



# Saline County Board Minutes



## SALINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:32 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 by Chairperson, Marvin A. Kohout. Present were Kohout, Janet J. Henning, Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, Phil Hardenburger, and Russ Karpisek, Commissioners, County Clerk Daryl Fikar and Administrative Assistant Tim McDermott. County Attorney Tad Eickman was present between court commitments.

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.

Karpisek moved to approve the agenda with the addition of consideration of general assistance application #2019-06 during closed session and the presentation of the preliminary 2019-20 budget by CPA Brian Blobaum, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Henning and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Karpisek moved to approve the minutes of the July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 meeting, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Henning and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Under citizens' forum, Chuck McKay questioned the Board concerning a possible time limit for consideration of a conditional use permit, and whether a permit that is not approved may be considered at a later meeting without holding another public hearing. Kohout answered that he was unaware of any time limit, but he suggested to wait until the County Attorney is present to answer his question. McKay then questioned whether the towers that were permitted to Windstream for internet availability were wise, given their height. Kohout suggested that McKay wait until the Highway Superintendent is present to consider that question.

Under correspondence, Fikar reported receiving a public records request from Mattson Ricketts asking for material related to the Milligan 1 windfarm and a notice from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources advising about a discovery meeting scheduled for residents of the middle Big Blue watershed. The meeting is at 10:00 a.m. on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at the BPW Service Center, 500 N. Commerce St. in Beatrice.

Also under correspondence, Kohout reported receiving a letter from Terry Jessen of Oshkosh, asking that the Commissioners draft and pass a resolution to place a property tax relief issue on the 2020 ballot. He also received a letter from Milo Pesek concerning the road conditions in his area.

Under Report of Officials, Hardenburger reported that he had attended a Planning and Zoning meeting in Fillmore County.

Kohout, Krivohlavek and Karpisek reported attending the Czech Festival in Wilber, with Karpisek commenting that he believes that the National Guard helicopter display went well.

McDermott reported that, although he was unable to attend, that the teen dance during Czech Days was well attended and went well. He also reports meeting with a representative of Continuum, who provided our annual report which was sent out this morning, he reported on his membership in the Professional Development Academy, he has a CURB/Coalition meeting at Public Health Solutions in Crete next Monday and an Employee Wellness Committee meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>. McDermott informed the Board that bids will be solicited for a correction to the operation of the HVAC system in the Roads Office.

At 9:57 a.m., Henning moved to approve Resolution #2019-061, directing the County Treasurer to issue tax sale certificates on real estate parcels upon which there are delinquent taxes for three or more years. The motion was seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Kohout, Hardenburger, Karpisek and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning then moved to approve Resolution #2019-062, directing the County Attorney to foreclose all tax sale certificates held and owned by Saline County on which the owner's and other claimant's right of redemption has expired. The motion was seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Henning, Kohout and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m., Lyle Bartels, a member of the Veteran's Service Committee, asked the Board to consider initiating a program to honor the Veterans of Saline County. The program would honor one veteran per month,



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to be selected by a method yet to be determined. The only restrictions are that the Veteran must be a citizen of Saline County and must be registered with the Veteran Service Officer. Krivohlavek moved to approve the program, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Kohout, Hardenburger, Karpisek, Krivohlavek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the Clerk of the District Court Report of Fees for July in the amount of \$26,014.38, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the Sheriff's Report of Fees for June, showing writ fees \$1,959.00, mileage \$1,713.50, title inspections \$550.00 and gun permits \$30.00, totaling \$4,252.50. The motion was seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Fikar announced that the County Clerk's report of fees for July is not yet available, so the consideration of that report is postponed until the next meeting.

At 10:10 a.m., The Board discussed changing the dental plan that is offered to county employees from the current plan, which only covers one x-ray per year to one that covers two x-rays per year. The extra cost to the County is \$197.00 per month. Krivohlavek informed the Board that she had spoken to her dentist concerning the number of x-rays needed and they indicated that one x-ray per year is appropriate unless the employee has problems in the interval, in which case, insurance would cover the x-ray. Krivohlavek moved to approve the agenda item, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Kohout, Hardenburger, Karpisek, Krivohlavek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

It was then realized that, as moved, the change in dental plans was approved, which was not the intent. Karpisek moved to rescind the previous vote, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Henning, Kohout, Hardenburger and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Krivohlavek then moved that the County not change the dental plan, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Henning and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

At 10:15 a.m., Captain Russ Kalkwarf presented the Distress Warrant Collection report for 2018. He reports that, as of this date, 44 warrants have been collected with interest, totaling \$9,532.02, 2 are making payments on the total, totaling \$8,231.87, 1 was returned as uncollectable as there are no assets to levy, totaling \$6,113.91, 1 is in bankruptcy, totaling \$875.18 and 4 advised that they would pay soon, totaling \$2,264.38.

At 10:20 a.m., Aging Services Director Lori Moldenhauer presented her budget request to the Board. She stated that the current request of \$5,362.65 is approximately a 2.5% increase, or \$105.00 more than last year. The request will be considered during budget discussions.

As the County Attorney had returned to the meeting, the question of having a public hearing prior to any consideration of a conditional use permit application was again brought up. Eickman replied that he does not have that information available currently, but would research the issue and return with an answer at a future meeting.

Chuck McKay then asked if EDF had furnished an updated map of proposed wind generation towers to the Commissioners. Kohout answered that no, they hadn't. Citizen Gary Veprovsky asked the Board, given current problems, whether they would consider a moratorium on wind turbine construction.

At 10:40 a.m., Kohout announced that the Board would take a short recess.

At 10:58 a.m., Kohout announced that the Board would reconvene.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2019-063, transferring \$396,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Kohout, Hardenburger, Karpisek and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2019-064, transferring \$362,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Henning, Kohout and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.



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Henning moved to approve Resolution #2019-065, transferring \$1,050.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Bailiff Fund, to be reimbursed when funds are available, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Kohout, Hardenburger, Karpisek, Krivohlavek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Karpisek moved to approve Resolution #2019-066, transferring \$760.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Juvenile Services Aid Program Fund, to be reimbursed when funds are available. The motion was seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Henning, Kohout, Hardenburger and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the minutes of the July 30<sup>th</sup> special meeting, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Henning, Kohout, Hardenburger and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m., Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi presented an agreement with BDP Management, LLC to provide and grade rock and gravel from the intersection of County Road A and Highway 103 to 900 feet west of the intersection. The cost of the labor and materials is \$9,000.00, to be deposited with the Highway Dept. prior to beginning work. Henning moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi then announced that the request to occupy right-of-way from Windstream is postponed pending the receipt of additional information from Windstream.

Filipi then updated the Board on Road and Bridge projects going on around the County.

Chuck McKay then questioned Filipi whether he was aware of any restrictions that would have prevented the approval of a right-of-way occupancy for Windstream to install poles in the County right-of-way. As per the advice of the Chairman, Filipi listened, but did not answer. He thanked McKay for his comments.

At 11:12 a.m., CPA Brian Blobaum of Blobaum and Busboom presented the Board with the preliminary 2019-20 budget, based on requests of the various offices.

At 11:28 a.m., Henning moved to enter closed session, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried. Kohout announced that, during closed session, the Board would be discussing general assistance applications #2019-05 and 2019-06 and possible litigation.

At 12:32 p.m., Karpisek moved to exit closed session, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried. Kohout announced that, during closed session, the Board discussed general assistance applications #2019-05 and 2019-06, and possible litigation and no action was taken.

Henning moved to approve the claims with the addition of \$500.00 for general assistance application #2019-05 and \$652.50 for general assistance application #2019-06, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

## General Fund

General Payroll	Salaries	110185.92
Rebecca Anderson	Atty fees	765.00
Black Hills Energy	Srvc	579.92
Bob Barker Company Inc	Spls	595.00
Chief Supply	Spls	208.48
City Of Wilber	Srvc	5,523.21
Consolidated Management Company	Spls	25.11
Continuum Employee Assistance	Srvc	3,172.00
Crete Area Medical Center	Srvc	230.00
Doane University	Rent	626.50
Eakes Office Plus	Spls	4,302.01
Elite K-9 Inc	Uniform	40.15
General Fire & Safety Equip	Spls	252.05
Greatamerica Financial Svcs	Equip	364.50
The Home Depot Pro	Spls	126.49
Jean's Creative Sewing	Srvc	48.00



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Koenig Investigative Agency	Srvc	2,856.75
Lancaster County Sheriff	Srvc	65.58
Lepant Law Office Pc Llo	Atty fees	427.50
Lynn Peavey Company	Spls	107.00
Midwest Court Reporting Inc	Svcs	190.87
Morse Watchmans Inc	Spls	69.50
Joseph H Murray Pc Llo	Atty fees	52,953.70
Ncsea	Conf	90.00
Nebraska Weed Control Association	Spls	211.50
Nelson Clark & Timan Pc Llo	Atty fees	162.00
Neopost Usa Inc	Pstg	540.00
Norris Public Power	Srvc	254.00
O'Keefe Elevator Company Inc	Srvc	2,247.02
Officenet Inc	Spls	1,376.35
Pbs Rentals	Relief	652.50
Professional Development Academy	Dues	495.00
Steven J Reisdorff	Mil	278.23
Sack Lumber Company	Spls	56.94
Saline County District Court	Crt Costs	384.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum Inc	Spls	2,207.62
Sapp Brothers Inc	Spls	1,071.56
Schuerman Welding Inc	Srvc	66.00
Shared Service Systems	Spls	139.20
Shredding Solutions	Srvc	45.00
Sid Dillon	Rprs	283.34
State Of Ne Dept Correction Svcs	Cntrct	5,494.87
Summit Food Service Llc	Spls	4,241.21
U S Postal Service	Spls	37.00
Umb Bank Na	Pmt	212.00
Us Bank Equipment Finance	Lease Pmt	116.21
Verizon Wireless	Srvc	206.41
Village Of Dewitt	Relief	500.00
Visa	Pmt	57.13
Visa	Pmt	233.41
Walker Uniform Rental	Srvc	1.00
41 Auto Parts	Spls	58.40

## ROAD FUND

Road Payroll	Salaries	24167.38
All Roads Barricades Inc	Equip	99.48
Beatrice Concrete Co Inc	Spls	52,618.93
Beaver Hardware	Spls	10.74
Black Hills Energy	Srvc	141.70
City Of Wilber	Util	65.74
Friesen Chevrolet Inc	Spls	86.04
G & P Development Landfill	Srvc	194.70
Betty Kubicek	Dirt	7,126.00
Medical Enterprises Inc	Spls	70.00
Meyer Automotive	Spls	643.00
Midwest Unlimited	Equip	78.26
Officenet Inc	Spls	305.03
Plains Equipment Group	Rent	5,000.00
Powerplan	Equip	125.07
Rock On Inc	Gravel	11,544.63



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Sack Lumber Company	Spls	1.80
Skala'S Ok Tire Store Inc	Srvc	14.00
Productivity Plus Account	Spls	17.31
Truck Center Companies	Parts	86.12
Village Of Dewitt	Util	89.54
Village Of Dorchester	Util	100.07
Village Of Tobias	Util	56.40
Walker Uniform Rental	Uniform	71.02
Wick'S Sterling Trucks Inc	Parts	164.48

## BAILIFF FUND

Bailiff Payroll	Salaries	1,143.79
Wilber Garden Club	Reimb	250.00

## AGING SERVICES FUND

Aging Services Payroll	Salaries	2,842.65
Crete Area Medical Center	Spls	15.00
Friend Community Healthcare System	Spls	75.00
Sack Lumber Company	Spls	12.28

## JUVENILE SERVICES AID PROGRAM FUND

Anita Stougard	Program	756.50
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## COMMISSARY FUND

Bob Barker Company Inc	Spls	1,446.86
Eakes Office Plus	Spls	223.30
Summit Food Service Llc	Spls	3,135.07
Visa	Spls	142.21

## CRIME PREVENTION FUND

Elite K-9 Inc	Uniform	39.95
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## ALL FUNDS

First State Bank	Fed Tax	14,689.15
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	6,363.02
First State Bank	Soc Sec	28,604.72
Ameritas Life	Retire	23,257.41
Delta	Dental Ins	2,252.27
VSP	Eye Ins	472.00
AFLAC	Ins	1,479.16
MassMutual	Def Comp	2,253.00
Colonial Supp Ins	Ins	272.30
Teamsters	Dues	287.50
Madison Nat'l Life	Life Ins	43.14
Madison Nat'l Life	Dis Ins	191.10
First Concord	Café	1,925.55
New York Life	Ins	118.90
NE Child Support	Garnish	197.08
NE Child Support	Garnish	188.77
Bryan LGH Med. Ctr.	Garnish	142.72

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m. The next meeting will be on August 20<sup>th</sup> 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the Saline County Commissioners' Room, Court House, Wilber NE.

ATTEST:

Daryl Fikar, County Clerk

Janet J. Henning



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Marvin A. Kohout, Chairperson

Stephanie Krivohlavek

Phil Hardenburger

Russ Karpisek, Vice-Chairperson

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I, Daryl Fikar, County Clerk in and for Saline County, do hereby certify that the minutes of the July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019, meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Daryl Fikar, County Clerk

Janet J. Henning

Marvin A. Kohout, Chairperson

Stephanie Krivohlavek

Phil Hardenburger

Russ Karpisek, Vice-Chairperson