



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, November 24th, 2020 by Chairperson Marvin Kohout. Present were Kohout, Russ Karpisek, Janet J. Henning, Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, and Philip Hardenburger Commissioners, County Clerk Anita K. Bartels, and Administrative Assistant Tim McDermott. County 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 act posted at the back of the room.

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

Henning moved to approve the minutes of the November 10th, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Under the Citizens Forum, Jen Igo with Nebraska Strong addressed the Board, inquiring if the Board could offer contact information or recommendations who may benefit from their programs. The Board recommended she contact Saline County Aging Services, all City and Village offices, along with each local Chamber of Commerce.

Under Correspondence, Bartels reported she received from Blue Valley Community Action, the November 17th Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors Agenda, their minutes for the October 20th zoom virtual meeting and the November 2020 Reports to the Board of Directors; from NIRMA a check for \$9,684 was received as a recommitment dividend.

Under Report of Officials, Krivohlavek stated she received a phone call from Dani Klasek expressing her frustration with flood lights shining in her home 24/7 from the power plant; and she reported the next meeting date for Saline County Aging Services is to be determined;

Hardenburger attending a Blue Valley Community Action zoom meeting last Tuesday and the Five Rivers RC&D meeting on the 19th was postponed until December;

Kohout attended a NACO Board zoom meeting, on December 10th is the NACO Business meeting, the Saline County Historical Society meeting was canceled, he attended the Planning & Zoning meeting last Tuesday, on Thursday he attended a zoom meeting with the Governor and state the Safety Committee meeting was canceled;

Karpisek reported receiving a call regarding road issues which he has discussed with the Highway Superintendent;

McDermott reported attending a Spyglass Introductory meeting on the 12th, he attended webinars with EAP Continuum and Brandi Johnson, he attended the November 19th Sheriff's sale noting 4 of the 7 properties sold with the County acquiring 3 of them, he reported JK Electric has changed the electrical power and Electronic Contracting Company is programming the access to the third floor secure room, on November 30th he will participate in the Crete High School grass roots leadership program, and the Homestead LEPC meeting will possibly be canceled;

At 9:56 a.m., Senator Tom Brandt updated the Board on the bills which were passed during the legislative sessions. There was discussion on the COVID pandemic, including the work Public Health Solutions has been doing. Brandt thanked Janet Henning for her service with the Public Health Solutions board. Karpisek expressed to Brandt how important it is to keep the Inheritance Tax with the County, this money is used to balance the County budget each year.

At 10:45 a.m., Clerk of the District Court Amber Mulbery, expressed the need to update and add digital technology to the District Courtroom. There currently is not a sound system, camera, microphones or speakers in the courtroom. The current projector is often not compatible with electronics brought into the courtroom. County Attorney Eickman agreed with Mulbery. This technology was installed in the County Courtroom



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during the renovation, but not in the District Court Courtroom. The Board gave Mulbery the go ahead to obtain Request for Proposals, so specifications can be written and bids could be obtained.

At 11:00 a.m. Veteran Service Office Forrest Doyle and Lyle Bartels Saline County Veteran Service Committee member, along with the Saline County Board of Commissioners, presented Bernard Navatril a Certificate of Appreciation for his military service of 34+ years, from January 1953 until retirement in April 1987. Navatril served in the Nebraska Air National Guard and United States Air Force. He retired as a Senior Master Sergeant. The Board and all present thanked Navatril for his dedication and service to his Country.

At 11:07 a.m., Kohout announced the Board would recess;

At 11:22 a.m., Kohout announced the Board would reconvene;

Planning and Zoning Administrator Lyle Weber reported at the last Planning & Zoning Committee Board meeting, the Board directed Weber to request the Board of Commissioners to extend the wind farm moratorium, as approved with Resolution #2020-61. Eickman stated it would be prudent to do an extension with an end date. Eickman suggested February 28, 2021. Karpisek moved to approve a moratorium extension to February 28, 2021, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, and Krivohlavek, nays Kohout, motion carried. A resolution will be drafted recognizing this date extension for Board approval at the next meeting.

At 11:00 a.m., Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi presented a Request to Occupy Right of Way from Windstream. This project is to replace 700' damaged section of service wire on County Road 2100. Karpisek moved to approve, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi updated the Board on various road projects, including the replacement of the bridge on County Road U between Road 1400 and 1500. They will continue work on driveway culverts and replacing bridges with tubes as long as weather permits.

Filipi is continuing to deal with road issues involving the wind farm truckers. The truckers are using and tearing up county roads which were not on the approved list. Filipi has collected another \$15,000 in fines. Filipi reported he has closed County Road Q from 700 to Turbine 4. This road is not a main road and would not hinder local traffic. The road will be closed until further notice. Filipi is also monitoring County Road 300 north of Tobias. If he determines it necessary to close this road as well, it would still be open to local traffic.

Krivohlavek made a request for Filipi to address the concern of Dani Klasek, regarding flood lights shining into her house. Filipi stated he would follow up to see what lights are causing this issue.

McDermott reported to the Board the CDC has changed their COVID 19 Guidelines indicating when an employee may return to work after they have received a positive test result. In the updated CDC guidelines, a negative test is no longer required to return to work, only a 10 day quarantine from the onset of symptoms. The County's current guidelines were written in June, following the CDC guidelines at that time with the understanding the County is a critical infrastructure. Karpisek made a motion to approve the updated COVID-19 Staff Guidelines to follow the CDC recommendations, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

McDermott opened discussion to take action of the sale of 4 parcels of land in Crete to the City of Crete. The parcels are located at 16th & Evergreen, 2 parcels at 4th & Iris and 1 parcel at 5th & Forest. Karpisek moved to provide the County Attorney the task to process in the interest of both the County and the City of Crete the sale of the properties as discussed, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the October 2020 County Clerk fees in the amount of \$22,508.25, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-080 transferring \$210,000 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none motion carried.



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Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-081 transferring \$1,500 from the Inheritance Fund to the Juvenile Services Aid Program Fund to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-082 transferring \$1,200 from the Inheritance fund to the Grant 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 the claims as submitted, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

General Payroll	Salaries	108,202.02
A&F Const	Bldg Maint	165.00
American Security Cabinets	Elec Spls	75.00
Complete Products	Off Spls	244.25
Crete Ace Hardware	Bldg Spls	889.00
CAMC	Hlth	400.00
Dawson Co Sheriff	Cntrct	630.00
Eakes	Off Spls	826.21
Ecolab	Spls	1,601.29
Ecolab Pest Elimination	Bldg Maint	183.57
Engineered Controls	Cntrct	135.00
Farmers Coop	Fuel	264.27
First Concord	Ins	1,220.98
First Concord	Ins	1,183.00
Friend Comm Hlthcr Sys	Hlth	315.00
Galls	Unif	140.73
Scott Gropp	Atty fees	7,000.00
Heath Sports	Unif	68.96
Home Depot Pro	Spls	265.10
Horwath Laundry Equip	Equip Maint	1,023.45
James Jirovec	Hlth	294.00
Johnny on the Spot	Crt Csts	525.00
Jury Duty-District Court	Jury Duty	2,356.38
Kuncl Funeral Home	Trnsprt	400.00
Lawson Prod	Spls	339.50
Mallory Safety	Unif	111.99
Ellen McFall	Rtrmnt	48.00
MIPS	Off Spls	56.25
NACO	Trng	50.00
NCN	Ad	125.00
Officenet	Off Equip	45.30
Physicians Lab	Crt Csts	1,225.00
Region V Systems	Cntrct	4,494.00
Norma Ripa	Rtrmnt	18.00
Sack Lumber	Spls	84.07
Sapp Bros	Fuel	1,318.80



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Secretary of State	Crt Csts	20.00
Seward Co Ind	P&P	9.21
Shared Service	Spls	107.95
Shop Qwik	Fuel	105.33
Siemens	Bldg Equip	1,179.00
State of NE	Data Proc	147.60
Eric Stehlik	Reimb	6.90
Summit	Spls	8,441.84
Thomson Reuters	Off Spls	143.85
UNMC	Crt Csts	2,600.00
Verizon	Comm	1,607.86
Visa	Off Equip	237.03
Visa	Trvl	24.80
Visa	Elec Spls	193.25
Visa	Crt Csts	414.71
Visa	Pstg	750.44
Visa	Pstg	26.66
Visa	Unif	425.54
Visa	Off Spls	69.89
Visa	Equip	68.39
Voss Lighting	Bldg Spls	48.60
Walker	Bldg Spls	33.08
Walker	Spls	49.08
Windstream	Comm	2,115.74
Lila Witt	Rtrmnt	30.00
41 Auto	Equip Spls	17.90
41 Auto	Equip Spls	5.09
911 Custom	Unif	2,922.00

ROAD FUND

Road Payroll	Salaries	24,170.03
Ace Irrigation	Spls	5,961.60
Anderson Auto Group	Auto	68,709.00
City of Crete	Util	228.06
Dollar General	Off Spls	83.05
Farmers Union Coop	Fuel	325.54
Inland Truck	Equip Maint	2,735.15
Johnson Sand & Gravel	Gravel	9,646.56
Lawson Prod	Spls	200.73
Menards	Spls	174.80
Midwest Steel	Spls	645.00
NPPD	Util	258.36
Rock On	Gravel	2,147.69
Sack Lumber	Spls	33.47
Sapp Bros	Fuel	1,995.11
Shaffer Comm	Equip	66.00



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Speece-Lewis	Eng fees	1,266.00
Village of Swanton	Util	64.82
Visa	Equip Spls	2,177.03
Walker	Unif	49.33

BAILIFF FUND

Bailiff Payroll	Salaries	1,163.38
Kathy Homolka	Milg	41.40

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

Tobias Community Club	Reimb	34.20
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EMPLOYEE WELLNESS FUND

Visa	Spls	160.05
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AGING SERVICES FUND

Aging Services Payroll	Salaries	2,963.34
Marcia Emal	Prgm	132.50
Miller Mailing	Pstg	126.47
Darlene Pribyl	Prgm	82.50
Visa	Prgm	904.01
Visa	Prgm	569.57
Visa	Prgm	67.84

DRUG COURT FUND

Kalkwarf & Smith	Atty fees	1,200.00
Verizon	Comm	120.03
Walmart	Off Spls	18.62

JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT FUND

Ana Perez Mendez	Prgm	258.00
Anita Stougard	Prgm	1,020.00
Visa	Spls	105.40
Syerra Watson	Prgm	114.00

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Windstream	Comm	153.29
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911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND

Windstream	Comm	701.97
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CRIME PREVENTION FUND

Sack Lumber	Spls	530.38
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COMMISSARY FUND

Eakes	Off Spls	204.82
Summit	Spls	3,899.93
Visa	Spls	337.88

ALL FUNDS

First State Bank	Fed Tax	14,154.17
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	6,337.37
First State Bank	Soc Sec	28,129.44
BC/BS	Hlth Ins	109,204.68
Ameritas Life	Retire	22,612.58
Delta Dental	Dental Ins	2,242.46



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VSP	Eye Ins	492.09
AFLAC	Ins	1,356.30
MassMutal	Def Comp	2,228.00
Colonial Supp Ins	Ins	233.81
Teamsters	Dues	294.50
Madison Nat'l Life	Life Ins	48.04
Madison Nat'l Life	Dis Ins	185.76
First Concord	Café	2,197.07
New York Life	Ins	118.90
AZ Child Support	Garnish	86.06
General Collection	Garnish	93.46
Credit Mgmt Svcs	Garnish	163.42

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 December 8th, 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 A. 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 November 10th, 2020 meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk

Janet J. Henning

Marvin A. Kohout, Chairperson

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