



Saline County Board Minutes



SALINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21st, 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.

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

Karpisek moved to approve the minutes of the January 7th, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Kohout, Karpisek, Henning and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Under citizens forum, Dennis Pallas presented some concerns regarding the maintenance of the county roads near his residence. He was asked to wait until the Highway Superintendent is present.

Under correspondence, Fikar reported receiving the January 23rd agenda and December 5th minutes from SENDD, the January 21st agenda, November 19th minutes, the January report to the Board of Directors and the November and December news clippings from Blue Valley Community Action, updates from the Keystone XL pipeline project, the January 27th agenda and October 28th minutes from Saline County Aging Services, the January 16th agenda and December 19th meeting minutes from 5 Rivers RC&D and a notice from Lincoln/Lancaster Planning Department regarding a February 4th hearing to consider changes to their feedlot regulations.

Kohout reported receiving a brochure regarding information concerning the NACO Institute of Excellence, which he recommends attending. He also received a notice from the U.S. Dept. of State with information about the final impact statement of the Keystone XL pipeline. Kohout noted that he had received a letter from Jack Sukovaty, recommending that the Planning and Zoning Board review their regulations and consider increasing the setback for wind generation towers. He believes this is necessary due to the increasing height of the towers. Kohout also read part of a letter from Crystal Vavra, commending Saline County for approving the Milligan 1 windfarm.

Under report of officials, Henning reported that she attended a CASA meeting on January 15th and has a Blue Valley Community Action meeting tonight.

Hardenburger reported attending a Saline County Ag. Society meeting on January 8th and a 5 Rivers RC&D meeting on January 16th.

Kohout reported attending an Employee Recognition meeting, he reported that there is a need for help with the spelling contest, which will be on February 12th, he has an Employee Wellness Committee meeting tomorrow, a Mutual Aid meeting last Wednesday, where they discussed the need to change over from analog to digital radios and reported that the construction company of the windtowers, IEA was present to detail a mock disaster drill that they will be conducting sometime in the future. He also attended a hearing in Gage County District Court on the 15th.

Krivohlavek reports that she attended the hearing in Gage County District Court on the 15th, a SCAT meeting on the 16th, notifying the Board that the soup and sandwich fund raiser will be on February 29th, she attended a Veteran Service Committee meeting on the 16th and has a Saline County Aging Services full board meeting on the 27th.

Karpisek reported that he has an Employee Wellness Committee meeting tomorrow.

McDermott reported that he attended a Regional Coalition and an Advanced Wellness meeting, both on January 9th, he reminded the Board that the Continuum "Know Stress" challenge began on January 20th, he has an Employee Wellness Committee meeting tomorrow, a NIRMA Board meeting on the 24th, an Employee Handbook meeting on the 27th, a Continuum EAP class on the 28th, cyber security training in Nebraska City on



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the 29th and 30th and a County Coalition meeting on February 3rd. He also reminded the Board that the deadline to sign up for the upcoming employee health fair is January 31st.

At 10:13 a.m., Leanne Manning with the County Extension Office presented and asked for approval of the 2020 Extension Board members. The members are LuAnn Jackson, Gary Baxa, Mark Strouf, Aaron Niederklein, Michele Renner, Kellen Novak, Deb Steuk, Sandy Krivohlavek, Cheryl Retherford and 4-H Council Representative Theresa Vernon. Henning moved to approve the Board membership, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Henning, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Kohout and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried. Manning then reminded the Board of the upcoming reception for Nathan Mueller, the new Extension Agent, which will be on January 24th from 3 to 5 p.m.

At 10:16 a.m., Aging Services Director Lori Moldenhauer updated the Board on activities going on in her office. She noted the recent Alzheimer's information class given by Randy and Pam Kozeal, the fraud watch class given by the Attorney General's Office, the recent Medicare Part D enrollment assistance, the grants that she has applied for and received and noted that the renovation of the Aging Services office is nearing completion in the front and she is hoping to begin renovation in the back, if funds are available.

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

At 10:37 a.m., Kohout announced the Board would reconvene.

Clerk of the District Court, Amber Mulbery and Maintenance Supervisor Dan Johnson were present to inform the Board that the floor in the District Courtroom is in need of work. The floor is over 90 years old and consists of cork. This means that there are indentations and worn spots in the floor. They have contacted Servicemaster in Lincoln, who have given an estimate of \$4,500 to resurface and seal the floor with acrylic. The Board advised them to continue with this plan.

At 10:45 a.m., Jerry Berggren of Berggren Architects presented an estimate of the cost to tuck point the courthouse. The cost of doing the entire building, with an amount of stone repair equivalent to what was needed during the previous work in 2002 and a 20% contingency is \$274,643.40. The Board gave him verbal permission to solicit bids.

At 11:13 a.m., Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi presented a request to occupy right of way from Windstream to install a ground wire at 2273 County Road V. Henning moved to approve the request, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Karpisek, Kohout, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Hardenburger asked Filipi if he had any information regarding the internet towers that Windstream is installing around the County. Hardenburger stated that he had heard rumors that Windstream was receiving subsidies for installing the towers and that some, possibly, served no customers. Filipi replied that he had no information regarding this.

Dennis Pallas then questioned Filipi regarding the number of times the road graders are grading the roads around his residence. Filipi replied that there is a schedule, but he would have to check the reports of the personnel responsible for the roads. He stated that occasionally the driver must be called to an emergency, but he is not aware that this happened in this case. He also stated that dirt roads are not graded as often as gravel roads.

Karpisek then asked Filipi whether he had given permission to extend the area of the road haul agreement. Filipi replied that, due to a safety issue, he had given permission to use less than a mile of road to reach Highway 41 from the lay down yard. This will allow the trucks access to the highway without meeting other truck traffic on a gravel road.

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

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-004, which states "No person shall have in his or her possession, or cause to be brought onto County controlled property, any weapon, destructive device, or component thereof unless such person is an officer, agent, or employee of a state or a political subdivision thereof who is authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of any violation of law, while in the lawful performance of official duties. Weapons carried while lawfully performing official duties are subject to specific policies and/or procedures that may exist at County controlled



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properties.” The motion was seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Karpisek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning then moved to approve Resolution #2020-005, transferring \$725.50 from the General Fund to the Juvenile Services Aid Program Fund, to be reimbursed when funds are available. The motion was seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Henning, Hardenburger, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

The Board then reviewed the County Treasurer’s six month pledged collateral listing and listing of CD and fund balances ending December 31, 2019.

Karpisek moved to approve the County Treasurer’s semi-annual report, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Karpisek, Henning and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to re-appoint Bruce Filipi as Saline County Highway Superintendent, Forrest Doyle as Saline County Veteran Service Officer, Lyle Weber as Saline County Weed Superintendent and Planning and Zoning Administrator and John McKee as Saline County Emergency Management Director. The motion was seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Henning, Hardenburger, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

At 11:35 a.m., Henning moved to enter closed session, seconded by Krivohlavek. 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 burial assistance request #2020-01.

At 12:04 p.m., Henning moved to exit closed session, seconded by Karpisek. 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 burial assistance request #2020-01 and no action was taken.

Henning moved to approve burial assistance request #2020-01 in the amount of \$1,300.00, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Henning, Hardenburger, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the claims with the addition of \$1,300.00 for burial assistance request #2020-01, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Karpisek, Henning and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

General Payroll	Salaries	123,042.34
A&F Const	Snow Removal	165.00
Anderson, Rebecca	Atty	2,542.50
Black Hills	Util	88.00
Controltemp	Bldg Rpr	377.47
Crete Med Ctr	Med	271.97
Crete Vet Clinic	Boarding	67.50
Culligan	Spls	217.50
Eakes	Off Spls	996.91
Ecolab	Spls	501.23
Farmers Coop	Fuel/Rprs	416.28
First Concord	Ins	8,361.72
First Concord	Ins	484.00
Flynn, Stephanie	Atty	729.10
Galls	Uniforms	189.54
General Fire	Maint	125.00
Gropp, Scott	Cntrct	7,000.00
Heath Sports	Uniforms	37.50



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Henning, Janet	Mil	30.48
Jefferson Cnty Em Mgmt	Reimb	3,700.00
Kalkwarf & Smith Law	Atty	1,170.00
Kalkwarf, Becky	Reimb	79.13
Kuncl	Burial	1,300.00
Language Line Svcs	Interpret	8.14
Manatron	Data Proc	1,570.70
Microfilm Imaging	Equip Rent	150.00
Midwest Court	Court Costs	3,517.00
MIPS	Jury Costs	518.00
NACO	Trng	420.00
NACO	Dues	40.00
NE Assn Cty Clerk Reg Elect	Dues	75.00
Ne Dept Of Rev	Trang	360.00
NE Emergency Med	Med	845.30
NE Title	Court Costs	375.00
Nelson Clark & Timan	Atty	747.00
Officenet	Off Spls	144.42
Paper Tiger	Shredding	384.45
Pathology Med Svc	Med	59.67
Region V Svc	Qrtly Svcs	6,319.00
Saline County Atty Petty Cash	Court Costs	69.04
Saline County Dist Court	Court Costs	108.00
Saline County Sheriff	Court Costs	367.00
Sapp Bros	Fuel	1,776.61
Schulz & Assoc	Audit	11,500.00
Sec of State Election	Off Spls	10.00
Sec of State Regs	Sub	20.00
Seward County Ind	P&P	515.25
Shop Qwik	Fuel	40.29
Soarin Group	Cntrct	749.50
Speece-Lewis	Engineers	863.33
State of NE Finance	Data Proc	147.60
Summit Food	Spls	8,375.93
Thomson Reuters	Sub	137.00
Visa	Trav	397.57
Visa	Off Spls	31.64
Visa	Off Spls	16.05
Visa	Pstg	681.94
Visa	Pstg	344.50
Visa	Fuel	60.68
Visa	Equip/Off Spls	477.70
Visa	Off Spls	21.38
Visa	Trav/Equip	146.25
Walker Uniform	Spls	115.24



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Windstream	Phone	6,877.01
Wirthele, Jacob	Court Costs	207.38
York Phys Therapy	Med	150.48
Zimmerman, Richard	Reimb	273.88
41 Auto	Equip Rpr	225.98
ROAD FUND		
Road Payroll	Salaries	32,228.67
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	1,178.71
City Of Crete	Util	566.29
Crete Ace Hdw	Bldg Rpr/Spls	79.13
Crete Auto	Equip Rpr	343.99
Farmers Coop	Fuel/Rprs	10,202.99
Farmers Union	Equip Rpr	1,605.24
Meyer Auto	Equip Rpr	1,840.67
Midwest Unlimited	Tools	29.98
NE IA Ind Fasteners	Spls	139.75
NMC Exchange	Equip Rpr	346.97
Norris	Util	314.42
Plains Equip	Equip Rpr	1,347.63
Praxair Dist	Spls	69.00
R L Tiemann	Road Maint	12,795.37
Sapp Bros	Fuel	2,414.77
Skala's Tire	Equip Rpr	69.88
Speece-Lewis	Engineers	4,807.50
Tuttle	Equip Rpr	79.47
Village of Swanton	Util	63.50
Visa	Off Spls	84.39
Walker Uniform	Uniforms	49.33
Waste Connections	Garbage	215.64
41 Auto	Equip Rpr	229.47
BAILIFF FUND		
Bailiff Payroll	Salaries	1,494.42
VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND		
Dorchester Comm Foundation	Solar Rock	500.00
EMPLOYMENT WELLNESS FUND		
Visa	Spls	154.24
AGING SERVICES FUND		
Aging Services Payroll	Salaries	3,065.17
Eakes	Off Spls	73.85
Farmers Coop	Fuel	38.11
Food Mesto	Prgm	36.14
HooV's Home Imp	Bldg Maint	2,407.50
Hoover Electric	Bldg Maint	1,102.18
Kozeal, Pam	Mil	65.88
Purfoods	Meals	911.66



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Sack	Bldg Maint	5.29
Visa	Pstg/Prgm	40.58
Visa	Prgm	38.52
Visa	Prgm/Off Spls	163.80
Wilber Care Ctr	Meals	1,044.37
Wilber Klondike	Rent	1,000.00
DRUG COURT FUND		
Kalkwarf & Smith Law	Cntrct	1,100.00
Verizon	Phone	120.03
Walmart	Off Spls	114.31
JUVENILE SVCS AID PROGRAM		
Perez Mendez, Ana	Prgm	156.00
Stougaard, Anita	Prgm	569.50
911 EMERGENCY MGMT FUND		
Soarin Group	EM Phone	54.06
Windstream	Phone	160.27
911 WIRELESS FUND		
Soarin Group	EM Phone	332.08
Windstream	Phone	692.78
COMMISSARY FUND		
Eakes	Spls	210.20
Summit Food	Spls	3,120.40
Visa	Spls	266.92
ALL FUNDS		
First State Bank	Fed Tax	18,196.28
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	7,852.81
First State Bank	Soc Sec	32,893.90
Ameritas Life	Retire	24,345.19
MassMutal	Def Comp	2,253.00
NE Child Support	Garnish	197.08
AZ Child Support	Garnish	86.06
Credit Mngmt	Garnish	180.39

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on February 4th, 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 January 7th, 2020 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