



# Saline County Board Minutes



## SALINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, by Chairperson Marvin A. Kohout. Present were Kohout, Janet J. Henning, Russ Karpisek, Willis D. Luedke, Commissioners, County Clerk Daryl Fikar, and Administrative Assistant Tim McDermott. Deputy County Attorney Steve Reisdorff was present between court commitments. Commissioner Stephanie A. Krivohlavek was absent.

Notice of said meeting was posted in the County Clerk's Office, on the Saline County Website, and published in all three County newspapers prior to the meeting, in compliance with State Statutes.

Let the record show that all proceedings are electronically recorded.

Kohout advised those present of the open meetings law posted at the back of the room.

Henning moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Henning, Kohout and Luedke, nays none, motion carried.

Luedke moved to approve the minutes of the September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 regular meeting, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Luedke, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Under correspondence, Fikar reported receiving a postcard from the FAA, informing that Cornhusker Harvest Wind had received 136 letters of approval for their planned windfarm. Also received was a \$231.84 check from Metlife as an insurance dividend, a \$6.00 check from Hughes Networks, a \$7,245.00 check from Windstream and a \$2.00 check from Interface Security Systems, all for 911 surcharges. Kohout reported receiving a letter from NIRMA, the County's insurance company, reminding him that, since Saline County had been presented NIRMA's Outstanding Loss Prevention Efforts award at the 2017 membership meeting last October, the County is eligible to have the expenses paid for up to three Saline County officials or employees to attend this year's conference. McDermott reported receiving a message from Kayleigh Schadwinkel of the Crete Chamber of Conference, informing that she had decided to accept the responsibility and opportunity to represent Saline County at the Southeast Nebraska Tourism Committee meetings.

Under report of officials, Henning reported that she attended a Region V meeting on Monday and has a CASA meeting tonight and a Public Health Solutions meeting on Thursday.

Luedke reported he attended a construction update meeting, the new Crete library groundbreaking, he had a Saline County Ag. Society meeting last night and has another on Wednesday, and an RC&D meeting on Thursday.

Kohout reported that he had attended an Employee Handbook Committee meeting, he had a NACO Education Committee conference call, he has checked all abandoned cemeteries, he attended the Crete library groundbreaking, he attended a meeting at Saline Center with EDF and landowners in the Milligan 1 windfarm footprint, he has a Planning and Zoning meeting tonight, he will be attending County Government Day on October 17<sup>th</sup> and the NIRMA Self-Defense conference in Kearney on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Karpisek reported that he had attended Husker Harvest Days last week and has a SENDD meeting in Lincoln next Thursday.

McDermott reported attending an Employee Handbook Committee meeting on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, he attended a Veteran's Memorial Committee meeting, a construction progress meeting, a CURB Coalition meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>, with another coming up on October 24<sup>th</sup>, he reports that Electronic Contracting Company is still working in the building, checking the programming of the intercom system and he has a Leadership Academy meeting in Lincoln on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

At 9:42 a.m., Saline County Legion Commander, Glen Pieper informed the Board that the Veteran's Memorial Committee had approved the purchase of a replacement computer for the memorial. The new computer will have a built-in cooling unit to help prevent the same problems that plagued the first unit. He gave the price of the new computer of \$4,599.00. He then thanked the Board for budgeting \$750.00 for the students' lunch during County Government Day.

At 10:00 a.m., Henning moved to open the public hearing to discuss the 2018-19 budget. The motion was seconded by Luedke. Voting aye were Henning, Luedke, Kohout and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried. Brian Blobaum, CPA, explained the budget process, noting that there will be a 4.0% overall increase in the



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county tax request for the 2018-2019 budget year. Raising the levy by 4.0% will mean an increase of \$278,671.00 in revenue. This, combined with the County property valuation decreasing by 1.08% results in a levy rate increase from 29.3493 to 30.8551 cents per \$100 in valuation. County taxpayers will pay \$15.06 more per \$100,000 in valuation this year compared to last year. The tax request for 2018-2019 is \$7,245,455.00 compared to \$6,966,784.00 last year.

At 10:19 a.m., Henning moved to close the budget hearing, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Luedke and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Luedke moved to open the special budget hearing to change the property tax request, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Luedke, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to close the special budget hearing, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Kohout, Luedke, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning then moved for a vote on Resolution #2018-63, calling for a higher tax request for the 2018-19 fiscal year than was called for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Motion was seconded by Luedke. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Luedke and Henning. Therefore, the mil levy for the 2018-19 fiscal year will be .280104 for the general fund, .017892 for the jail bond fund and .010555 for the courthouse bond fund.

The General Fund request this year will be \$6,577,449.00, compared to \$6,298,778.00 last year, with the levy at .280104 compared to .265351 last year.

The jail bond fund is the same as last year at \$420,146.00 with the bond levy at .017892 compared to .017700 last year.

The courthouse bond fund is the same as last year at \$247,860.00 with the bond levy at .010555 compared to .010442 last year.

Henning moved for a vote on Resolution #2018-64, Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations, seconded by Luedke. Voting aye were Luedke, Karpisek, Henning, and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Blobaum addressed the new resolution from the Saline County Ag. Society, requesting an amount above their original request, due to planned improvements to buildings on the county fairgrounds. Blobaum will check with the State Auditor's Office to see if this is possible, and if it is, the steps that need to be taken. He will report back to the Board after consultation with the Auditor's Office.

At 10:23 a.m., Kohout announced the Board would recess.

At 10:40 a.m., Kohout announced the Board would reconvene.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2018-65, releasing pledged security CUSIP #313375K48 for \$500,000 with First State Bank Nebraska. The motion was seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Henning, Kohout, Luedke and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the County Treasurer's distress warrant report, seconded by Luedke. Voting aye were Luedke, Karpisek, Henning and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the County Clerk's report of fees for August in the amount of \$19,607.00 seconded by Luedke. Voting aye were Kohout, Karpisek, Luedke and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the Clerk of the District Court report of fees for August in the amount of \$42,598.01, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Henning, Luedke, Kohout and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the Sheriff's Report of Fees for August, showing Writ Fees: \$1,515.00; Mileage: \$1,048.50; Vehicle Inspections: \$590.00; and Gun Permits: \$120.00, totaling \$3,273.50. The motion was seconded by Luedke. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Henning and Luedke, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2018-66, transferring \$15,887.00 from the General Fund to the Bailiff Fund, as proposed in the 2018-19 budget. The motion was seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Henning, Luedke, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

At 10:45 a.m., Tim Linscott and Dave Chlupacek of CKTL Tech, LLC were present to continue the discussion concerning the renting of space to house a proposed data storage facility on the second floor of the old jail building. The Board expressed concerns about the expense and liability to which the County would be exposed, having to do with the stairway, fire escape, the availability of electrical outlets and fire suppression.



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Linscott assured the Board that his company would check with the Fire Marshall and keep the Board updated on all required changes. The discussion will continue at a later meeting.

At 11:06 a.m., Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi presented a request to occupy right of way from TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP, by its agent TC Oil Pipeline Operations, Inc. The request is to place an oil pipeline at 25 crossing points under Saline County roads. Present from TransCanada were Robert Latimer and Dan Forbes. Henning moved to approve the request, seconded by Karpisek. Prior to the vote, Deputy County Attorney Steve Reisdorff questioned whether the permit would include any language that would address the liability should the pipeline leak at some time in the future. Latimer explained that, after a leak in Marshall County, South Dakota, his company took care of all of the work and expenses involved in the cleanup. Reisdorff said that he appreciated that, but would be more comfortable if there were language in the agreement that would indemnify the County should a leak occur. After discussion, Henning and Karpisek withdrew their motions. The issue will be put on the agenda for the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

At 11:29 a.m., Henning moved to approve the claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Luedke, nays none, motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND

General Payroll	Salaries	106,375.40
Berggren Architects	Jail Rprs	2,321.62
Bryan Health	Hlth	153.00
Casson, Joseph	Court Costs	1,367.51
CBM Mngd Svcs	Spls	9,385.14
Cheever Constr	Courthouse	6,575.95
City of Wilber	Util	5,090.25
Crete Ace Hdw	Lawn Care	108.07
Crete Med Ctr	Hlth	5,587.67
Crete News	P&P	686.39
Culligan	Spls	195.75
Dugan Forms	Off Spls	664.31
Eakes	Off Spls	1,009.74
Ecolab	Spls	562.58
Electronic Contracting	Security	7,020.00
Engineered Controls	Cntrct	440.00
Farmers Coop	Fuel	444.15
First Concord	Ins	11,255.77
First Concord	Ins	500.50
Food Mesto	Spls	4.35
Galls	Uniforms	419.79
General Fire	Inspection	429.15
Hajek, Lou	Mil	52.87
Hall County Court	Court Costs	1.75
Hamilton County Court	Court Costs	3.50
Jefferson County Em Mgmt	Salary Reimb	3,700.00
Jirovec, James	Hlth	725.00
K & G Body Shop	Veh Rpr	220.66
Kohout, Marvin	Mil	188.03
Language Line Svc	Interpret	23.60
Manning, Leanne	Reimb/Mil	265.96
McDermott, Tim	Reimb/Mil	305.57
MIPS	Data Proc	2,224.87
Mulbery, Cody	Reimb	51.75
Murray, Joseph	Court Costs	18,037.89
NE Assn County Assessors	Dues	50.00



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Pryor, Randy	Reimb/Mil	97.64
Riverside Chev	Equip Rpr	80.34
Sack Lbr	Sppls	8.07
Saline County Att Petty Cash	Pstg/Court Costs	400.76
Saline County Court	Court Costs	680.00
Saline County Dist Court	Court Costs	69.00
Saline County Sheriff	Court Costs	476.00
Sapp Bros	Fuel	2,680.43
Sec of State	Court Costs	20.00
Seward County Ind	P&P	539.96
Shop Qwik	Fuel	74.89
Sid Dillon	Equip Rpr	267.40
State Industrial	Sppls	1,128.38
State of NE Dept Corrections	Cntrct	2,270.33
State of NE	Data Proc	147.60
Stehlik, Eric	Mil	341.18
Supplyworks	Sppls	197.12
Thomas Nickles Painting	Courthouse	1,300.00
Thomson Reuters	Sub	137.43
UNL Extension	Reimb	1,324.61
Visa	Sppls	56.27
Visa	Trav/Off Equip	1,811.11
Visa	P&P	153.71
Visa	Trav	154.00
Visa	Pstg	630.44
Visa	Safety Sppls	1,000.00
Visa	Off Equip	199.98
Visa	Fuel	34.03
Visa	Pstg	6.70
Visa	Pstg/Sppls	1,042.79
Visa	Sppls/Spray Equip	1,306.52
Vogt Electric	Rprs	145.00
Windstream	Phone	7,708.51
Zimco	Lawn Care	124.00
41 Auto	Equip Rpr	97.50
41 Auto	Equip Rpr	187.09

## ROAD FUND

Road Payroll	Salaries	23,667.25
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	44,505.67
City of Crete	Util	175.22
City of Friend	Util	294.21
CJ's Diesel Rpr	Equip Rpr	1,930.00
Crete Ace Hdw	Equip Rpr	1.98
Crete Auto	Equip Rpr	559.56
Crete Lbr	Sppls	322.93
Eakes	Off Sppls	20.71
Farmers Choice	Sppls	158.30
Farmers Coop	Fuel	27,444.54
Farmers Union	Equip Rpr	456.38
Filter Care	Equip Rpr	322.69
Homolka, Kevin Jr	CDI Reimb	57.50
Johnson Diesel Rpr	Equip Rpr	2,125.00



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Johnson Sand	Gravel	8,925.92
L & K Machine	Spls	142.94
Matheson Tri-Gas	Spls/Equip	270.93
Midwest Unltd	Spls	19.45
NMC Exchange	Equip Rpr	6,197.84
Norris	Util	210.93
Plains Equip	Equip Rpr	1,101.63
Praxair	Spls	68.98
Rock On	Gravel	10,572.52
Roit Repair	Equip Rpr	74.68
Sapp Bros	Fuel	3,602.03
Schwarz Paper	Spls	135.25
Speece-Lewis	Engineering	7,793.34
Surplus Ctr	Spls	266.95
Village of Swanton	Util	63.25
Visa	Trav/Spls	177.07
Von Busch Refuse	Garbage	21.00
Walker Uniform	Uniforms	47.21
Waste Connections	Garbage	196.93
Young's Welding	Spls	284.98
41 Auto	Equip Rpr	232.71
<b>BAILIFF FUND</b>		
Bailiff Payroll	Salaries	1,109.68
<b>VISITOR PROMOTION FUND</b>		
Village of Dewitt	Radio Adv	300.00
<b>VETERAN MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE FUND</b>		
Windy Prairie Sys	Kiosk Rpr	4,599.00
<b>EMPLOYEE WELLNESS FUND</b>		
Madonna Rehab	Consult	168.60
Visa	Spls	163.44
<b>AGING SERVICES FUND</b>		
Aging Services Payroll	Salaries	2,007.34
Eakes	Off Spls	88.37
Emal, Marcia	Prgm	140.00
Farmers Coop	Fuel	51.20
Pribyl, Darlene	Prgm	80.00
Purfoods	Meals	1,136.69
Seward County Ind	P&P	29.20
Visa	Prgm/P&P	177.73
Visa	Pstg/Spls	33.62
Visa	Pstg/Spls	117.83
Wilber Care Ctr	Meals	1,044.37
<b>DRUG COURT FUND</b>		
Verizon	Phone	120.03
<b>GRANT FUND</b>		
Grant Payroll	Salaries	299.65
<b>JUVENILE SERVICE AID PROGRAM FUND</b>		
Stougard, Anita	Prgm	884.00
<b>INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>		
City of Wilber	Street Rpr	3,830.50
<b>911 EMERGENCY FUND</b>		
Windstream	Phone	174.23



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## 911 WIRELESS SERVICE

Windstream	Phone	1,359.49
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## COMMISSARY FUND

CBM Mngd Svcs	Spls	3,983.56
Crawford Supply	Spls	83.16
Eakes	Spls	214.46
ICS Jail Spls	Spls	273.36
Visa	Spls	97.10

## HIGHWAY BOND FUND

UMB Bank	Prin/Int	333,406.25
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## BUILDING FUND

Siemens Ind	Bldr Rpr	724.00
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## ALL FUNDS

First State Bank	Fed Tax	14,010.02
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	6,029.65
First State Bank	Soc Sec	27,582.56
Ameritas Life	Retire	22,570.70
Delta	Dental Ins	2,232.03
VSP	Eye Ins	482.53
AFLAC	Ins	1,513.59
MassMutual	Def Comp	2,253.00
Colonial Supp Ins	Ins	269.59
Teamsters	Dues	260.50
Madison Nat'l Life	Life Ins	44.72
Madison Nat'l Life	Dis Ins	177.74
First Concord	Café	2,111.19
New York Life	Ins	118.90
NE Child Support	Garnish	197.08
NE Child Support	Garnish	188.77
US Dept of Education	Garnish	163.58
Tiburon Fin/NAS	Garnish	174.41

Karpisek moved to enter Executive Session, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Luedke, Henning, Kohout and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried. Kohout announced that, during closed session, the Board would be discussing a personnel issue.

At 11:56 p.m., Henning moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Kohout, Karpisek, Henning and Luedke, nays none, motion carried. Kohout announced that, during closed session, the Board discussed a personnel issue and no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m. The next meeting will be on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Saline County Commissioners' Room, Courthouse, Wilber, NE.

ATTEST:

Daryl Fikar, County Clerk

Janet J. Henning

Marvin A. Kohout, Chairperson

Stephanie Krivohlavek



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Willis D. Luedke, Vice-Chairperson

Russ Karpisek

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I, Daryl Fikar, County Clerk in and for Saline County, do hereby certify that the minutes of the September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Board of Commissioners' meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Daryl Fikar, County Clerk

Janet J. Henning

Marvin A. Kohout, Chairperson

Stephanie Krivohlavek

Willis D. Luedke, Vice-Chairperson

Russ Karpisek