts holds the Vince Lombardi Trophy after defeating the Kansas City Chiefs in the NFL Super Bowl 59 football game, Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025, in New Orleans.

"It definitely helps having another year in this organization and in this building," he said. "I'm familiar with everybody. Stuff that I got into my routine later on in the season, it's already part of my routine now. It's just helpful, from the training staff to nutrition to strength coaches. It all just gets better naturally when you're here longer."

Commanders put drama to rest

The only topic that really mattered throughout training camp after Washington surprised everyone by reaching the NFC championship game last season was wide receiver Terry McLaurin's desire for a new contract. The issue was finally resolved after the preseason.

He went from a brief holdout to a hold-in while on the physically unable to perform list because of an injured ankle, to off the PUP list but still not practicing.

McLaurin and AP NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year Jayden Daniels formed a terrific combination and were expected to go nowhere but up.

Dan Quinn stayed on message on McLaurin -- "It's part of the business of the NFL, and I don't judge it or get too worked up about it," the coach said -- and players also steered clear of drama.

But there's no question it was a thing, maybe the first real blip under the current triumvirate of owner Josh Harris, general manager Adam Peters and Quinn.

Daniels is an ascendant star, widely considered among the league's elite quarterbacks already. Peters went out and added some big-name veterans, including left tackle Laremy Tunsil, edge rusher Von Miller and playmaker Deebo Samuel.

"Just watching them play on Sundays for some time, and now watching them up close and personal -- like, you can see why Von is going to be a Hall of Famer," Daniels said. "You can see why L.T. is one of the top left tackles in the league. You can see why Deebo was All-Pro."

There are questions on defense, particularly in the secondary, so if the Commanders end up needing to score a lot, a happy McLaurin will help. The two-time Pro Bowler agreed to a $96 million, three-year extension.

Giants' QB changes

After tying for the NFL's worst record at 3-14 last season, the Giants moved on from quarterback Daniel Jones, signed Russell Wilson and Jameis Winston and traded back into the first round to draft Jaxson Dart.

Wilson goes in as the starter with Dart being groomed for the future, though that could be sooner than later, given the Mississippi product's strong impression in training camp and preseason games.

"He's done a tremendous job," Wilson said. "He works at it every day, and he asks the right questions. That's what I enjoy about him."

The success of the offense revolves around Wilson, now 36, and young receiver Malik Nabers, who had 109 catches for 1,204 yards and seven touchdowns as a rookie.

Defensively, the Giants hope they made a strong pass rush even better by drafting Penn State linebacker Abdul Carter third overall. Carter joining nose tackle Dexter Lawrence and edge rushers Brian Burns and Kayvon Thibodeaux should help a beleaguered secondary, which has new faces in cornerback Paulson Adebo and safety Jevon Holland.

"We're bringing in two vets that know how to play the game," cornerback Dru Phillips said. "We may put a (different) scheme in and they're brand new here, but they came in like they knew it. They've played this type of stuff before at a high level, so you can experiment with a lot of new stuff and you can have a lot of versatility."

Plenty of Cowboys questions

The Dallas Cowboys haven't finished last in the division in 10 years. If they don't resolve the contract issue with star edge rusher Micah Parsons, that's where they're headed.

Even with Dak Prescott healthy again at quarterback, the Cowboys would present first-year coach Brian Schottenheimer a monumental task if they can't get Parsons on the field. He reported for camp but didn't practice at all while publicly requesting a trade.

The moping got progressively worse, capped by Parsons lying on a training table on the sideline during the preseason finale. The 2021 AP NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year is set to make $24 million in the final year of the five-year deal he got as a first-round pick. He wants long-term security.

With or without Parsons, the Cowboys have little chance unless Prescott shows his MVP runner-up form of 2023, when he led the NFL with 36 touchdown passes before a hamstring tear ended last season after eight games. His 10th season features a new playmaker outside to go with CeeDee Lamb in George Pickens, who was traded by Pittsburgh.

"Just with the experience of this game, having the teammates and the players that I have around me, getting into a new year with a new coach and a new energy with such a youthful team, I see somebody who feels young again," the 32-year-old Prescott said.

Dallas has questions at running back and on the offensive line, and a thin secondary until 2021 All-Pro Trevon Diggs returns from a second major knee injury, which could happen early.

Predicted order of finish

Eagles, Commanders, Giants, Cowboys.

Huskers

From B1

In that respect, it's the same," he said. "There is no advantage either way. It comes down to who's going to come out with the best game plan. Who's going to execute?"

Cincinnati quarterback Brendan Sorsby understands all of that. But the venue nonetheless is a big reason why the Huskers, who are continuing to build in coach Matt Rhule's third season, are 6 1/2-point favorites, according to BetMGM Sportsbook.

"We feel like we can go in there and compete with anybody," Sorsby said. "It's our job to go in there and prove ourselves right, and go in there and find a way to win a game. We're not paying too much attention to it, but definitely use it as motivation."

There is ample motivation for the Chiefs to put on a Thursday night spectacle, too.

Besides the bottom line that comes with hosting this game, the Chiefs are endeavoring to create an event that resonates far beyond Nebraska-Cincinnati. The NFL franchise is in the midst of deciding whether to renovate aging Arrowhead Stadium or to build anew -- possibly even a domed stadium -- and what that could mean for business going forward.

"It's something to consider," Donovan said. "If you get a dome, that puts you in the game for big events. And we have to have a brand in place, because we're going to be competing. A dome, most likely that's getting us a Super Bowl. We're on the list for a Final Four. But we've got to go to work. That's a competitive bid. So all this factors into that."

When the Chiefs landed World Cup games for next summer, they put together a presentation that highlighted their success in hosting the AFC title game and NFL draft, and the neighboring Royals having hosted the World Series and All-Star Game.

The game between Nebraska and Cincinnati is another example that they can put forward.

"We blew the doors off with tickets. We're profitable. It makes sense for both teams," Donovan said. "Now we're going to go crazy on the experience, crazy with influencers and social media, and highlight everything else. We're going to have a platform that people are going to look and see, you know, three months from now when we're talking to other teams about playing here, we can point and say, 'Look at what we did.' And hopefully we do it on an annual basis."

Keegan Bradley leaves himself off the US team for Bethpage Black

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U.S. captain Keegan Bradley decided the best way to win back the Ryder Cup was to leave his golf clubs at home.

Bradley filled out his 12-man roster Wednesday with six captain's picks for the September matches that did not include himself. He had considered becoming the first playing captain of the Ryder Cup since Arnold Palmer in 1963 at East Lake.

Turns out the suspense was for everyone but himself. Bradley said he had decided "a while ago" that he would not play at Bethpage Black on New York's Long Island, and the team had been set on Monday.

"I know 100% certain this is the right choice,"



Bradley

Bradley said from PGA of America headquarters in Frisco, Texas.

"I grew up wanting to play the Ryder Cup. It broke my heart not to play, it really did," he said. "Ultimately I was chosen to do a job. My ultimate goal was to be the best captain I could be."

Instead, Bradley went with a pair of Ryder Cup rookies in New York native Cameron Young and Ben Griffin, who finished at No. 9 in the standings. Joining them as picks were Justin Thomas, Collin Morikawa, Sam Burns and Patrick Cantlay, all of them on the last U.S. team.

That gives the Americans four Ryder Cup rookies -- U.S. Open champion J.J. Spaun and Russell Henley qualified on their own -- for the Sept. 26-28 matches. The other U.S. qualifiers were Scottie Scheffler, Xander Schauffele, Harris English and Bryson DeChambeau, the only player from Saudi-backed LIV Golf who made it.

Brooks Koepka of LIV Golf was a captain's pick for the 2023 matches.

Europe, which will announce the rest of its team on Monday, is likely to return 11 of the 12 players who won in Rome two years ago. Luke Donald returns as captain.

The Americans return only six players from that Rome squad.

Chiefs

From B1

The Chargers lost twice to the Chiefs, by seven and two points as Kansas City went a whopping 10-0 in one-score games on their way to the Super Bowl.

Whether the Chiefs can come up so clutch in close games again will go a long way toward determining if they'll be dethroned.

And the Las Vegas Raiders hired former Super Bowl-winning coach Pete Carroll, who brought in his former QB in Seattle with the acquisition of Geno Smith, who had three winning seasons as the Seahawks' starter following Russell Wilson's departure.

The addition of Carroll gives the AFC West a concentration of coaching pedigree never seen before. Led by Reid, the league's active leader in victories, the foursome of AFC West coaches own a whopping 721 collective wins in the NFL.

Can the Chiefs rebound from the Super Bowl debacle?

The Chiefs were throttled 31-9 by Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2021 and the following season they lost at home in the AFC championship to Joe Burrow and the Cincinnati Bengals.

Then they reached three consecutive Super Bowls, winning twice.

Their comeback in 2025 could rest on Travis Kelce's bounce-back.

The four-time All-Pro tight end trimmed down considerably since the end of last season, when he was last seen walking dejectedly off the turf at the Superdome in New Orleans after the Chiefs were dismantled by the Eagles.

"He's svelte right now. He looks like he's 20," Reid said.

Some had speculated the lopsided loss to the Eagles in February might drive Kelce to retire, but the newly engaged star is back and ready to serve as Mahomes' top target once again.

Denver's defense could go world-class

Payton hasn't been shy about predicting great things for the Broncos this year, telling people he has one of his better teams all-time and declaring Nix among the top handful of quarterbacks in the NFL.

Much of that optimism stems from the fortification of an already stout defense.

The Broncos lured safety Talanoa Hufanga and linebacker Dre Greenlaw from the San Francisco 49ers in free agency and used their first-round draft pick on former University of Texas star Jahdae Barron, who won the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back and was a consensus All-American.

Linebacker Alex Singleton, returning from a torn ACL that sidelined him most of last season, said Greenlaw has brought a new attitude to Denver's defense.

"I love every single day coming to work with him," Singleton said. "It's been a ton of fun. He plays fast, he plays violent, physical -- everything you want out of a linebacker."

Chargers'

Justin Herbert ready for next step with Harbaugh

The Chargers are aiming to win the division for the first time since 2009 following Harbaugh's first season in which LA returned to the playoffs and Justin Herbert threw just three interceptions all year.

Herbert shouldn't have any opening-day jitters when the Chargers host the Chiefs in Week 1 in São Paulo, Brazil, not after playing in the preseason for the first time in his career.

The 27-year-old quarterback entering his sixth season went 2 of 5 for 46 yards while playing the opening series against the Rams.

Herbert had never played in an exhibition game before over his first five NFL seasons, but the Chargers' $262.5 million quarterback asked for some limited action in this outing to get some work with the Bolts' revamped offense, which is now missing starting left tackle Rashawn Slater.

"I wanted to go out there and see the pass rush," said Herbert, who was sacked once by the Rams. "In practice as a quarterback you don't always get the true feeling of a pass rush, so I thought it would be helpful."

When Herbert was a rookie in 2020, the preseason was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. By 2021, Herbert was coming off a stellar rookie year and then-Chargers coach Brandon Staley didn't want to risk an injury during exhibition play. Staley maintained that approach in 2023. Last year, Herbert was in a walking boot with a plantar fascia injury in his right foot that caused him to miss nearly three weeks of training camp.

Carroll, Smith aim to repeat Seattle success in Las Vegas

Tom Brady's fingerprints are all over the revamped Las Vegas Raiders, who have made significant changes to their team structure. Owner Mark Davis has given minority owner Brady more control, and Brady influenced the hiring of Carroll as coach and John Spytek as general manager, and the pair acquired Smith and drafted running back Ashton Jeanty to revamp the offense.

Carroll spent 14 seasons in Seattle, going 137-89-1 and putting together double-digit victories eight times over a nine-year stretch, reaching two Super Bowls and winning one.

Smith revitalized his career with the Seahawks, signing in 2019 as the backup and then becoming the starter in 2022. He was selected AP Comeback Player of the Year when he led the league with a 69.8% completion percentage and threw for 4,282 yards and 30 touchdowns.

Predicted order of finish

Chiefs, Broncos, Chargers, Raiders

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Gamestown Township
IN
Gage County, Nebraska

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 1st day of September 2025, at 8:00 o'clock A.M. at the Gamestown Fire Hall 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

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 57,492.62
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$ 43,136.31
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$ 141,350.00
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	$ 231.39
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	$ 141,731.39
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$ 46,133.55
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$ 23,300.24

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$ 46,133.55
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$ -

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