



# 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, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 Karpisek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Hardenburger moved to approve the minutes of the August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Under Citizens Forum, Gary Veprovsky addressed the Board regarding the moratorium on wind farm permits. His hope is the Board will take advantage of this opportunity. Veprovsky also thanked the County individual who was responsible for moving the dangerous rock and debris shown in the picture he presented during the last meeting.

Under correspondence, Bartels reported receiving from SENDD their August 27<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee agenda, and from the City of Crete their August 24<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission agenda, August 25<sup>th</sup> City Council Work Session agenda and their September 1<sup>st</sup> agendas for the Crete City Council, the Public Works Committee, Parks & Recreation Committee, Legislative and Economic Development Committee and Finance Committee.

Under Report of Officials Krivohlavek reported having a September 10<sup>th</sup> Veteran Service Board meeting;

Hardenburger reported having an Ag Society meeting next week;

Kohout reported attending a Planning and Zoning meeting, a NACO Board zoom meeting with the Governor, a NACO benefit services meeting, will attend a Historical Society meeting on Sunday and a September 9<sup>th</sup> zoom NACO Board of Directors meeting;

Henning reported her Region 5 and LEPC meetings were canceled;

McDermott reported attending a NIRMA Board meeting, cancellation of the LEPC meeting, employee flu shots are scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>. He reported the third floor door which needed to be changed according to recommendations from the Fire Marshall is now at Cheever Construction and will be installed after September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The granite County seal will be ready in approximately one week, with arrangements to be made to hang it in the main entrance lobby south wall.

Saline County Emergency Director John McKee reported the 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant was approved. Saline and Jefferson County will split \$55,000. McKee gave a COVID update, in which the State will be in Phase 3 until September 13<sup>th</sup>, moving to Phase 4 on September 14<sup>th</sup> if the numbers stay as they are.

Henning moved to approve the appointment of John McKee, as the authorized representative for Saline County for the federally declared disaster DR4521, to work with the CARES Act, FEMA and NEMA, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Bartels reported Brian Blobaum CPA, delivered copies of the 2020-2021 Budget to be presented at the Budget Hearing on September 15<sup>th</sup>, along with a copy of the Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary to be posted in the County newspapers. The Board consensus was no changes needed to be made.

Clerk of the District Court Amber Mulbery brought to the attention of the Board, there will be 27 pay periods in the calendar year 2021, therefore the salary of the elected and appointed officials is negatively



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impacted. It was agreed the annual salary was correct, however computing the salary with 27 pay periods versus 26 pay periods is where the difference is. It was decided to reach out to the State Auditor's office for clarification and address this issue in two weeks.

At 10:05 a.m. Saline County Planning & Zoning Administrator, Lyle Weber addressed the Board. Weber gave a synopsis of the Planning & Zoning meeting a couple of weeks ago. He reported the Planning & Zoning Commission voted for a moratorium on issuing conditional use permits for wind farms for 4 months, until December 31, 2020. The vote was 6 to 1, 1 member abstaining. The commission passed this moratorium to give them time to review and make changes to regulations they are currently working on. Eickman stated the Board of Commissioners have a Planning Commission they rely on to make recommendations. The Board of Commissioners do not have to pass a resolution for the moratorium, but it would make it very difficult to have two sets of rules. Eickman has prepared a moratorium resolution, with the dates omitted. During the moratorium discussion Veprovsky inquired if Kohout should step down at leader of the meeting. No action was taken.

Dave Vavra, Chairman of the Saline County Wind Association addressed the Board, stating he is not a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. He has spoken to the Planning & Zoning Commission, making recommendations on set backs and red lights on the towers. Noting these two issues are immaterial to the two current projects and would only apply to the third project with Apex. Vavra's concern with the moratorium is it would give the impression Saline County is closed to wind energy. He sees no benefit to a moratorium.

Krivohlavek asked Weber if all present at the Planning and Zoning meeting were given the opportunity to speak and why the Planning & Zoning Commission voted to go forward with the moratorium. Weber confirmed anyone at the meeting who wanted to speak was given the opportunity. His understanding from the Planning & Zoning meeting was there is nothing currently in the works and they wanted time to work on new regulations, so they voted to put the moratorium in place until the end of the year. Eickman stated Weber contacted him the morning after the meeting, to draw up a resolution for the Board of Commissioners consideration. The blanks placed in this resolution were to allow for the Commissioners to make changes to dates and etc., if they choose to do so. Krivohlavek read a copy of the proposed resolution aloud.

Jeff Koll addressed the Board, stating he was the one who brought this moratorium issue to the Planning & Zoning Commission. He has been working on this since last August. This moratorium would give the Planning & Zoning Commission an opportunity to make changes. Koll agreed with a request by Veprovsky, where Kohout should step down as the Board of Commissioners representative to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Koll gave an example of their concerns being, Kohout invited a representative from Saline County Wind Association to speak during this meeting, but did not invite the individual who brought the moratorium issue to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Kohout stated he was to speak during this meeting. Koll replied he was not specifically called or contacted to speak during this meeting. Koll requested the Board to consider reappointing a different member to attend Planning & Zoning Commission meetings.

Karpisek moved to approve a wind farm moratorium, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, Kohout nay, motion carried. Eickman is to execute a final resolution for a moratorium and will present it at the next meeting for approval.

Krivohlavek asked Vavra to acknowledge if any new wind farm companies do express interest in Saline County, to advise them to come back after the first of the year.

At 10:47 a.m. Kohout announced the Board would take a recess;

At 11:01 a.m. Kohout announced the Board would reconvene;

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-057 to set the final 2020 levy allocation for the Historical Society, Saline County Agricultural Society, Friend Community Healthcare District, Saline County Rural Fire District and Friend Rural Fire District, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the Windstream Right-of-Way request OSP-21983 in conjunction with the DeWitt Bridge Project West to repair a damaged cable, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.



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Under Citizens Forum, Rick Nelson gave an update on the wind farm progress. Stating over 5 million dollars has been spent with local subcontractors and regional businesses. So far 100% of the turbine foundations are complete, 99 turbine sites have been excavated, 28 engineered fields complete, 32 geo sites complete, and 99 sites cages are complete. The fetch plant will be breaking down next week. The concrete tankers will be gone and they will begin using Beatrice Concrete for concrete pads below transformers. This will eliminate a lot of large haulers. 33 Vesta turbines are up and have been punched out. All 36 of the 2.75 turbines are now on site. They are at 82% of all the underground cables. NPPD is working on the Tobias sub. The Milligan sub is at 100%. They are continuing to work on road repairs as needed and will have access to fields ready for harvest.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-058 transferring \$205,000 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-059 transferring \$4,000 from the Inheritance Fund to the Bailiff Fund, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-060 transferring \$100.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Juvenile Services Aid Program Fund, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none motion carried.

Kohout reported for Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi, the roads department is continuing road maintenance and replacing culverts.

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

## GENERAL FUND

Payroll	Salaries	112,966.95
Rebecca Anderson	Crt	1,620.00
	Bldg	
Anytime Plmbg & Htg	Maint	194.00
Awards Unlimited	Off Spls	152.56
Barnas	Med	34.01
Anita Bartels	Reimb	50.29
Berggren Architects	Bldg Imp	1,643.83
Bessler Family Eye Care	Med	330.00
Bob Barker	Spls	158.32
Capital Business Sys	Equip Rntl	127.00
City Of Wilber	Util	10,807.23
Crete Ace Hardware	Spls	708.98
Crete Area Med Ctr	Med	604.00
Crete Auto Supply	Spls	53.53
Culligan Of Crete	Spls	195.75
Eakes	Off Spls	1,014.65
Farmers Coop	Vech Exp	132.75
First Concord	Ins	595.00
First Wireless	Spls	647.50
Friend Comm Healthcare Sys	Med	380.00
Lou Hajek	Reimb	88.55
Jefferson Co Em Mgmt	Cntrct	3,700.00



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Sharon Jelinek	Reimb	48.87
James Jirovec	Med	284.00
Kalkwarf & Smith	Crt	630.00
Matthew Kosmicki	Crt	1,332.00
Julie Krull	Sppls	1,985.00
Lynn Peavey Co	Sppls	160.50
Leanne Manning	Reimb	44.96
Tim McDermott	Reimb	19.45
Microfilm Imaging Sys	Equip Rntl	150.00
Midwest Card	Sppls	223.13
Mips	Cntrct	2,339.16
Nathan Mueller	Reimb	81.65
Cody Mulbery	Reimb	100.00
Health & Human Svcs	Med	183.00
State Fire Marshal Agency	Insp	144.00
Nebraska	Crt Csts	4.00
Officenet	Off Sppls	1,211.14
Region V Sys	Cntrct	4,066.00
Saline Co Atty	Med	121.73
Saline Co Court	Crt Csts	528.00
Saline Co Dist Court	Crt Csts	177.00
Saline Co Sheriff	Crt Csts	581.50
Sapp Bros	Fuel	2,499.85
Secretary Of State	Crt Csts	20.00
Seward Co Ind	P&P	804.09
Shredding Solutions	Off Sppls	191.70
Sid Dillon	Veh Maint	153.19
State of NE	Data Proc	147.60
Eric Stehlik	Reimb	127.65
Anita Stougard	Reimb	74.75
Summit	Sppls	7,702.11
Thomson Reuters	Srvc	143.85
Timekeeping Sys	Off Equip	807.06
Saline Co Ext.	Reimb	885.26
Becky Vales	Reimb	101.20
Visa	Sppls	653.63
Visa	Off Sppls	21.25
Visa	Pstg	55.00
Visa	Pstg	10.65
Visa	Pstg	24.03
Visa	Unif	232.27
Visa	Off Equip	70.34
Walker	Sppls	64.21
Windstream	Comm	6,869.03
41 Auto	Sppls	672.93



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## ROAD FUND

Payroll	Salaries	23,402.95
Ace Irrigation	spls	17,801.80
Akrs Equip	Equip Spls	606.36
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	16,225.61
Beaver Hardware	Spls	47.88
City Of Friend	Util	248.33
City Of Wilber	Util	65.92
	Bldg	
Commercial Industrial Supply	Maint	283.75
Crete Ace Hardware	Spls	57.24
Crete Auto Supply	Equip Spls	706.34
Crete Lumber	Equip	188.13
Dj Welding	Spls	28.90
Eric Riley Electric	Elec Spls	355.50
Eugene Chrastil Farms	ROW	1,060.00
Farmers Union Coop	Equip Spls	1,557.58
Filtercare	Equip Spls	24.55
Johnson Sand & Gravel	Gravel	32,898.12
Matheson Tri-Gas	Spls	282.21
Momar	Spls	549.19
Murphy Tractor - Powerplan	Equip Spls	1,795.98
Murphy Tractor & Equip	Equip Rntl	7,235.90
Gary Niemeier	ROW	2,376.40
Nmc Exchange	Equip Spls	5,752.71
Norris Public Power	Util	221.29
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Equip Spls	58.06
Officenet	Off Spls	147.66
Pomp'S Tire Service	Equip Svc	75.00
Praxair	Spls	69.00
Precision Diesel	Spls	72.90
Rdo Truck Center	Equip Spls	480.75
Rock On	Gravel	2,477.59
Sack Lumber	Spls	40.47
Sapp Bros	Fuel	2,337.76
Rodney Skleba	ROW	1,240.00
Speece-Lewis Eng	Eng Fees	9,328.30
Truck Center	Equip Spls	472.28
Village Of Dorchester	Util	94.23
Village Of Swanton	Util	64.74
Village Of Tobias	Util	56.80
Visa	Tax	1,257.84
Walker	Unif	49.33
Waste Connections	Svc	217.26
Young's Welding	Spls	1,165.06
41 Auto	Spls	9.99



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## HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

Herbst Construction	Cntrct	28,005.66
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## BAILIFF FUND

Payroll	Salaries	1,164.16
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## WELLNESS FUND

Tim McDermott	Reimb	48.30
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Visa	Spls	593.05
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## AGING SERVICES FUND

Payroll	Salaries	2,941.92
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Samantha Cosaert	Pgrm	100.00
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Eakes	Off Spls	15.99
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Food Mesto	Pgrm	780.00
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Tia Kreshel	Pgrm	435.00
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Miller Mailing	Pstg	207.46
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Purfoods	Pgrm	882.81
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Visa	Pgrm	1,964.52
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Wilber Care Center	Pgrm	1,044.37
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## DRUG COURT FUND

Redwood Toxicology Lab	Med	120.99
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Verizon	Comm	120.03
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## JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT FUND

Anita Stougard	Pgrm	1,020.00
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Visa	Spls	100.00
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## 911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Windstream	Comm	152.68
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## 911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND

Windstream	Comm	699.56
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## COMMISSARY FUND

Barnas	Med	429.67
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Bob Barker Co	Spls	620.06
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Eakes	Off Spls	227.84
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Summit	Spls	3,501.26
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Visa	Spls	85.92
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## ALL FUNDS

First State Bank	Fed Tax	15,015.23
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NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	6,665.81
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First State Bank	Soc Sec	29,036.32
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Ameritas Life	Retire	23,346.33
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Delta Dental	Dental Ins	2,166.13
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VSP	Eye Ins	486.37
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AFLAC	Ins	1,487.98
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MassMutal	Def Comp	2,228.00
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Colonial Supp Ins	Ins	233.81
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Teamsters	Dues	294.50
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Madison Nat'l Life	Life Ins	7.90
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