



# 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, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 by Chairperson Marvin A. Kohout. Present were Kohout, Russ Karpisek, Janet J. Henning, Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, and Philip Hardenburger Commissioners, County Clerk Anita K. Bartels, Deputy County Clerk Jennifer Hermsmeier 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 act posted at the back of the room.

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

Krivohlavek moved to approve the minutes of the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Under Correspondence, Bartels reported receiving from the City of Crete, the December 15<sup>th</sup> agendas for the City Council regular meeting, Public Works Committee meeting and the Public Safety Committee meeting; an Approval to Operate notice from the State of Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy for Lawver Farms Animal Feeding Operation; a thank you from Jill Smith on behalf of the Doane University Board for the County's assistance with their refunding; a draft of the June 2020 audit and informed the Board of a Saline County Emergency Declaration for the collapse inside the storage facility at Americold Logistics.

Under Citizens Forum, Gary Veprovsy addressed the Board, requesting to go on record stating he does not feel the Planning & Zoning Board is doing what the citizens want regarding setbacks of wind towers. He stated the setback of one mile is not sufficient and supplied documentation whereas Hamilton County and Merrick have two mile setbacks from the Property Line for a Non-Participating landowner. He went on to say making the statement that increasing the setbacks would kill wind energy is not true, developers would adjust accordingly. He stated he feels the County should be represented by Counsel at these meetings, only the attorney for Milligan EDF has been present. Veprovsy remarked he believes two Planning & Zoning Board members are biased because they have wind towers and are not protecting the nonparticipating property owners. He stated from day one his main concern was protecting the nonparticipating property owners. Veprovsy inquired how a Planning & Zoning Board member is appointed. He stated Joe Weber and Jeff Koll have both expressed an interest to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board, but have been turned down because they do not reside in a area of the County that is not represented. Appointment of Planning & Zoning Board members was tabled until Attorney Eickman was present.

Emergency Manager John McKee addressed the Board, stating funding has been secured for the DeWitt Stream Gauge for 2021. USGS is contributing \$6,300-\$6,400, NRD is contributing \$2,000 with the balance being covered by Koch Fertilizer LLC, which will be approximately \$6,900-\$7,000. McKee reported COVID vaccines will soon be available to EMT and Paramedic personnel, followed by Law Enforcement, then to remaining citizens around May or June. McKee reported the number of positive test results has decreased in Saline County.

Under Report of Officials, Hardenburger reported attending a 5 Rivers RC & D meeting on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup>;

Kohout reported attending a zoom NACO Board meeting and NACO Conference; a zoom meeting with the Governor; a Highway and Courthouse bond refunding meeting; a Wellness Committee meeting, a Planning & Zoning meeting and issued a reminder the annual performance reviews are coming up;

Karpisek reported attending a zoom SENDD meeting with the discussion being the installation of rural broadband and the effort of trying to buy abandoned homes to rejuvenate and sell them, getting them back on the tax rolls;



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McDermott reported ongoing Spyglass meetings, with the next one being the 29<sup>th</sup>; he attended the NACO Business meeting, a Wellness Committee meeting on the upcoming Health Fair; on the 16<sup>th</sup> met with the Keystone Pipeline to discuss security, attending a NIRMA webinar presented by Pam Bourne on FMLA and this afternoon he will attend a meeting on upgrading the technology in the District courtroom;

Clerk of the District Clerk Amber Mulbery reported meeting with ECC Communications and with Lancaster County to begin the process of updating the District courtroom technology.

At 10:37 a.m. Kohout announced the Board would take a recess;

At 10:50 a.m. Kohout announced the Board would reconvene;

Henning moved to approve the November 2020 County Clerk fees in the amount of \$21,614.35, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the November 2020 Sheriff's Fees, Writ Fees \$1,315.00, Mileage \$1,356.00, Vehicle Inspections \$630.00, Gun Permits \$90.00 and Miscellaneous \$42.00 totaling \$3,432.00, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-087, authorization to transfer 31.87% of the 2020 taxes collection from the General Fund to the Road Fund, as proposed in the 2020-2021 Saline County Budget, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Karpisek moved to approve Resolution #2020-088 placing a cap on employee vacation hours to 240 hours, in order to encourage the use of vacation time, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-089 confirming Christmas Eve as a full day of holiday leave, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Resolution #2020-090 to transfer \$16,554.18 from the General Fund to Aging Services for 6 months of health insurance, retirement and social security, was tabled until the next meeting to coordinate the transfer of funds with the Treasurer's office.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Lyle Weber and Nicky Zalesky presented an Administrative Subdivision for Rick & Jan Buchanan. This subdivision is to divide the number of acres in the parcel where their residence is located. Three acres would remain with the residence and the remaining 17 acres would be farm ground. Karpisek moved to approve, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Kohout announce at the last Planning & Zoning meeting, Gary Veprovsky volunteered to serve on the Saline County Variance Board of Adjustment Committee. Henning moved to approve his appointment, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

At 11:13 a.m., Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi presented a Windstream request to occupy the right of way on 2109 County Road F to bore under the road. Henning moved to approve, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi gave an update on current road projects, including the completion on Road 2100 & J bridge replacement.

At 11:16 a.m. the Board requested Eickman's opinion on compensation for individuals serving on County committees. Eickman recommended all committees be treated the same. Added to the discussion was how individuals are appointed to fill vacancies on committees and whether or not an individual needs to reside in a specific area to be appointed. Eickman stated it was in the County's best interest to have all areas of the County equally represented. An example would be to designate committee districts similar to the Commissioner districts. Eickman will draw up paperwork with language to address these issues.



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Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-091 to transfer \$205,000 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-092 to transfer \$2,100 from the Inheritance Fund to the Employee Wellness Fund, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2020-093 to transfer \$200.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Grant Fund, to be reimbursed when fund become available, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Krivohlavek moved to approve the claims as presented with the addition of \$156.25 payable to Laura Spencer, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND

General Payroll	Salaries	111,496.78
A&F Construction	Bldg Maint	165.00
Rebecca Anderson	Atty Fees	4,185.00
Anytime Plumbing	Bldg Maint	75.00
Aumentum Technologies		1,660.45
Capital City Transfer	Trnsprt	236.00
CAMC	Hlth	902.68
Culligan	Spls	152.25
Eakes	Off Spls	3,171.50
Election Pay	Hrs Wrkd	356.25
Farmers Coop	Fuel	291.17
First Concord	Ins	567.00
First Wireless	Equip	16,524.31
Flatline Designs	Equip Spls	60.00
Friend Comm Hlthcr Sys	Hlth	630.00
Galls	Unif	161.91
Scott Gropp	Atty Fees	7,000.00
Heath Sports	Unif	172.40
Home Depot Pro	Spls	223.24
Charles Hroch	Cntrct	80.00
Becky Kalkwarf	Reimb	150.18
Brandi Kelly	Reimb	55.00
Matthew Kosmicki	Atty Fees	1,807.50
Kuncl Funeral Home	Trnsprt	930.00
Justin Kuntz	Atty Fees	738.00
Kristin Lynch	Cntrct	75.00
Maverick	Bldg Maint	125.00
Joseph Murray	Atty Fees	10,600.00
Nebraska State Bar Assn	Dues	240.00
Nebraska.gov	Crt Csts	24.00
Officenet	Cntrct	246.73
Physicians Lab	Cntrct	437.00



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Region V Systems	Cntrct	2,140.00
Sack Lumber	Spls	11.00
Saline Co Atty	Reimb	42.15
Saline Co Sheriff	Reimb	831.50
Sapp Bros	Fuel	685.44
Secretary of State	Off Spls	20.00
Seward County Ind	P&P	890.66
Shared Service	Spls	135.80
Shop Qwik	Fuel	121.04
Siemens	Bldg Maint	1,481.00
State of NE	Off Spls	147.60
Summit	Spls	8,643.59
USPS	Pstg	3,000.00
Verizon	Comm	1,610.65
Visa	Dues	164.14
Visa	Off Spls	63.29
Visa	Off Spls	42.67
Visa	Pstg	17.91
Visa	Fuel	55.82
Visa	Equip	1,837.14
Visa	Pstg	8.00
Visa	Off Spls	28.87
Visa	Spls	233.19
Walker	Bldg Spls	33.08
Walker	Bldg Spls	49.08
Windstream	Comm	3,867.88
Richard Zimmerman	Reimb	18.47
41 Auto	Equip Spls	252.47

## ROAD FUND

Road Payroll	Salaries	24,345.18
Ace Irrigation	Maint	30,980.20
Akrs Equipment	Equip Rep	357.05
Anytime Plumbing	Bldg Maint	165.00
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	3,900.97
Crete Ace Hardware	Spls	97.62
Dj Welding	Equip Rep	13.55
Eakes	Off Spls	226.78
Farmers Coop	Fuel	9,156.52
Farmers Union Coop	Fuel	1,139.12
Filtercare	Equip Rep	31.35
Gary Gross Auto	Equip Spls	500.00
MHC Kenworth	Equip Rep	276.23
Mid Country Machinery	Equip Rep	145.01
Norris Public Power	Util	305.46
Rock On	Gravel	2,262.38





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Sapp Bros	Fuel	1,896.98
Scherbarth Ace	Spls	12.54
Speece-Lewis	Eng Fees	637.50
USPS	Off Spls	629.95
Village of Swanton	Util	65.76
Village of Western	Util	66.00
Visa	Spls	109.50
Walker	Unif	52.33
Ryan Weber	Reimb	60.90
Young's Welding	Spls	262.19

## BAILIFF FUND

Bailiff Salaries	Payroll	1,163.38
Kathy Homolka	Reimb	121.31

## VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND

Crete Heritage Society	Reimb	790.00
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## EMPLOYEE WELLNESS FUND

Visa	Equip	2,253.13
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## AGING SERVICES FUND

Aging Services Payroll	Salaries	2,950.80
Aging Partners	Prgm	1,250.00
Samantha Cosaert	Prgm	200.00
Dewitt Senior Center	Prgm	825.00
Eakes	Off Spls	23.38
Farmers Coop	Fuel	56.09
Food Mesto	Prgm	244.50
Tia Kreshel	Prgm	120.00
Miller Mailing Svc	Prgm	238.52
Lori Moldenhauer	Milg	72.68
Mom's Meals	Prgm	830.88
Seward County Ind	P&P	62.00
TJ Sokol Hall	Prgm	125.00
Visa	Prgm	760.07
Visa	Prgm	1,214.92
Visa	Equip	3,030.02
Wilber Care Center	Prgm	738.56

## DRUG COURT FUND

Blackburn Technologies	Off Spls	749.00
Kalkwarf & Smith	Atty Fees	1,200.00
Redwood Toxicology Lab	Spls	431.11
Verizon	Comm	120.03

## GRANT FUND

Grant Payroll	Salaries	151.93
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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUND

Jefferson Co Em Mgmt	Reimb	2,466.21
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## JUVENILE SERVICES AID PROGRAM FUND



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Family Service Assoc Of Lincoln	Prgm	2,773.75
Ana Perez Mendez	Prgm	240.00
Anita Stougard	Prgm	977.50
Syerra Watson	Prgm	138.00

## INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Carriage House Design Works	Bldg Maint	1,500.00
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## 911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Windstream	Comm	153.29
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## 911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND

Windstream	Comm	701.97
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## COMMISSARY FUND

Eakes	Spls	322.07
Summit	Spls	3,973.11
Visa	Spls	46.94

## ALL FUNDS

First State Bank	Fed Tax	14,647.81
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	6,566.21
First State Bank	Soc Sec	28,887.08
BC/BS	Hlth Ins	108,345.76
Ameritas Life	Retire	23,158.24
Delta Dental	Dental Ins	2,327.70
VSP	Eye Ins	506.17
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	49.61
Madison Nat'l Life	Dis Ins	186.89
First Concord	Café	2,197.07
New York Life	Ins	118.90
AZ Child Support	Garnish	86.06
General Collection	Garnish	186.40
Credit Mgmt Svcs	Garnish	81.98

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m. The next regular meeting will be on January 5, 2021 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



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Phil Hardenburger

Russ Karpisek, Vice-Chairperson

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I, Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk in and for Saline County, do hereby certify that the minutes of the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk

Janet J. Henning

Marvin A. Kohout, Chairperson

Stephanie A. Krivohlavek

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