



Saline County Board Minutes



SALINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:34 a.m. on Tuesday, November 12th, 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 as presented, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Karpisek moved to approve the minutes of the October 29th, 2019 regular meeting, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Kohout, Henning, Karpisek and Krivohlavek and, nays none, motion carried.

Under Citizens Forum, Ric Nelson with EDF Renewables updated the Board on progress being made with construction of the Milligan 1 windfarm. He said, above all else, safety is their priority. He informed the Board that all employees are picking up any trash that they find. They have created 30 roads to the work sites, pouring cement for the foundations, installing culverts as needed. Krivohlavek questioned Nelson, stating that she had received an email from a citizen, questioning the total wattage of the project. Nelson answered that all of the plans had been approved by their engineers and by NPPD. He said that the towers themselves will not be at maximum output, and that there is a voltage loss from the point of generation to where the lines connect to the substation, so this will also drop the wattage. Nelson noted that they have installed warning signage on the roads that are being used by the cement trucks, and that some of them have already been stolen. They are going to put the signs up in a more permanent manner. Krivohlavek is concerned that she has seen postings on social media, joking about hunting in the area where construction is taking place. She reports that she is concerned about the safety of the workers. Nelson responded that anyone working on the project is required to wear a safety vest, helmet and boots.

Under correspondence, Fikar reported receiving the October 27th meeting minutes from the Saline County Historical Society, and a summons from Mattson Ricketts Law Firm naming Saline County and companies involved in building the Milligan 1 windfarm. All are being sued by Alan Brunkow, Debbie Brunkow, Gary Veprovsky, Dennis Pallas, Deborah Pallas, Charles McKay and Rebecca McKay. The suit is challenging the validity of the conditional use permit issued by the County to construct the windfarm.

Kohout reported that he had received a letter from a Saline County resident, stating that she had received a note from the Milligan 1 wind project, thanking her for supporting the project, but she states that she is against the project. Kohout also received, from the Saline County Attorney's Office, a notice of two tax foreclosures.

At 10:00 a.m., Sheryl Kastanek and Gary Wooten of the Saline County Tourism Committee presented the list of organizations that they had approved for tourism grants. Hardenburger moved to approve the grants, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Kohout and Henning, nays none, motion carried. The Board questioned how the vote was taken should any of the members also be members of the requesting organization. Wooten answered that, should that happen, the member would abstain from voting.

At 10:18 a.m., Veteran Service Committee member Lyle Bartels announced that the recipient of the November Veteran Certificate of Appreciation is William J. Kottas. The certificate reads "The Saline County Commissioners wish to Recognize your military service to the United States of America. Throughout our Nation's history, it is the effort of the men and women, such as yourself, that have provided the freedoms we, as Americans, dearly enjoy today. Please accept our deepest gratitude and appreciation. Let us never forget your demonstrated sacrifice, service, love, and commitment to your country. Thank You, God Bless You, and God



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Bless the United States of America". As Mr. Kottas was unable to attend, the certificate was presented to Nebraska State American Legion Commander Gary Wooten.

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

At 10:42 a.m., Kohout announced the Board would reconvene.

Aging Services Director Lori Moldenhauer was present to ask approval of Saline County Aging Services Board member Trudy Kubicek. Henning moved to approve Kubicek as a Board member, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Kohout, Henning, Karpisek, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Krivohlavek moved to approve Resolution #2019-093, transferring \$6,597.58 from the General Fund health insurance line to the Aging Services Fund, to reimburse for premiums that were paid from Aging Services. The motion was seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Kohout, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

The Board then resumed the discussion concerning the Aging Services budget. Fikar had calculated what the salaries will be for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Henning moved to approve Resolution #2019-094, transferring \$92,306.34 from the General Fund to the Aging Services Fund, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Kohout, nays none, motion carried. Discussion was had concerning how the salaries for Aging Services would be paid for the 2020-21 budget year. Fikar offered that there should be a line item created in the General Fund, and pay the salaries of Aging Services staff from there.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2019-092, setting a fee schedule for Saline County Offices, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

At 11:06 a.m., County Treasurer Debbie Spanyers presented her distress warrant report for 2018 taxes. She reports that she has turned over 67 warrants, valued at \$43,681.74 to the County Sheriff for collection.

Henning moved to approve the Clerk of the District Court report of fees for October, totaling \$46,587.90. The motion was seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Karpisek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the Sheriff's report of fees for October: writ fees \$1,937.00, mileage \$1,736.50, vehicle inspections \$590.00 and gun permits \$65.00, totaling \$4,328.50. The motion was seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Henning, Hardenburger, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the County Clerk's report of fees for October, totaling \$17,229.53, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Karpisek, Henning and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Under report of officials, Henning reported that she attended a Region V meeting on November 4th and has another on November 18th. She also has a Public Health Solutions meeting on November 21st.

Hardenburger reported that he had attended a Saline County Tourism Committee meeting on November 7th, and on the 4th, the Saline County Long Term Recovery Team meeting in DeWitt.

Kohout reported that he had attended an Employee Recognition Committee meeting, informing the Board that it was decided to have the banquet on March 28th, 2020 at the Legion Hall in Wilber.

McDermott reported attending a CURB Coalition meeting, he has been in contact with Bill Donnelly, the are supervisor for the US Census Bureau. They are still looking for workers for the 2020 census. He reports that he has completed the Professional Development course, he has a regional Coalition meeting this Thursday, an Employee Wellness Committee meeting on the 18th, a Continuum class on the 19th, an Employee Safety Committee meeting on the 20th, and reminds the Board of a Wellness class on the 20th.

At 11:30 a.m., Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi presented Resolution # 2019-095, the Annual Certification of Program Compliance for the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. Henning moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Henning, Hardenburger, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.



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Filipi then updated the Board on road and bridge projects going on around the County. He then asked for and received permission to investigate the possibility that Saline County may be able to trade in a motor grader, and not be billed until the next fiscal year.

At 11:40 a.m., Krivohlavek moved to enter closed session, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Karpisek, Henning, Hardenburger and Kohout, nays none, motion carried. Kohout announced that, during closed session, the Board would be discussing general assistance application #2019-08 and possible litigation.

At 12:32 p.m., Hardenburger moved to exit closed session, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Karpisek and Henning, nays none, motion carried. Kohout announced that, during closed session, the Board discussed general assistance application #2019-08 and possible litigation and no action was taken.

Krivohlavek moved to approve general assistance application #2019-08 in the amount of \$1,113.78, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Karpisek, Henning, Hardenburger, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Krivohlavek moved to approve the claims with the addition of \$1,113.78 for general assistance request #2019-08, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Karpisek, Henning and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

General Payroll	Salaries	111,008.34
Anderson, Rebecca	Atty	450.00
Anytime Plumbing	Maint	1,564.61
Baehr, Roni	Reimb	125.00
Bartels, Eric	Reimb	17.21
Black Hills	Util	1,080.29
Bryan Med Ctr	Med	6,201.96
Capital Business Sys	Equip Rpr	122.00
City of Wilber	Util	9,106.76
Consolidated Mgmt Co	Trng	49.11
Crete Ace Hdw	Bldg Spls	17.98
Crete Med Ctr	Med	430.00
Crete Housing Auth	Gen Asst	225.00
CTM-Michael Mink	Off Spls	1,448.20
Culligan	Spls	548.05
Drake, Adam	Reimb	14.65
Eakes	Off Spls	866.49
Farmers Coop	Fuel	30.98
Filter Shop	Spls	213.05
First Concord	Ins	495.00
First Wireless	License	900.00
Food Mesto	Spls	4.90
Galls	Uniforms	496.58
Greatamerica Fin Svcs	Off Equip	370.75
Gropp Law	Cntrct	346.40
GT Distr	Spls	1,668.00
Hajek, Lou	Mil/Reimb	21.62
Hall County Court	Court Costs	1.50
Haugen, Tiffany	Mil	167.04
Helena Chemical	Lawn Care	108.75
Hensel, John	Reimb	80.54
Home Depot	Spls	60.96
Jefferson County Em Mgmt	Salaries	3,700.00



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Kohout, Marvin	Mil	321.90
Kosmicki, Michael	Atty	543.00
Language Line Svc	Interpret	60.66
Manning, Leanne	Mil/Reimb	309.57
McDermott, Tim	Mil/Reimb	148.66
Microfilm Imaging Sys	Equip Rent	150.00
MIPS	Data Proc	2,275.17
Murray, Joseph	Court Costs	834.00
NACO	Trng	125.00
NE Law Enforcement Trng	Trng	484.00
Norris Public Power	Util	245.00
Officenet	Off Equip	653.67
Ouren, William	Court Costs	225.00
Pell Reporting	Court Costs	165.23
Prebyl, Bev	Reimb	49.88
Pryor, Randy	Mil/Reimb	584.97
Ramada Inn	Trav	267.00
Rogers, Steve	Reimb	49.84
Sack Lbr	Spls	18.34
Saline County Atty Petty Cash	Court Costs	18.61
Saline County Court	Court Costs	575.00
Saline County Dist Court	Court Costs	282.00
Saline County Sheriff	Court Costs	955.00
Sapp Bros	Fuel	3,518.07
Seward County Ind	P&P	878.19
Shop Qwik	Fuel	161.40
Sid Dillon	Equip Rpr	228.74
Siemens Ind	Bldg Rpr	4,450.70
Stanard Appraisal Svcs	Appraising	4,150.00
Stehlik, Eric	Mil/Reimb	93.33
Stougaard, Anita	Mil	61.48
Summit Food Svc	Spls	8,609.22
Turn-Key Mobile	Radio Equip	558.41
UNL Extension	Reimb	1,016.49
US Bank Equip	Off Equip	430.00
Vales, Becky	Mil	25.52
Verizon	Phone	206.48
Visa	Uniforms	832.90
Voss Lighting	Bldg Spls	447.10
Walker Uniform	Uniforms	160.29
West Gate Bank	Gen Asst	888.78
41 Auto	Equip Rpr	12.48
41 Auto	Equip Rpr	401.35

ROAD FUND

Road Payroll	Salaries	22,613.24
Aqua Plumbing	Plmb Spls	185.00
B's Enterprises	Blades	3,360.00
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	30,313.89
Black Hills	Util	144.85
City of Crete	Util	237.82
City of Friend	Util	267.93
City of Wilber	Util	65.23
Con Pro	Concrete	46,942.00



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Crete Ace Hdw	Spls	170.01
Crete Auto	Equip Rpr	297.30
Crete Lumber	Equip Rent	3,463.21
Farmers Coop	Fuel/Spls	15,547.57
Farmers Union	Fuel/Spls	1,363.58
Filtercare	Equip Rpr	142.55
Johnson Sand	Gravel	3,353.94
Lawson Products	Spls	747.53
Matheson Tri-Gas	Spls	185.06
Norris Public Power	Util	245.19
O'Reilly Auto	Equip Rpr	106.95
Officenet	Off Spls	386.84
Plains Equip	Equip Rpr	438.78
Pomp's Tire Svc	Tires	655.00
Powerplan	Equip Rpr	634.43
RDO Truck Ctr	Equip Rpr	1,562.35
Sanitary Garbage	Garbage	21.00
Sapp Bros	Fuel/Spls	3,161.73
Slepicka, Marvin	Dirt	5,328.00
SE NE County Off	Trng	30.00
Village of Dorchester	Util	105.15
Village of Tobias	Util	56.40
Village of Western	Util	56.00
Walker Uniform	Uniforms	49.33
Waste Connections	Garbage	201.74
Young's Welding	Equip Rpr	232.17

BAILIFF FUND

Bailiff Payroll	Salaries	1,143.79
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VISITOR PROMOTION FUND

Tobias Comm Club	Fun Fair	100.00
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VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND

DeWitt Historical Soc	Wall Seal	900.00
Wilber Garden Club	Gardens	485.06

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS FUND

Houser, Jamie	Mil	67.28
Kohout, Marvin	Mil	75.40
McDermott, Tim	Mil	118.32

AGING SERVICES FUND

Aging Services Payroll	Salaries	2,772.89
Crete Med Ctr	Meals	30.00
Food Mesto	Spls	26.98
Hoover, Madison	Mil	44.08
Purfoods	Meals	1,009.75
Seward County Ind	P&P	7.20
Wilber Care Ctr	Meals	952.05
Zoubek, Bonita	Reimb	35.41

DRUG COURT FUND

Blackburn Tech	Off Spls	704.00
Redwood Tox Lab	Testing	98.45
Verizon	Phone	240.06

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUND

Jefferson County Em Mgmt	Alertsense	2,466.21
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JUVENILE SVCS AID PROGRAM FUND



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Perez Mendez, Ana	Prgm	198.00
Stougaard, Anita	Prgm	862.75
INHERITANCE TAX FUND		
Berggren Architects	HVAC Sys	5,131.18
COMMISSARY FUND		
Anderson Ford	Auto	32,581.00
Barnas	Spls	674.94
Bob Barker Co	Spls	376.92
Eakes	Spls	304.19
Justice Benefits	Dues	2,255.00
Summit Food	Spls	3,453.47
Visa	Directv	85.92
JAIL BOND FUND		
UMB Bank	Prin/Int	414,323.75
ALL FUNDS		
First State Bank	Fed Tax	14,365.72
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	6,259.34
First State Bank	Soc Sec	28,381.58
Ameritas Life	Retire	23,060.34
Delta	Dental Ins	2,217.62
VSP	Eye Ins	461.69
AFLAC	Ins	1,418.17
MassMutual	Def Comp	2,253.00
Colonial Supp Ins	Ins	272.30
Teamsters	Dues	287.50
Madison Nat'l Life	Life Ins	42.59
Madison Nat'l Life	Dis Ins	265.81
First Concord	Café	1,925.55
New York Life	Ins	118.90
NE Child Support	Garnish	197.08
AZ Child Support	Garnish	86.06
Bryan LGH	Garnish	180.14

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on November 26th, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the Saline County Commissioners' Room, Court House, Wilber NE.

ATTEST:

Daryl Fikar, County Clerk

Janet J. Henning

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 October 29th, 2019 meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Daryl Fikar, County Clerk

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