



Saline County Board Minutes



SALINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 11th, 2020 by Chairperson, Marvin A. Kohout. Present were Kohout, Russ Karpisek, Philip S. Hardenburger, Commissioners, Deputy County Clerk Anita K. Bartels and Administrative Assistant Tim McDermott. Present via teleconference were Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, Janet J. Henning, Commissioners and County Attorney Tad Eickman.

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 Hardenburger, Karpisek, Henning, Krivohlavek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Karpisek moved to approve the minutes of the April 28th, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Kohout, Henning and Hardenburger nays none, motion carried.

Under correspondence, Bartels reported receiving, an email from Laura with Saline County Aging Services announcing their next board meeting will be in June; from Blue Valley Community Action, their Second Quarter Quarterly Connection newsletter; from SENDD a notice they have created a page on their website listing resources as they become available for COVID-19; from the City of Crete, the May 5th regular meeting agendas for the Public Works Committee, the Park & Recreation Committee, the Public Safety Committee and the Crete City Council.

Under report of officials, Karpisek, Hardenburger, Krivohlavek and Henning stated their scheduled meetings were cancelled due to COVID-19.

Kohout stated his scheduled meetings were postponed, he reported receiving a call from EDF, they are sending a \$2,500 check to the Saline County Aging Services Food Bank and a \$2,500 check to the Blue Valley Food Bank.

McDermott reported attending via teleconference a Drug & Alcohol Conference and a Spyglass invoice and billing meeting regarding telephone charges; he has upcoming meetings with the Wellness Committee, Leadership Council, Continuum, Safety Committee, NIRMA Board, Pre-Bid Conference for the Courthouse tuck pointing on May 26th, with the bids due June 8th at 4:00 p.m., and the bid opening on June 9th; on April 30th met with United Private Network regarding fiber optic lines installed for the State connections.

Henning moved to approve the appointment of Anita K. Bartels to fulfill the term of the retired Saline County Clerk Daryl I. Fikar, seconded by Krivohlavek. It is noted for the record, before an appointment was made, confirmation of qualifications was received from the Saline County Attorney and the Nebraska Secretary of States offices. Voting aye Krivohlavek, Henning, Hardenberger and Kohout, nay Karpisek, motion carried.

Karpisek moved to approve the County Clerk's fees for April in the amount of \$16,098.25, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Henning, Kohout, Karpisek, Hardenburger and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Karpisek moved to approve the Sheriff's fees for April, showing writ fees \$1,287.00, Mileage \$1,101.50, Vehicle Inspections \$30.00, Gun Permits \$60.00, totaling \$2,478.50, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Kohout, Hardenberger, Krivohlavek, Karpisek, and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Karpisek moved to approve the Clerk of the District Court fees for April in the amount of \$6,281.48, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Karpisek, Henning, Krivohlavek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Karpisek moved to approve Resolution #2020-027, Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act, with the elimination of pages 5 and 6, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Kohout, Henning and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

At 10:15 a.m. Jerad Reimers a representative from Adrian Smith's office, gave an update for the Congressman. Reimers reported the Grand Island office is primarily focused on case work to help navigate the Federal Bureaucracy, including grants, FEMA and the Corp of Engineers. He noted Congressman Smith is



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forbidden to be involved judicially. He does serve on committees, with the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), working to increase agricultural market access, export of electricity, NAFTA compliance, telehealth and telehealth funding. Hardenburger asked Reimers where Smith stood on the meat packing and country of origin labeling, and enforcing the Packers & Stockyard Act. Hardenburger stated we need original processors for safe food in America. Reimers responded saying the Congressman is aware of these issues and is in favor of each. He is in talks with the USDA regarding localized meat production.

At 10:30 a.m. Discussion was opened regarding a policy to reopen the Courthouse, Extension Office and Aging Services to the Public, which included the planning, preparation, and implementation. NACO provided to the counties plans giving suggestions for reopening. Personnel protective plans are currently being put into place, including cough/sneeze shields, masks, gloves and disinfectants. It was the consensus to keep the offices closed until May 31st, 2020, then re-evaluate once new Directive Health Measures are released by the State. With the election being held on May 12th, the first floor of the Courthouse will be open, with access for voters to the assembly room which is precinct Wilber 1. Voters will not have access to the elevator or any stairways.

Kohout announced the Board would take a recess;

At 10:57 a.m. Kohout announced the Board would reconvene;

County Assessor, Brandi Kelly requested input from the Board regarding how to handle the tax protest hearing. The hearings are currently scheduled for June and July. Kelly stated one Nebraska County is doing mail in protests, and some other Counties are planning telephone conferences. It was concluded that since it is unknown when the Courthouse will reopen to the Public, this will be decided at a later date.

At 11:05 a.m. bids were opened for the Asphaltic Concrete Overlay Project on the road east of Crete by the airport. The two bids received from Pavers, Inc., Waverly, Nebraska in the amount of \$479,753.31 and Contractors, Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska in the amount of \$408,178.25. Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi said he would review the bids and give his recommendation at the May 26th Board meeting.

Filipi presented a request from Windstream to Occupy Right of Way at 578 County Road 1400, this is to provide service to a residence. Karpisek moved to approve this request, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Kohout, Henning and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi presented a Herbst Construction Inc. change order for Project DeWitt West C76(753), C007604215P. This cost overrun of \$7,250.00 is due to the Pile Data Table after driving the Test Pile. Karpisek moved to approve the change order, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Henning, Hardenburger, Kohout and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi presented for approval, an Agreement for Cooperative Bidding for the 2020 County Bridge match program between Saline County and Lancaster County. With this agreement Saline County will receive a 55% reimbursement. Henning moved to approve this agreement, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Henning, Kohout, Karpisek, Hardenburger and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi updated the Board on various projects, including two more FEMA projects being completed, along with another one today. The road at County Line A and West 103 will be closed for a couple of weeks. There is plugged culvert and a shallow gas line in this area. The culvert is being replaced and Filipi is working with the gas company to bury the gas line appropriately.

Filipi discussed with the Board, Road 2250 south out of Crete toward Smithfield. There is an area near the Blue River that is washing out. Filipi stated they have been dumping riprap, much of which is from the old library in Crete, but they need more. Once adequately filled in, they will build back the berm, that had washed out.

Karpisek moved to approve Resolution #2020-028, transferring \$960.00 from the General Fund to the Juvenile Services Aid Program Fund, to be reimbursed when fund become available, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Henning, Hardenburger, Kohout and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Karpisek moved to approve Resolution #2020-029, authorizing the Saline County Treasurer to transfer 54.06% of 2019 taxes collected for the Saline County General Fund to the Saline County Road Fund, seconded



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by Henning. Voting aye were Henning, Kohout, Karpisek, Hardenburger and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND

General Payroll	Salaries	111,098.42
Anderson, Rebecca	Atty	2,115.00
Anytime Plumbing	Maint	135.70
Barnas	Spls	44.76
Black Hills	Util	1,800.53
Bryan Heart	Hlth	21.00
Capital Business Sys	Equip Rent	148.00
Casson, Joseph	Atty	832.50
Centec Cast Metal	Markers	1,698.93
City of Wilber	Util	7,529.09
Crete Ace Hdw	Equip Rpr	419.99
Crete Med Ctr	Med	115.00
Culligan	Spls	232.00
D&D Comm	Comm Equip	2,085.00
Dugan Business	P&P	835.00
Eakes	Off Spls	1,784.69
Ecolab	Spls	963.78
Election Systems	Ballots	5,335.19
Farmers Coop	Fuel	237.04
First Concord	Ins	473.00
First State Ins	Notary Bond	40.00
Food Mesto	Spls	18.40
F8 Creative	Court Costs	525.00
Horwath Laundry	Spls	152.24
Kalkwarf, Randy	Reimb	57.50
Manning, Leanne	Mil	101.20
McDermott, Tim	Mil/Reimb	101.11
Microfilm Imaging Sys	Equip Rent	150.00
MIPS	Data Proc	3,578.01
Murray, Joseph	Atty	742.00
NE County Attys Assn	Dues	1,513.00
NE Notary Division	Notary	30.00
Nitz, Arden	Spls	102.16
Norris	Util	256.00
Officenet	Off Spls	986.04
Sack Lbr	Spls	297.13
Saline County Atty Petty Cash	Court Costs	19.00
Saline County Court	Court Costs	703.00
Saline County Dist Court	Court Costs	171.00
Saline County Sheriff	Court Costs	368.00
Sapp Bros	Fuel	1,865.80



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Seward County Ind	P&P	2,157.19
Shared Service Sys	Spls	67.67
Siemens	Bldg Impr	1,134.00
Solheim Law	Atty	3,673.35
Stehlik, Eric	Mil	12.65
Steinfeldt, Nicole	Reimb	139.05
Summit Food	Spls	11,753.22
Thomson Reuters	Sub	137.00
US Postal Svc	Pstg	200.00
UNL Extension	Reimb	508.11
US Bank Equip	Off Equip	430.00
Vales, Becky	Mil	12.65
Verizon	Phone	227.20
Visa	Pstg	59.60
Visa	Data Proc	326.64
Visa	Off Equip	219.96
Visa	Off Equip	1,445.76
Visa	Pstg	674.85
Visa	Pstg/Spls	132.34
Visa	Spls	1,398.44
Visa	Spls	69.45
Walker Uniform	Spls	33.08
Walker Uniform	Spls	223.58
41 Auto	Equip Rpr	1,881.74

ROAD FUND

Road Payroll	Salaries	22,154.53
AKRS Equipment	Equip Rpr	216.98
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	52,660.46
Beaver Hdw	Equip Rpr	58.88
Black Hills	Util	402.42
City of Crete	Util	285.83
City of Friend	Util	281.24
City of Wilber	Util	84.65
Crete Ace Hdw	Spls	160.42
Crete Auto	Equip Rpr	837.15
Crete Lumber	Safety Equip	229.90
Farmers Coop	Fuel/Equip Rpr	13,059.77
Farmers Union	Equip Rpr	1,081.25
Filtercare	Equip Rpr	93.81
Johnson Sand	Gravel	25,502.10
Matheson Tri-Gas	Spls	187.15
NMC Exchange	Equip Rpr	14,416.85
Norris	Util	275.33
O'Reilly Auto	Equip Rpr	38.85
Officenet	Off Spls	332.34



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Placek, Jeremy	CDL	63.50
Powerplan	Equip Rpr	26,417.03
RDO Truck	Equip Rpr	4,271.41
Rock On	Gravel	4,864.32
Sack	Spls	17.29
Seward County Ind	P&P	195.87
Sid Dillon	Equip Rpr	77.96
Truck Center	Equip Rpr	307.69
Village of Dorchester	Util	117.01
Village of Swanton	Util	63.50
Village of Tobias	Util	56.40
Village of Western	Util	61.00
Visa	Equip Rpr	1,611.81
Vogtsapes	Culvert	59,709.40
Walker Uniform	Uniforms	71.02
Waste Connections	Garbage	217.26
Western Oil	Equip Rpr	12.00
Young's Welding	Steel	37.20
41 Auto	Equip Rpr	312.28
BAILIFF FUND		
Bailiff Payroll	Salaries	1,178.57
HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND		
Herbst Constr	Culvert	86,908.05
EMPLOYEE WELLNESS FUND		
Visa	Spls	203.90
AGING SERVICES FUND		
Aging Services Payroll	Salaries	2,938.13
Aging Partners Acctg	Prgm	1,250.00
Eakes	Off Spls	436.96
Hoov's Home Imp	Bldg Impr	3,445.00
Purfoods	Meals	923.20
Sack	Bldg Impr	1,270.42
Juvenile Diversion Fund		
Stougard, Anita	Spls	27.50
JUVENILE SVCS AID PROGRAM FUND		
Stougard, Anita	Prgm	969.00
COMMISSARY FUND		
Barnas	Spls	172.69
Eakes	Spls	88.12
People Magazine	Spls	138.67
Summit Food	Spls	2,809.04
Visa	Spls	171.84
ALL FUNDS		
First State Bank	Fed Tax	14,565.49
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	6,415.72



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First State Bank	Soc Sec	28,420.96
Ameritas Life	Retire	22,976.50
Delta Dental	Dental Ins	2,127.51
VSP	Eye Ins	466.45
AFLAC	Ins	1,269.08
MassMutal	Def Comp	2,228.00
Colonial Supp Ins	Ins	271.10
Teamsters	Dues	296.00
Madison Nat'l Life	Life Ins	44.17
Madison Nat'l Life	Dis Ins	251.21
First Concord	Café	2,116.88
New York Life	Ins	118.90
NE Child Support	Garnish	197.08
AZ Child Support	Garnish	86.06
Credit Mgmt Svcs	Garnish	186.40
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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m. The next regular meeting will be on May 26th, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Saline County Commissioners' Room, Court House, Wilber NE.

ATTEST:

Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk

Janet J. Henning

Marvin A. Kohout, Chairperson

Stephanie Krivohlavek

Phil Hardenburger

Russ Karpisek, Vice-Chairperson

I, Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk in and for Saline County, do hereby certify that the minutes of the April 28th, 2020 meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk

Janet J. Henning

Marvin A. Kohout, Chairperson

Stephanie Krivohlavek



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