



# Saline County Board Minutes



## SALINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:31 a.m. on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 by Chairperson, Marvin A. Kohout. Present were Kohout, 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. Commissioner Janet J. Henning 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.

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

Krivohlavek moved to approve the minutes of the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Kohout, Karpisek and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Commissioner Henning arrived at 9:34 a.m.

Under Citizens Forum, Don Dison, site construction manager for the Milligan 1 Wind, LLC wind project updated the board on activities of the crew building the windfarm. He had pictures projected which showed County Road 1350 being graded, widened and compacted, as well as 6" of rock being applied. Also photos of signage that had been bent over by the recent winds. He also reports that some of the signage had "evaporated". He also showed photos and explained the construction of the base for one of the wind towers.

Under correspondence, Fikar reported receiving the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting agenda from 5 Rivers RC&D, from Hope Crisis Center, a Thank You for the support that Saline County provides, from Blue Valley Community Action, their November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda, October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and their November 2019 report to the Board of Directors. From the Nebraska Dept. of Natural Resources, the inspection report of Wilber Dam 1.

Kohout reported that he had received a letter from Doris Henkel of Tobias and Lisa Reinsch of Schickley, who own land in Saline County. They both expressed support for the windfarm project. Kohout also received a letter from Smithfield Farmland Corp. informing the County that they will again be applying wastewater bio-solids to area farm ground this fall. He also received information regarding Extension Educator Nathan Mueller, who will be taking over for Randy Pryor following his retirement.

Under report of officials, Henning reported that she attended an RGB meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Hardenburger reported that he had attended a Saline County Ag. Society meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>, a Continuum class on November 19<sup>th</sup>, a Blue Valley Community Action meeting on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup>, and a 5 Rivers RC&D meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Kohout reported that he had attended an Employee Wellness Committee meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> and an Employee Safety Committee meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Karpisek reported that he had attended an Employee Wellness Committee meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

McDermott reported attending a Regional Coalition meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>, an Employee Wellness Committee meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>, a Continuum class on November 19<sup>th</sup>, an Employee Safety Committee meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> and an Employee Wellness class on the evening of November 20<sup>th</sup>. Coming up, he will be scheduling meetings of the Saline County Handbook Committee, a NIRMA meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> and a Diversion meeting and a CURB Coalition meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Maintenance Supervisor Dan Johnson addressed the Board, informing them that the new doors have been installed on the old jail building, but there is still some work to do on the roof drain that was routed inside the garage. He also states that the new heat pump for the County Courtroom is installed and has been working properly.

At 9:55 a.m., Bill Donnelly with the U.S. Census Bureau addressed the Board, telling them that recruiting census workers in Saline County has been very challenging. Saline County is 89<sup>th</sup> out of the 93 Nebraska counties, and asked that the Board help in any way possible in recruiting. He noted that the



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requirements for workers are that they are 18 years old and are U.S. citizens. The current pay is \$13.50 per hour, plus .58 cents per mile. The hourly rate may change at the beginning of December and the mileage rate may change at the end of 2019.

At 10:11 a.m., Tim McDermott presented the 2020 Employee Wellness Program handbook. He noted that the main change from the previous year is the option for employees to participate in an online program, where they would be issued a wearable device to track their steps. This would then be downloaded to an online program, and their points tracked online. County Attorney Eickman disagreed with some of the rules of that option, telling the Board that he believes that the number of steps required per day, 10,000 may be excessive, and that the program does not consider anything under 10,000 steps. Commissioner Krivohlavek stated that she bicycles and does weight training, which would not count under that option. Commissioners Karpisek and Kohout explained that this is a brand new offering, and would probably need to be “fine tuned” for any future programs, and that anyone could still stay with the previous method of tracking physical activity. Karpisek moved to approve the 2020 Wellness Program, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Henning, Hardenburger, Kohout and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

At 10:34 a.m., Kohout announced the Board would take a short recess.

At 10:54 a.m., Kohout announced the Board would reconvene.

Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi presented a request to occupy right of way from Don Homolka to install a water line under County Road 1200 in the NE ¼ of the E ½ of section 25-6-2. Hardenburger moved to approve the request, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Kohout, Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Henning and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi then presented two agreements with Speece Lewis Engineers. The first, for engineering on Saline County Culvert Project structure number C007604520P, will be charged at a lump sum of \$10,850.00 plus \$750.00 per inlet plan, \$750.00 per outlet plan and \$2000.00 if the Army Corp of Engineers requests an onsite visit. Observation of the project will be charged at \$70.00 per hour plus mileage. The second agreement, for engineering on Saline County Culvert Project structure number C007604515P has charges identical to the first. Henning moved to approve both agreements, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Hardenburger, Kohout, Karpisek and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Consideration of the right of way requests from Milligan 1 Wind, LLC will be delayed for two weeks to give Filipi more time to study the affected areas.

Filipi then updated the Board on various road and bridge projects going on around the County.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2019-096, transferring \$50.00 from the General Fund Adult Drug Court Fund, to be reimbursed when funds are available. The motion was seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Kohout, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2019-097, transferring \$80,000.00 from the General Fund to the Courthouse Bond Debt Service Fund, to be reimbursed when funds are available. Krivohlavek seconded the motion. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

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

## GENERAL FUND

General Payroll	Salaries	110,066.47
Anytime Plmbg	Maint	115.50
Barnas	Hlth	527.98
Bear Graphics	Off Spls	537.49
Bishop Business Equip	Off Equip	973.46
Consolidated Mgmt Co	Trng	104.99
Crete Med Ctr	Hlth	539.00
Dollar General	Spls	116.85
Eakes	Off Spls	735.48



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Election Pay	Spec Elect	55.00
Election Mileage	Spec Elect	24.36
Farmers Coop	Fuel	1,089.45
First Concord	Ins	19,039.53
Gropp, Scott	Atty	7,218.95
GT Distributors	Uniforms	859.50
Jelinek, Sharon	Mil	47.56
Kiner Supply	Spls	25.80
Latimer Reporting	Court Costs	72.00
Lokken, Collette	Reimb	16.89
MIPS	Data Proc	1,769.71
NACO	Trng	250.00
NE Weed Control Assn	Dues	125.00
Nelson Clark & Timan	Court Costs	1,521.00
NE Juvenile Svcs	Cntrct	2,056.25
Pell Reporting	Court Costs	218.15
Quill	Off Spls	54.99
Ramada Inn	Trav	76.00
Region V Sys	Inst	214.00
Ripa, Norma	Retire	18.00
Sack	Spls	19.37
Saline County Atty Petty Cash	Court Costs	104.22
Saline County Dist Court	Court Costs	99.00
Sapp Bros	Fuel	963.59
Schwarz Paper	Spls	715.74
Sec of State Election Div	Off Spls	20.00
Sec of State Rules/Regs	Off Spls	20.00
Seward County Ind	P&P	4.50
Shared Service Sys	Spls	73.91
Siemens Industry	Bldg Impr	1,134.00
Soarin Group	Cntrct	749.50
SE Dist Assessor Assn	Dues	25.00
SE NE County Officials	Trng	240.00
Spanyers, Debbie	Reimb/Mil	58.24
Speece-Lewis	Engineering	863.33
Stahl, Chris	Reimb	15.51
State of NE Dept Correction	Cntrct	9,169.88
State of NE Finance	Data Proc	147.60
Summit Food Svc	Spls	4,221.83
Sweney Group	Audi	3,006.00
Symes, Steven	Cntrct	4,927.00
Thomson Reuters	Sub	137.00
Troshynski, Diane	Reimb	20.00
Verizon	Phone	1,608.97
Visa	Equip	224.91
Visa	Pstg/Trav	512.80
Visa	Trav	415.76
Visa	Pstg	791.20
Visa	Fuel	37.66
Visa	Trng	154.69
Visa	Pstg	11.42
Visa	Trng/Fuel	269.64
Visa	Spls	94.01



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Visa	Off Spls	188.88
Vyhnalek, Tonja	Trng	40.00
Walker Uniform	Uniforms	49.08
Warning, Jennifer	Reimb	5.00
Windstream	Fuel	7,020.38
Witt, Lila	Retire	30.00
Zito	Cable	195.85
41 Auto	Equip Rpr	692.91
<b>ROAD FUND</b>		
Road Payroll	Salaries	23,219.22
Adv Auto Glass	Equip Rpr	450.00
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	32,668.89
Black Hills	Util	114.08
Central States Hyd	Equip Rpr	200.00
Eakes	Off Spls	32.74
Hotsy Equip	Spls	93.80
Johnson Sand	Gravel	10,043.10
NMC Exchange	Equip Rpr	757.13
Praxair Distr	Spls	69.00
Rock On	Gravel	4,682.04
Shaffer Comm	Equip	66.00
Village of Swanton	Util	63.50
Visa	Off Equip/Fuel	2,949.80
Wackel's Machine	Equip Rpr	455.00
Walker Uniform	Uniforms	52.33
Wick's Sterling	Equip Rpr	123.52
41 Auto	Equip Rpr	22.38
<b>BAILIFF FUND</b>		
Bailiff Payroll	Salaries	1,143.80
Eakes	Off Spls	39.48
<b>VISITORS PROMOTION FUND</b>		
Courtside Marketing	Adv	549.00
<b>EMPLOYEE WELLNESS FUND</b>		
Visa	Equip	3,400.95
<b>AGING SERVICES FUND</b>		
Aging Services Payroll	Salaries	2,833.35
Crete Med Ctr	Meals	55.00
Crete News	Sub	32.00
Emal, Marcia	Prgm	200.00
Hoov's Home Impr	Bldg Impr	7,022.50
Sack	Bldg Impr	816.31
Visa	Spls	3.00
Visa	Prgm	8.94
Visa	Pstg/Prgm	710.56
<b>DRUG COURT FUND</b>		
Kalkwarf & Smith Law	Cntrct	1,100.00
Verizon	Phone	120.03
<b>JUVENILE SVC AID PROGRAM FUND</b>		
Perez Mendez, Ana	Prgm	246.00
Stougard, Anita	Prgm	739.50
<b>INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>		
McCormicks Heating	HVAC Rev	17,895.00
<b>911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND</b>		





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Geocomm	License	2,687.00
Soarin Group	Cert	32.69
Windstream	Phone	158.91
<b>911 WIRELESS FUND</b>		
Geocomm	License	1,548.00
Soarin Group	Cert	200.81
Windstream	Phone	697.87
<b>COMMISSARY FUND</b>		
CBM Mngd Svc	Spls	32.27
Crawford Supply	Spls	55.44
Eakes	Spls	312.04
Summit Food Svc	Pstg/Spls	4,293.42
Visa	Spls	25.62
<b>CRIME PREVENTION FUND</b>		
Visa	Spls	17.19
<b>COURTHOUSE DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>		
Union Bank & Trust	Int	118,763.75
<b>ALL FUNDS</b>		
First State Bank	Fed Tax	14,204.84
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	6,189.93
First State Bank	Soc Sec	28,286.84
BCBS	Ins	117,009.50
Ameritas Life	Retire	22,914.70
Delta	Dental Ins	2,230.03
VSP	Eye Ins	471.84
AFLAC	Ins	1,400.00
MassMutual	Def Comp	2,253.00
Colonial Supp Ins	Ins	272.30
Teamsters	Dues	287.50
Madison Nat'l Life	Life Ins	42.31
Madison Nat'l Life	Dis Ins	259.44
First Concord	Café	1,958.88
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 11:05 a.m. The next regular meeting will be on December 10<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

Marvin A. Kohout, Chairperson

Stephanie Krivohlavek



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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 November 12<sup>th</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