



Saline County Board Minutes



SALINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:46 a.m. on Tuesday, January 7th, 2020 by Chairperson, Marvin A. Kohout. Present were Kohout, Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, Janet J. Henning, 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.

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

Henning moved to approve the minutes of the December 23rd, 2019 regular meeting, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Kohout, Karpisek, Henning and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Under citizens forum, Ric Nelson of EDF Renewables reported that construction of Milligan 1 windfarm is back to full speed following the holiday break. He said that they are pouring the foundation for one turbine per day and they continue to apply rock to the roads that they are using. He also informed the Board that EDF is in frequent contact with 5 different school districts, concerning the bus routes, and will consider the needs of local farmers once the planting season begins. He is aware of problems caused by local trucking companies not following the rules of EDF or of Saline County and they continue to work to correct that, stating that safety is their number one priority.

Under correspondence, Kohout reported receiving a telephone call from Tom Sorenson of Edward Jones Investments. Kohout states that he was informed that Sorenson, who previously assisted Saline County with bonds, will no longer be able to help. He also received an email concerning the road to Blue River Lodge, and forwarded it to the Highway Superintendent.

Under report of officials, Hardenburger reports that he has an Ag. Society meeting tomorrow and a 5 Rivers RC&D meeting and a Blue Valley Community Action meeting coming up.

Kohout reported that he has an Employee Wellness Committee meeting next Monday and a Saline County Historical Society meeting on January 19th.

Krivohlavek reports that she has a Veteran Service Committee meeting and a Saline County Area Transit meeting, both on January 16th.

Karpisek reports that he has an Employee Wellness Committee meeting on Monday.

McDermott reported that he has a Regional Coalition meeting coming up, an Advanced Wellness meeting in Lincoln on January 9th and an Employee Wellness Committee meeting on January 13th, which he believes, may have to be rescheduled.

At 10:04 a.m., maintenance supervisor Dan Johnson and Jerry Berggren of Berggren Architects reported on the problem with moisture entry into the courthouse. Berggren believes that approximately 30% of the building needs to be tuck pointed, as the mortar at certain points is disintegrating, allowing moisture between the blocks. He wants to do a study with a drone to get a closer look, and will report back to the Board at a later meeting. The Board asked what the charges will be for his part of the project. Berggren replied that he will charge 10% of the total, plus other reimbursable expenses which, he states, is a standard charge.

At 9:56 a.m., Veteran Service Committee member Lyle Bartels and Veteran Service Officer Forrest Doyle introduced veteran Roger A. Wolfe, who was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Board Chairman Marvin Kohout. 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 Bless the United States of America". After



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which, Mr. Wolfe introduced his wife, Marilyn and daughters Diane and Julie. Mr. Wolfe thanked the Board, and received a standing ovation.

At 10:22 a.m., Kohout announced the Board would take a short recess.

At 10:38 a.m., Kohout announced the Board would reconvene.

Under reorganization, County Attorney Tad Eickman, asked for nominations from the floor for Chairperson. Henning nominated Kohout, seconded by Karpisek. Henning then moved that nominations for Chairman cease, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Henning, Hardenburger, Krivohlavek and Karpisek, abstaining Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Eickman announced that the nominations would cease and a voice vote would be used to elect the Chairperson. Voting aye for Kohout were Karpisek, Hardenburger, Krivohlavek and Henning, abstaining Kohout. Kohout receiving the majority of votes, is elected as Chairperson of the Board of Equalization and Board of Commissioners for the 2020 calendar year.

Kohout then asked for nominations from the floor for Vice-Chairperson. Henning nominated Karpisek, seconded by Krivohlavek. After repeating the call for nominations three times, a vote was called. Voting aye for Karpisek were Hardenburger, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Henning, abstaining Karpisek. Karpisek receiving the majority of votes is elected as Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Equalization and Board of Commissioners for the 2020 calendar year.

At 9:50 a.m., the Board reviewed the Appointments and Policies for 2020 as follows:

2020 APPOINTMENTS, POLICIES, HOLIDAYS FEES, MEETING DATES, ETC.

*The Saline County Board of Commissioners will hold their first regular meeting the 7th day of January, 2020, and every two weeks thereafter, except for the first meeting in May. That meeting will be on Monday, May 11th, due to Primary Election May 12th, Meetings are held in the Saline County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Court House, Wilber, NE. Other special meetings and workshops may be scheduled as needed.

***Official keeper of the Saline County Board agenda** – County Clerk. Requests to be on the agenda must be in the Saline County Clerk's office 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

***Purchasing agent for the County Road and Bridge Departments**, Bruce Filipi, Highway Superintendent, with final approval of the County Board;

***Purchasing agent for the County Weed Department**, Lyle Weber, County Weed Superintendent, with final approval of the County Board;

***Purchasing agent for the Veterans' Service Office**, Forrest Doyle, Veteran's Service Officer, with final approval of the County Board;

***Building and Grounds Committee** – Henning, Kohout, Hardenburger, Krivohlavek & Karpisek.

***Safety Committee** - Kohout and Karpisek

***Weed Board** – Henning, Kohout, Hardenburger, Krivohlavek & Karpisek

***Saline County Board of Equalization** – Henning, Kohout, Hardenburger, Krivohlavek & Karpisek

***Coroners** – County Attorney, Deputy County Attorney, County Sheriff

***Aging Services** --Krivohlavek, Alternate Kohout

***SEND** – Karpisek; Alternate, Kohout

***Blue Valley Community Action** – Hardenburger; Alternate, Henning

***Region V Board** – Henning; Alternate, Karpisek

***Public Health Solutions** – Henning; Alternate, Karpisek

***Saline County Area Transit** – Krivohlavek, Alternate, Karpisek

***CASA** – Henning, no Alternate

***CISDA Board** –Henning, Alternate, Hardenburger

***Seward/Saline Solid Waste Management** – Kohout; Alternate, Henning

***Communications, Law Enforcement & Emergency Management Liaisons** –Karpisek & Kohout

***Veterans' Service Board Liaison** – Krivohlavek, Alternate, Kohout

***Planning & Zoning Board Liaison** –Kohout; Alternate, Krivohlavek



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- ***Union Negotiations** – Hardenburger & Karpisek
- ***Visitors' Committee** – Hardenburger; Alternate, Henning
- ***Ag Society Liaison** – Hardenburger; Alternate, Kohout
- ***Historical Society Liaison** – Kohout; Alternate, Henning
- ***RC&D Executive Board Liaison** - Hardenburger; Alternate, Karpisek
- ***Saline County Wellness Committee** – Karpisek; Alternate, Kohout
- ***LEPC** – Henning; Alternate, Karpisek
- ***Accountant** – Brian Blobaum
- ***Auditors** – Schulz & Associates
- ***Prepare Levies** – County Clerk
- ***NIRMA Contact Person** – County Clerk

***Saline County Depository Banks**- Bank of Friend, Friend; Citizens State Bank, Friend; City Bank & Trust, Crete; Farmers & Merchants Bank, Wilber Branch, Wilber; First State Bank Nebraska, with Branches in DeWitt, Dorchester, Western and Wilber; First Tri-County Bank, Swanton; Great Western Bank, Crete; Pinnacle Bank, Crete; Union Bank & Trust, Crete; and NPAIT

***County Legal Newspapers** – The Crete News; Friend Sentinel and Wilber Republican

***General Assistance Applications** must be received by the County Clerk's Office on or before the Wednesday preceding a County Board meeting

***Pauper Burial Allowance** – Funeral, \$1,300.00; Grave Opening, \$100.00

***Abandoned Cemetery Care** - \$500.00 per year for cemeteries under 5,000 square feet, \$600.00 for cemeteries 5,000 square feet or more; cemeteries must be mowed at least three times during the growing season, with payment made upon job completion and Board approval; suggested times for mowing are before Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day

***Oversize/Overweight Moving Permits** - \$25.00 per permit; \$250.00 for an annual permit

***Building Permit Fees** – Zoning Permit, \$25.00; Subdivision Application, \$25.00; Zoning Change, \$100.00; Variance, \$100.00; Late Fee (not received by application date) add \$100.00 and \$50.00 if a 9-11 sign needs to be placed at the site

***Drive-Way Permits** - \$100 if the work is done by the landowner, \$400 if the County does dirt work, and the dirt is available on-site and \$500 if the County does the dirt work and has to haul it from a remote site;

***Holidays for 2020:**

New Year's Day, January 1st; Martin Luther King Day, January 20th; Presidents' Day, February 17th; Arbor Day, April 24th; Memorial Day, May 25th; Independence Day, July 3rd; Labor Day, September 7th; Columbus Day, October 12th; Veterans' Day, November 11th; Thanksgiving, November 26th and 27th; Christmas, December 24th beginning at 12:00 p.m. and December 25th; and any other day declared by the President or Governor to be a holiday.

***Regular Meeting Dates for 2020:**

January 7th and 21st; February 4th and 18th; March 3rd, 17th and 31st; April 14th and 28th; May 11th and 26th; June 9th, and 23rd; July 7th, and 21st; August 4th and 18th; September 1st, 15th and 29th; October 13th and 27th; November 10th and 24th; and December 8th and 22nd.

Henning moved to approve the 2020 schedule of appointments, policies, holidays, fees and meeting dates, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Kohout, Hardenburger, Henning, Krivohlavek and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

At 10:52 a.m., Weed Superintendent Lyle Weber presented his annual reports to the Board. After discussion, Henning moved to accept and approve the reports, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Karpisek, Kohout, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the Clerk of the District Court report of fees for December, totaling \$26,318.26. The motion was seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Karpisek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.



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Henning moved to approve the Sheriff's report of fees for December showing: writ fees \$1,344.00, mileage \$1,108.50, vehicle inspections \$500.00, gun permits \$175.00 and miscellaneous \$40.08 totaling \$3,167.58. The motion was seconded by Hardenburger. 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 December, totaling \$13,998.50, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Karpisek, Henning and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve resolution #2020-001, transferring \$4,775.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Grant Fund, to be reimbursed when funds are available. The motion was seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Hardenburger, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve resolution #2020-002, transferring \$206,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund, as proposed in the 2019-20 budget. The motion was seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Karpisek, Henning, Hardenburger and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve resolution #2020-003, transferring \$350.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Juvenile Services Aid Program Fund, to be reimbursed when funds are available. The motion was seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Karpisek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi then presented 47 requests to occupy right of way from Milligan 1 Wind, LLC to install conduit for mid-voltage collection cables at: CR1000 1,980' North of CR P, CR 900 2,357' South of CR O, CR 900 64' South of CR O, CR O 138' East of CR 900, CR 900 2,184' South of CR M, CR 800 2,387' South of CR O, CR O 76' East of CR 700, CR 1000 2,061' North of CR P, CR O 57' West of CR 1000, CR 1000 779' North of CR O, CR M 4,298' East of CR 1000, CR 1200 1,256' North of CR M, CR 1000 2,034' North of CR P, CR O 82' West of CR 1000, CR 1000 805' North of CR O, CR M 1,513' East of CR 1000, CR 1000 1,988' North of CR M, CR 900 1,937' North of CR M, CR 1000 1,934' North of CR P, CR 900 2,880' North of CR P, CR 800 2,855' North of CR P, CR 700 2,579' North of CR P, CR 600 2,568' North of CR P, CR 500 2,578' North of CR P, CR 400 1,122 North of CR P, CR O 3,608' East of CR 1000, CR N 597' West of CR 1200, CR 1200 729' North of CR N, CR M 2,544' East of CR 1200, CR 1300 620' North of CR M, CR 1400 2,082' North of CR M, CR L 1,168' West of CR 1500, CR 1000 2,011' North of CR P, CR O 2,512' East of CR 900, CR 900 2,268' South of CR M, CR 800 1,092' South of CR M, CR M 2,431' East of CR 700, CR 700 74' South of CR M, CR M 70' West of CR 700, CR 1000 1,960' North of CR P, CR 900 2,904' North of CR P, CR 800 2,870' North of CR P, CR 700 2,592' North of CR P, CR 600 2,619' North of CR P, CR O 947' East of CR 500, CR 500 2,037' North of CR O and CR 400 2,735' North of CR O. Henning moved to approve the requests, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Henning and Hardenburger. Abstaining, Kohout, voting nay, Karpisek, motion carried.

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

At 11:13 a.m., Krivohlavek moved to enter closed session, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Karpisek, Henning, Hardenburger, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried. Kohout announced that, during closed session, the Board would be discussing a personnel issue and appointed officials' evaluations and salaries.

At 12:48 p.m., Hardenburger moved to exit closed session, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Karpisek, Henning and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried. Kohout announced that, during closed session, the Board discussed a personnel issue and appointed officials' evaluations and salaries and no action was taken.

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

GENERAL PAYROLL

General Payroll	Salaries	111,250.46
A&F Construction	Snow Removal	165.00



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Americinn Lodge	Trav	238.00
Barnas	Med	140.62
Black Hills	Util	3,835.98
City of Wilber	Util	8,151.55
Clerk of Hall County Dist Court	Court Costs	4.75
Comfort Inn	Trav	329.85
Consolidated Mgmt	Trng	7.88
Crete Med Ctr	Med	61.32
Eakes	Off Spls	658.38
Fairfield Inn	Trav	329.85
First State Bank	Box Rent	20.00
Food Mesto	Spls	17.83
Galls	Uniforms	10.95
Greatamerica Fin Svcs	Off Equip	370.75
Gropp Law	Atty	346.40
GT Distributors	Uniforms	89.06
Hajek, Lou	Mil	13.92
Home Depot	Spls	405.67
Kalkwarf & Smith Law	Atty	360.00
Kracke, Vergene	Mil	40.60
Manning, Leanne	Mil/Reimb	75.41
McDermott, Tim	Mil/Reimb	293.66
Mid States Org Crime Info	Dues	150.00
Midwest Court Reporting	Court Costs	19,337.54
MIPS	Data Proc	4,660.43
Murray, Joseph	Atty	3,232.00
NE Em Svc Comm Assn	Dues	90.00
NE Clerks of Dist Court Assn	Dues	50.00
NE Law Enforcement Trng	Trng	550.00
Nitz, Arden	Spls	153.06
Norris	Util	277.00
Pryor, Randy	Mil/Reimb	134.59
RR Donnelley	P&P	83.00
Sack Lbr	Spls	69.94
Saline County Atty Petty Cash	Court Costs	76.27
Saline County Court	Court Costs	441.00
Saline County Dist Court	Court Costs	174.00
Sapp Bros	Fuel	2,054.39
Schwarz Paper	Spls	86.62
Spanyers, Debbie	Mil	244.43
Sparq Data	Off Equip	2,900.00
Spring Creek Repair	Spls	70.03
Stanard Appraisal Svc	Cntrct	196.00
State of NE Dept Correction	Cntrct	10,022.40
Stehlik, Eric	Mil	248.24



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Stougard, Anita	Mil	83.52
Summit Food	Spls	8,289.53
U S Postal Svc	Pstg	1,831.50
UNL Extension	Reimb	735.36
Vales, Becky	Mil	13.92
Verizon	Phone	291.50
Visa	Uniforms/Trng	420.47
Vokoun, Beth	Reporting	32.76
Voss Lighting	Bldg Spls	69.86
Walker Uniform	Spls	146.37
Zoubek, Robin	Reimb	16.38
41 Auto	Equip Rpr	209.25

ROAD FUND

Road Payroll	Salaries	23,145.69
Astro Buildings	Friend Shop	95,781.60
B's Enterprises	Blades	8,870.00
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	1,874.63
Black Hills	Util	817.45
City of Friend	Util	312.03
City of Wilber	Util	121.64
Crete Lumber	Bldg Rpr	50.97
JCI Industries	Equip Rpr	534.62
Kriha Fluid Power	Equip Rpr	183.25
Matheson Tri-Gas	Spls	185.06
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax	1,531.52
NE IA Industrial Fasteners	Spls	128.41
Pomp's Tire Svc	Equip Rpr	60.00
Powerplan	Equip Rpr	10,717.74
Village of Dewitt	Util	70.95
Village of Dorchester	Util	170.56
Village of Tobias	Util	56.40
Village of Western	Util	56.25
Walker Uniform	Uniforms	72.52
Western Oil	Equip Rpr	5.40
Young's Welding	Equip Rpr	20.78

BAILIFF FUND

Bailiff Payroll	Salaries	1,212.13
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AGING SERVICES FUND

Aging Services Payroll	Salaries	2,847.86
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GRANT FUND

Grant Payroll	Salaries	1,260.74
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JUVENILE SVC AID PROGRAM FUND

Stougard, Anita	Prgm	391.00
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WIRELESS SVC HOLDING FUND

Windstream	NE Project	24,767.96
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COMMISSARY FUND		
Barnas	Spls	300.54
Eakes	Spls	343.28
Summit Food	Spls	3,395.98
Visa	Spls	85.92
CRIME PREVENTION FUND		
Visa	Prgm	2,325.59
ALL FUNDS		
First State Bank	Fed Tax	14,442.46
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	6,350.50
First State Bank	Soc Sec	28,815.97
Ameritas Life	Retire	23,308.72
Delta	Dental Ins	2,208.23
VSP	Eye Ins	470.62
AFLAC	Ins	1,400.57
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	259.86
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
Credit Mgmt Svcs	Garnish	180.39

Hardenburger moved to approve a 3% salary increase for Administrative Assistant Tim McDermott, Veteran Service Officer Forrest Doyle, Planning and Zoning Administrator and Weed Superintendent Lyle Weber, Aging Services Director Lori Moldenhauer, Maintenance Superintendent Dan Johnson and Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi. The motion was seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Henning, Hardenburger, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on January 21st, 2020 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

I, Daryl Fikar, County Clerk in and for Saline County, do hereby certify that the minutes of the December 23rd, 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