



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, August 4th, 2020 by Chairperson, Marvin A. Kohout. Present were Kohout, Russ Karpisek, Philip S. Hardenburger, Janet J. Henning, Stephanie A. Krivohlavek Commissioners, County Clerk Anita K. Bartels, 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 Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Hardenburger moved to approve the minutes of the July 21st, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Under Citizens Forum, Gary Veprovsky requested clarification on the different dollar amounts shown in the resolutions for refunding the Highway Allocation Fund Bond, Series 2012 and refunding Limited Tax County Building Bonds, Series 2015. The Board agreed these were very good questions and requested to address these concerns during todays presentation of the refunding bonds by Scott Keene with Pieper Sandler.

Jack Sukovaty addressed the Board by teleconference, to follow up on a letter he sent to the Board dated January 15, 2020. Sukovaty requested Saline County Zoning Regulations be reevaluated, opened to public input and hearings to address what he perceived to be totally inadequate criteria concerning wind energy systems. His suggestion is to specifically address Article 6, Section 619. Specific concerns are: 1. No limit or control on tower height; 2. Financial responsibility for failure of company to address closure and decommissioning costs. This needs to be done upfront of any permit issuance and not ten or twenty years in the future. That is not how financial assurance is done and makes no sense; and 3. Set back distance from non-participating residences needs to be increased from 1,200 ft. to one mile because the waiver option is already in place. In his estimation the hearings, topic and regulations should be better advertised and the public input actively sought by the County on such an important matter.

Rick Nelson representing the windfarm project reported the project is at 40% completion, which includes 89 of 99 foundations, 99 roads cut with all but 10 rocked. Olsson Engineering will be flying drones over the area to assess any crop & CRP damage and the University will be assessing for compact issues. Upon receiving this information payments will be made to reimburse landowners.

Under correspondence Bartels reported receiving from Jefferson County Planning and Zoning a notice the March 26, 2020 meeting has been rescheduled for August 13th, 2020, regarding proposed amendments to zoning regulations; from the City of Crete, the agendas for a July 27th Planning Commission meeting, July 28th, Public Works Committee; August 4th agendas for the City Council regular meeting, Public Works committee, Parks & Recreation, Legislative & Economic Development committee; from Blue Valley Community Action their 2019 Impact Report and Quarterly Connection; a letter from the Nebraska Office of the Attorney General regarding opioid litigation; and a notice of a Construction and Operating Permit transferred to Ross Wollenburg Farm.

Karpisek reported receiving a follow up protest tax evaluation letter from Robert Znamenacek.

Kohout reported the Board of Adjustments has an opening for a member. They are hoping to fill the position with someone who resides in the middle of the County. Contact John Barta if interested.

Under report of officials Kohout reported attending a Planning & Zoning meeting; a NACO benefits zoom meeting; an upcoming Safety Committee meeting on August 14th; and a NIRMA online workshop August 12th and 13th.

Hardenburger attended a zoom Blue Valley Community Action finance committee meeting and has an upcoming zoom Blue Valley Community Action meeting on the 6th.



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Krivohlavek reported attending a Saline County Aging Services budget review meeting.

McDermott reported attending the Annual Continuum meeting, an upcoming NIRMA online workshop on August 12th and 13th; on August 20th and 21st a NIRMA Board of Directors meeting; reported the cancellation of the Self-Defense Conference in October, which will be replaced with webinars; and he stated he has received requests to transmit Board meetings live.

At 10:00 a.m. Scott Keene with Pieper Sandler presented the drafts and resolutions for refunding the outstanding Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Bonds, Series 2012, Resolution #2020-047 and the outstanding Limited Tax County Building Bonds, Series 2015, Resolution #2020-048. Keene answered several questions on the refunding processing. He gave an example, that the refunding of the bonds is similar to refinancing a home mortgage to get a better interest rate. In doing so, we would not be extending the life of the bonds, we would be saving money by paying less interest. He also explained the PAR amounts reflect the cost if the bond fund account would not be fully funded and it would be necessary to borrow money to make a payment. He stated the bond accounts are well funded and he does not feel this is a concern, only a figure included in the paperwork to facilitate actions in the future should it be necessary. Krivohlavek moved to approve Resolution #2020-047, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried. Krivohlavek moved to approve Resolution #2020-048, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

At 10:24 Krivohlavek moved to open the public hearing for a conditional use permit for a swine finishing building, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Les Lawver applied for a conditional use permit to build a 2,400 head swine unit. This would be a family operation. They have a contract with Cactus Farm for the sale of the hogs. Karpisek expressed concerns about the strong odor with such an operation. It was explained construction would include an enclosed holding area for waste, not an open lagoon, with 300 acres available to inject the waste, which is significantly more acres than is required.

At 10:28 a.m. Krivohlavek moved to close the public hearing for a conditional use permit for a swine finishing building, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Krivohlavek moved to approve the conditional use permit for the Lawver swine finishing building, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays Karpisek, motion carried.

At 10:30 Brian Blobaum, CPA with Blobaum & Busboom, presented a preliminary of the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. Blobaum stated the draft being presented was missing only a few accounts, which will not make a significant impact. Blobaum will return during the August 18th meeting for further discussions and officials will meet with the Board the afternoon of the 18th to discuss their individual budgets. The September 1st meeting is designated if additional discussions or changes are needed to the budget. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for September 15th at 9:00 a.m., with the regular Board of Commissioners meeting to follow.

At 10:55 a.m. Kohout announced the Board would recess.

At 11:05 a.m. Kohout announced the Board would reconvene.

Henning moved to open a public hearing for a conditional use permit application for a Viaero tower, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Mike Harms, Site Acquisition Specialist for Viaero and Industrial Tower West addressed the Board, requesting a conditional use permit to erect a communications tower in Swanton near the Farmers Coop. It would be a 195 ft. tower, completed the Spring of 2021. Harms has met with the Farmers Coop and has received their approval.

At 11:14 a.m. Karpisek moved to close the public hearing for the Viaero tower, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.



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Henning moved to approve the conditional use permit for a Viaero tower, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

At 11:17 a.m. Forrest Doyle addressed the Board regarding County Government day scheduled for October 21, 2020. Doyle polled the area schools and the County offices for feedback on keeping the October 21st date. It was the majority consensus to cancel the October 21st date due to COVID-19 mandates, and possibly reschedule for the middle of March 2021.

At 11:25 a.m. Lyle Weber, Planning & Zoning Administrator presented a minor subdivision request from Dave and Marla Musil. This is to divide property for a family acreage. Henning moved to approve, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Weber and Dustin Vana presented a minor subdivision request from Randy and Michele Vana. This is to divide property for a family acreage. Karpisek moved to approve, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-045 to issue tax sale certificates to Saline County for each and every parcel of real estate upon which there are delinquent taxes for three or more years, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-046 directing the Saline County Attorney to foreclose all tax sale certificates held and owned by Saline County which the owner's and other claimant's right of redemption has expired, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the Agreement with Lancaster County Youth Services for juvenile detention services, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

At 11:57 a.m. Dan Johnson Maintenance Supervisor, reported he made contact with Dan Troyer for his recommendation to address parking lot drainage issues. Troyer recommended pouring a concrete trench, 2 feet back from the existing curb. Johnson is going to try and get additional recommendations and bids.

Henning moved to approve the vacation & sick leave agreement drafted by Tad Eickman Saline County Attorney, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-049 transferring \$270,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-050 transferring \$2,200.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Bailiff Fund, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-051 transferring \$650.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Juvenile Services Aid Fund, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-052 to transfer \$360.09 from fund 2380 Drug Court to fund 2390 Drug Court and transfer \$12,689.47 from fund 2940 Law Enforcement Commissary to fund 2965 Law Enforcement Commissary, updating the Chart of Accounts per the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-053 to transfer \$372.80 from Road Fund 300.218.11.0.0000 to the General Fund 100.218.11.0.0000, referencing journal entry #20080004, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

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



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GENERAL FUND

General Payroll	Salaries	115,520.26
A&M Contractors	Bldg Main	385.00
Anytime Plmbg	Bldg Main	770.54
Black Hills	Util	453.47
District Court	Crt Csts	13.25
Continuum	Prog	3,172.00
CAMC	Med	200.00
Eakes	Off Spls	1,377.19
Ecolab	Spls	997.94
Electronic Contr	Spls	703.82
Engineered Ctrlr	Bldg Main	405.00
Friend Comm Hlthcr	Med	50.00
Greatamerica	Off Equip	370.75
Gropp Law	Atty	100.00
Scott Gropp	Atty	7,000.00
Hamilton Cty Crt	Crt Csts	4.00
Home Depot Pro	Spls	299.82
LFR	Med	2,252.50
Michael's App Rep	Equip Main	234.28
Mips	Off Spls	2,683.15
Joseph Murray	Atty	742.00
NE Emerg Med	Med	856.00
NE Pub Hlth Envr Lab	Med	210.00
NE Weed Cntrl Assoc	Spls	521.00
NPPD	Util	223.00
William Ouren	Med	225.00
Physicians Lab	Med	4,275.00
Quadient	Postg	540.00
Sack Lumber Company	Spls	48.70
Saline County Attorney	Crt Csts	30.06
Saline Cty Dist Crt	Crt Csts	201.00
Katelyn Schroeder	Data Entry	139.50
Schwarz Paper	Spls	362.38
Seward Co Clerk	Cntrct	73.33
Seward Co Ind	P&P	66.76
Solheim Law	Atty	1,750.00
Debbie Spanyers	Reimb	39.22
NE Correction Svcs	Cntrct	5,155.91
Summit	Spls	8,089.20
Umb Bank	Bond Pmt	212.00
Verizon Wireless	Comm	250.67
Visa	Unif	48.59
Visa	P&P	16.00



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Visa	Unif	1,817.59
Alissa Vlasak	Data Entry	85.50
Seth Vlasak	Data Entry	18.00
Walker	Bldg Main	33.08
Walker	Spls	113.29
Warne Chemical Co	Veh Purch	13,200.00
County Court	Fees	101.96
41 Auto	Spls	35.67

ROADS FUND

Roads Payroll	Salaries	24,092.51
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	58,469.52
Black Hills	Util	134.71
Blue Valley Door	Bldg Main	184.50
Johnson Sand & Gravel	Gravel	26,856.18
Mips	Off Spls	168.75
Rock On	Gravel	7,177.83
Speece-Lewis Eng	Eng	14,000.00
Village Of Dewitt	Util	60.05
Village Of Western	Util	61.00
Vogtscapes	Cntrct	74,557.93
Walker	Unif	49.33

BAILIFF FUND

Bailiff Payroll	Salaries	1,164.18
Kathy Homolka	Reimb	210.45

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND

Am Legion Post 101	Imprvmts	1,000.00
City Of Wilber	Imprvmts	625.00

AGING SERVICES FUND

Aging Services Payroll	Salaries	2,823.02
Samantha Cosaert	Prog	100.00
Farmers Coop	Fuel	29.48
Tia Kreshel	Prog	390.00
Darlene Pribyl	Prog	210.00
Sack Lumber	Spls	3.50
Eakes	Off Spls	8.28

DRUG COURT FUND

Verizon	Comm	120.03
Kalkwarf & Smith	Atty	2,400.00

JUVENILE SERVICES AID GRANT FUND

Anita Stougard	Prog	1,020.00
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CRIME PREVENTION FUND

Visa	Spls	1,088.65
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COMMISSARY FUND

Eakes	Off Spls	179.84
Summit	Spls	3,395.95



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Visa	Spls	132.94
ALL FUNDS		
First State Bank	Fed Tax	15,326.99
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	6,809.10
First State Bank	Soc Sec	29,673.24
BC/BS	Hlth Ins	110,079.34
Ameritas Life	Retire	23,840.70
Delta Dental	Dental Ins	2,166.89
VSP	Eye Ins	485.84
AFLAC	Ins	1,523.53
MassMutal	Def Comp	2,228.00
Colonial Supp Ins	Ins	233.81
Teamsters	Dues	336.50
Madison Nat'l Life	Life Ins	7.85
Madison Nat'l Life	Dis Ins	9.36
First Concord	Café	2,232.07
New York Life	Ins	118.09
NE Child Support	Garnish	197.08
AZ Child Support	Garnish	86.06
Credit Mgmt Svcs	Garnish	192.41

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on August 21st, 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 July 21st, 2020 meeting were presented and approved as presented.



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