



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 20th, 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.

Hardenburger moved to approve the agenda with the addition of consideration of the appointment of a new member of the Planning and Zoning Board, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Henning and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Karpisek moved to approve the minutes of the August 6th, 2019 meeting, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Henning and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Under citizens' forum, Sandra Koll questioned why the agendas for the Planning and Zoning Board meeting are not posted online. It was explained that there has been a technical issue with the website. The agendas were posted, but then were somehow deleted, which is an issue with the website administrator. It is expected that the issue will be corrected very shortly.

Under correspondence, Fikar reported receiving a report from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources concerning the discovery meeting held in DeWitt on July 30th about the Turkey Creek watershed area. Also received, from Blue Valley Community Action were their August 20th meeting agenda, their June 25th meeting minutes, their August reports to the Board of Directors and their May through August news clippings. From SENDD, the Clerk received their August 22nd meeting agenda.

Also under correspondence, Kohout reported receiving a letter from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources advising of an upcoming meeting concerning the Middle Big Blue Watershed. The meeting will be on Sept. 4th at 10:00 a.m. at the BPW Service Center in Beatrice. He also received a notice from Ameritas that several of their investment bankers had resigned, and notified the Board that Saline County had received a NACO wellness grant.

Under Report of Officials, Hardenburger reported that he had attended a Saline County Agricultural Society meeting on Wednesday.

Kohout reported that he had participated in a NACO Education Committee conference call, as well as a NACO Board of Directors conference call, where they discussed and advised against signing any resolution recommended by True Nebraskans, and that they had discussed an opioid settlement, where the states would receive monies from the pharmaceutical companies based on the number of cases in each state. Kohout also attended an Employee Wellness Committee meeting yesterday, has an Employee Safety Committee meeting tomorrow and a Planning and Zoning meeting tonight. He also reminded the Board of the NIRMA self-defense conference on October 3rd and 4th.

Krivohlavek noted that the Tourism grant applications that are online are outdated and that the deadline for completing and submitting the applications is November 1st.

Karpisek reported that he had attended the Employee Wellness Committee meeting yesterday.

McDermott reported that he has been participating in the Professional Development Academy, he had a CURB Coalition meeting on August 12th, that the County had received only one bid for modifications to the HVAC system in the County Courtroom. He has contacted Unite Private Networks concerning a possible switch for the phone and internet systems. He attended an Employee Wellness Committee meeting yesterday, has an Employee Safety Committee meeting tomorrow, a NIRMA Board of Directors meeting on Thursday and Friday and will be attending a Continuum Leadership Academy class on August 27th.



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At 9:49 a.m., Henning moved to approve the County Clerk's report of fees for July in the amount of \$13,819.50. The motion was seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Henning, Kohout, Hardenburger, Karpisek and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Hardenburger moved to approve Ron Fink as a new member of the Planning and Zoning Committee, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Henning, Kohout and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

At 9:53 a.m., McDermott reported that the County had received only one bid for modifications to the HVAC system in the County courtroom. The Board advised that we need to formally advertise for bids, as the amount may exceed the \$20,000 limit for discretionary expenditures.

At 10:01 a.m., Sandra Koll and Gary Veprosky addressed the Board, asking that there be declared a six month moratorium on any and all wind development in Saline County. Koll explained that she believes that considerations need to be made in the County's Planning and Zoning regulations concerning aircraft lights on the towers, noise levels of the generators, the height of the towers, a more comprehensive environmental impact statement, interference of over the air television signals, and lowering of property values. Veprosky believes that the County should request a cash reserve to be provided for decommissioning of the towers and held in the County Treasury, he questions whether the towers will interfere with guidance systems on farming equipment and whether the tower blades will disperse applied herbicides to areas where it is not wanted.

David Levy, attorney for EDF Renewable Energy addressed the Board, stating that his opinion is that any moratorium would need to be an amendment to the Planning and Zoning regulations. He explained that EDF is only required to follow the regulations that were in place at the time of conditional use permit approval.

County Attorney Eickman explained the Board will not take any action or make any comments, due to the pending lawsuit that has been filed against the County and the Commissioners.

At 10:39 a.m., Henning moved to approve resolution #2019-67, transferring \$500,000 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Hardenburger, Karpisek, Krivohlavek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve resolution #2019-68, transferring \$500,000 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Kohout, Hardenburger, Karpisek, Krivohlavek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve resolution #2019-69, transferring \$25,967.20 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Bailiff Fund, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Kohout, Hardenburger, Karpisek, Krivohlavek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve resolution #2019-70, transferring \$890.50 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Juvenile Services Aid Program Fund, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Hardenburger, Karpisek, Krivohlavek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve resolution #2019-71, transferring \$500.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Grant Fund, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Kohout, Hardenburger, Karpisek, Krivohlavek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

At 10:42 a.m., Kohout announced that the Board would take a short recess.

At 11:07 a.m., Kohout announced that the Board would reconvene.

Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi was present to update the Board, informing them that the bridge on County Road 900, just north of County Road P has been closed, that the County will be unable to get crushed rock for the next two weeks due to a shortage, he has received complaints that the rock that is being applied is too big, but since it is all that is available, it is better than no rock. He noted that the County trucks, in some cases, have had to sit in line for two hours to load gravel. His crews are currently building the base for the new shop in Friend.

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

GENERAL FUND



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General Payroll	Salaries	123,630.12
Anytime Plmbg	Bldg Rpr	157.44
Barnas	Med	629.74
Berggren Architects	Courthouse	6,832.62
Capital Business Sys	Equip Rent	122.00
Chief Supply	Safety Equip	718.41
City of Wilber	Util	4,769.19
Consolidated Mngmt	Trng	139.34
Crete Med Ctr	Court Costs	423.00
Crete Vet Clinic	Animal Control	93.00
Culligan	Spls	195.75
Dewey, Kristina	Uniforms	81.00
Dollar General	Bldg Spls	60.75
Eakes	Off Spls	714.08
Ecolab	Spls	1,037.05
Farmers Coop	Fuel	469.19
First Concord	Ins	9,023.84
First Concord	Ins	500.50
Food Mesto	Spls	3.10
Food Mesto	Spls	11.97
Fort Western	Uniforms	299.96
Gropp, Scott	Cntrct	7,000.00
Hajek, Lou	Mil	226.20
Inpatient Physician Assoc	Med	123.90
Jelinek, Sharon	Mil	56.26
Jindra Irrigation	Lawn Equip	242.45
Kalkwarf & Smith Law	Atty	711.00
Lancaster County Sheriff	Court Costs	18.61
Language Line Svcs	Interpreting	15.76
Latimer Reporting	Court Costs	149.80
Lincoln Radiology	Med	21.91
Manning, Leanne	Reimb/Mil	145.50
Microfilm Imaging Sys	Equip Rent	150.00
Midwest Court Reporting	Court Costs	140.00
MIPS	Data Proc	2,284.17
NE Administrative Svcs	Inst	219.00
NE Dept of Labor	Bldg Rpr	120.00
NE Law Enforcement Tng	Trng	244.00
NSA/POAN Conference	Reg	75.00
Officenet	Off Equip	84.02
P.A.T. Marketing	Safety Equip	789.00
Pryor, Randy	Mil/Reimb	475.35
Quill	Off Spls	67.95
Sack	Safety Equip	52.99
Saline County Atty Petty Cash	Pstg/Court Costs	382.03
Saline County Court	Court Costs	343.75
Saline County Dist Court	Court Costs	36.00
Saline County Sheriff	Court Costs	694.00
Sapp Bros	Fuel	2,067.77
Schwarz Paper	Bldg Spls	235.98
Secretary of State	Court Costs	20.00
Seward County Ind	P&P	1,756.99
Shop Qwik	Fuel	131.46



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Shredding Solutions	Equip Rent	45.00
Siemens	Equip Rpr	1,134.00
Smith, Sonya	Salary	96.38
Speece-Lewis	Cntrct	863.34
Stanard Appraisal Svcs	Cntrct	4,150.00
State of Nebraska	Data Proc	251.10
Stehlik, Eric	Mil	140.36
Summit Food Svc	Meals	8,371.49
Thomson Reuters	Sub	137.00
UNL Coop Extension	Reimb	1,623.61
Vales, Becky	Mil	151.38
Visa	Off Spls	5.42
Visa	Court Costs	395.49
Visa	Off Spls	95.24
Visa	Court Costs	464.13
Visa	Pstg	17.80
Visa	Fuel	55.34
Visa	Trng/Fuel	80.45
Visa	Trng/Phone	292.76
Visa	Pstg/Spls	269.69
Visa	Equip	128.63
Vogel, Kevin	Reimb	50.00
Vyhnalek, Maggie	Mil	15.08
Walker Uniform	Uniforms	112.08
Windstream	Phone	6,969.48
Zoubek, Robin	Mil	71.37
41 Auto	Equip Rpr	355.31

ROAD FUND

Road Payroll	Salaries	27,363.63
Ace Irrigation	Culverts	6,853.96
All Roads Barricades	Battery	106.05
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	52,894.03
Central States Hydraulic	Tools	73.38
City of Crete	Util	212.60
City of Friend	Util	283.67
Commercial Ind Supply	Bldg Rpr	390.73
Crete Ace Hdw	Spls	94.88
Crete Med Ctr	Testing	54.00
Crete Auto	Spls	697.91
Crete Lumber	Safety Equip	161.95
Dollar General	Spls	79.10
Eakes	Off Spls	40.49
Farmers Coop	Fuel/Equip Rent	26,091.90
Farmers Union	Equip Rpr	3,695.03
Filtercare	Equip Rpr	122.85
G & P Landfill	Landfill	1,402.24
General Fire Equip	Safety Equip	71.20
Johnson Sand	Gravel	18,040.49
Matheson Tri	Spls	180.55
McKenzie, Rod	Reimb CDL	72.00
Miller Seed	Grass Seed	125.00
NMC Exchange	Equip Rpr	2,799.11
Norris	Util	223.08



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Plains Equip	Equip Rpr	1,153.02
Praxair	Spls	67.88
RDO Truck Ctr	Equip Rpr	2,583.48
Rock On	Gravel	8,503.95
Sapp Bros	Fuel	3,771.69
Scherbarth Ace	Spls	25.55
Shaffer Comm	Equip Rpr	108.50
Village of Swanton	Util	63.50
Village of Western	Util	56.00
Von Busch Refuse	Garbage	21.00
Walker Uniform	Uniforms	27.64
Waste Connections	Garbage	201.74
Wick's	Equip Rpr	129.68
Young's Welding	Steel	217.96
41 Auto	Equip Rpr	103.01
BAILIFF FUND		
Bailiff Payroll	Salaries	1,460.22
EMPLOYEE WELLNESS FUND		
Visa	Spls	114.23
AGING SERVICES FUND		
Aging Services Payroll	Salaries	3,050.33
Eakes	Off Spls	191.29
Farmers Coop	Fuel	59.51
Food Mesto	Prgm	118.71
Purfoods	Meals	582.77
Visa	Prgm/Pstg	114.15
Visa	Spls/Pstg	779.09
Wilber Care Ctr	Meals	917.43
Zoubek, Bonita	Meals	19.26
DRUG COURT FUND		
Kalkwarf & Smith Law	Cntrct	1,100.00
Redwood Tox Lab	Testing	98.45
Verizon	Phone	240.06
JUVENILE SVCS AID PROGRAM FUND		
Stougard, Anita	Prgm	790.50
Visa	Spls	100.00
INHERITANCE TAX FUND		
Midwest Door & Hdw	Lockset	758.00
911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND		
Windstream	Phone	160.11
911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND		
Windstream	Phone	696.98
COMMISSARY FUND		
Barnas	Spls	351.79
Eakes	Spls	349.60
Summit Food Svc	Spls	1,242.19
CRIME PREVENTION FUND		
Ray Allen Mfg	Spls	37.98
Visa	Spls	44.95
ALL FUNDS		
First State Bank	Fed Tax	17,409.13
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	7,577.51
First State Bank	Soc Sec	31,969.86



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Ameritas Life	Retire	23,699.70
MassMutual	Def Comp	2,253.00
NE Child Support	Garnish	197.08
NE Child Support	Garnish	188.77
Bryan LGH Med Ctr	Garnish	142.72

At 11:12 a.m., Kohout announced that the Board would take a short recess.

At 11:23 a.m., Kohout announced that the Board would reconvene.

Henning moved that the Board enter closed session, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Henning and Kohout, nays none, motion carried. Kohout announced that, during closed session, the Board would be discussing possible litigation.

At 12:04 p.m., Karpisek moved to exit closed session, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Kohout, Hardenburger, Karpisek and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried. Kohout announced that, during closed session, the Board discussed possible litigation and no action was taken.

At 12:04 a.m., Kohout announced that the Board would take a short recess.

At 1:15 a.m., Kohout announced that the Board would reconvene.

CPA Brian Blobaum was present to discuss budgets with the Board and with the various department heads. Budgets were discussed with the Board of Commissioners, Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi, County Treasurer Debbie Spanyers, County Assessor Brandi Kelly, Emergency Manager John McKee, Clerk of the District Court Amber Mulbery, Sheriff Alan Moore, Veteran Service Officer Forrest Doyle, County Attorney Tad Eickman, Planning and Zoning Administrator and Weed Superintendent Lyle Weber, Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor Dan Johnson, Extension Educator Randy Pryor, Aging Services Director Lori Moldenhauer, Administrative Assistant Tim McDermott and County Clerk Daryl Fikar.

It was decided to continue the budget discussion and to present the resolution for 2019-20 levies during a special meeting on August 27th at 8:30 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on September 3rd, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the Saline County Commissioners' Room, Court House, Wilber NE.

ATTEST:

Anita Bartels, Deputy County Clerk

Janet J. Henning

Marvin A. Kohout, Chairperson

Stephanie Krivohlavek

Phil Hardenburger

Russ Karpisek, Vice-Chairperson

I, Anita Bartels, County Clerk in and for Saline County, do hereby certify that the minutes of the August 6th, 2019 meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Anita Bartels, Deputy County Clerk

Janet J. Henning

Marvin A. Kohout, Chairperson

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