



Saline County Board Minutes



SALINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:40 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 by Chairperson Russ Karpisek. Present were Karpisek, Marvin A. Kohout, 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. Deputy County Attorney Steve Reisdorff 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.

Karpisek advised those present of the open meetings act posted at the back of the room.

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

Hardenburger moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2021 regular meeting, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Under Correspondence, Hermsmeier reported receiving from the City of Crete, the January 19th agendas for the City Council regular meeting, the Public Works Committee meeting, the Legislative/Economic Development Committee and the Public Safety Committee meeting; Hardenburger reported receiving a call from a constituent regarding the 911 signs at Blue River Lodge; and Karpisek reported receiving calls regarding appointments to the Planning & Zoning Board.

Under Report of Officials, Henning has an upcoming Public Health Solutions zoom meeting;

Kohout reported attending a Seward County Solid Waste Management meeting, a NACO officer zoom meeting, and a NACO Board meeting; he has upcoming meetings with Planning & Zoning, a NACO Board zoom meeting with the Governor, a communications meeting with the Fire Departments, a NACO positions meeting, a Wellness Committee meeting, an Employee Recognition meeting, a NACO Officer and Board meeting, and a NACO Legislative Bill Review meeting;

Hardenburger reported attending a Tourism Committee meeting and an upcoming meeting with the Ag Society and the Planning & Zoning Committee;

Krivohlavek reported she plans to meet with Lori Moldenhauer at Saline County Aging Services and has upcoming meetings with Veteran Services and Saline County Area Transit, she has also received inquiries regarding appointments to the Planning & Zoning Board;

McDermott reported the Saline County Seal was installed in the Courthouse entry, an upcoming Pam Bourne webinar, a meeting with Unite Private Networks (UPN) a competing fiber network company, an Employee Wellness meeting on the 25th, a NIRMA Board meeting on the 29th and an upcoming Continuum Webinar on employees working remotely;

Debbie Spanyers, County Treasurer presented a Pledged Collateral Listing of Activity and an Investment Listing each for a six-month period ending December 31, 2020. These reports included investments, interest rates, maturity dates, and bank accounts with an accumulated total of \$12,188,580.66. Krivohlavek moved to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Reports, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried;

At 10:04 a.m., Veteran Service Committee member Lyle Bartels and Veteran Service Officer Forrest Doyle introduced veteran Glenn Kronhofman, who was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Board Chairman Russ Karpisek. The certificate reads "The Saline County Commissioners wish to Recognize your military service to the United States of America. Throughout our Nations' history, it is the effort of the men and women, such as yourself, that have provided the freedoms we, as Americans, dearly enjoy today. Please accept our deepest gratitude and appreciation. Let us never forget your demonstrated sacrifice, service, love and commitment to your country. Thank you, God Bless you, and God Bless the United States of America". After which, Mr. Kronhofman thanked the Board and received a standing ovation.



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Henning moved to approve the County Clerk fees for December 2020, in the amount of \$29,763.00, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the December 2020 Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$8,753.27, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the December 2020 Sheriff Fees – Writ Fees \$1,680.00, Mileage \$1,578.25, Vehicle Inspections \$470.00, Gun Permit \$95.00, and Miscellaneous \$6.00, totaling \$3,829.25, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

County Weed Control Administrator Lyle Weber presented his annual report for approval. Henning moved to approve, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the Declaration of Surplus Property and removal of items from the County Clerk's inventory, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

At 10:25 a.m., Karpisek announced the Board would recess;

At 10:32 a.m., Karpisek announced the Board would reconvene;

Saline County Tourism Committee member Sheryl Kastanek presented the Committee's Promotion and Improvement Grant recommendations for approval. Hardenburger moved to approve, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Karpisek opened discussion regarding the Employee Wellness Program. Karpisek stated he has received a number of concerns, especially for next year with the policy of going to all device. Krivohlavek noted she has received phone calls as well. A number of officials and employees addressed the Board expressing concerns to include, but not limited to, basing points on 10,000 steps is a narrow path of health, noting walking for a 25 year old versus a 65 year old can look very different and still offer health benefits to both; there are many other forms of exercise or working out which do not register with a wearable device; some employees do not have a computer at home to download a wearable device; some have issues with wearing a Fitbit; questions were raised as to why flu shots and the health fair are no longer available to spouses; why holidays were no longer double points; the program is no longer fun, now it's like another job; there used to be fun activities and contests between offices; making the change to wearables only would only serve to make it easier for the committee not the employees. A few responses to these concerns were, the cost and insurance submission issues drove the decision to exclude spouses from flu shots and the health fair; holidays would no longer offer double points because of the software when downloading your data; and the decision to go strictly with wearables was made because it was thought to be easier. Employees were encouraged to attend the next Wellness Committee meeting to express their concerns, along with possible solutions.

At 11:10 a.m., Kim Showalter with Public Health Solutions, via teleconference, and John McKee, Saline County Emergency Manager gave reports on COVID vaccine availability. Vaccinations for Group 1A are expected to be finished this week. The Department of Health and Human Services is setting the criteria for Group 1B, which includes individuals age 65 and over and those with chronic health issues. McKee has contacted the Saline County Ag Society to inquire if the Fairgrounds may be a possible location for a mass COVID vaccination site.

McKee announced the County will be receiving CARES Act monies for the reimbursement of Law Enforcement and Dispatch salaries.

At 11:30 a.m., Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi recommended accepting the bid submitted by Van Kirk Bros. on January 5th for the Concrete Box Culvert Project, Structure #C007613125. Henning moved to approve, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.



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Filipi presented Constructors Inc., Change Order No. 2, for the Crete East Overlay Project for approval. This change order is due to the original contract item Overrun/Underrun, the total project cost will be decreased by \$25,358.16. Henning moved to approve, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi presented Resolution 2021-013 Certifying Proper Completion of Project for County Bridge Matching Agreement Number BL1911, structure number C007603425. Krivohlavek moved to approve, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi reported on another Jefferson/Saline County bridge project. Roads is continuing to clean trees and ditches out in preparation for summer bridge and culvert projects.

Filipi confirmed any new 911 signs requested for private property, will be provided by the County for a fee of \$50.00. The owner of the property is responsible for installing the sign.

The question of signage noting Saline County as a livestock friendly county was addressed. The signs were believed to be posted at each highway entrance to the County. Filipi is going to check to see which signs may be missing.

Due to the Board of Commissioners reorganization, Hardenburger moved to add Chairperson Russ Karpisek and remove previous Chairperson Marvin A. Kohout as a signatory on the Imprest Bank Account XXX620, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried. Karpisek thanked Kohout for his leadership and added the change in Chairperson was due to Kohout and Karpisek agreeing it would be beneficial to rotate the responsibility of Chairperson amongst each of the Board members.

McDermott presented Cheever Construction Change Request Number PR DD and Change Order #16, in the amount of \$3,925.00, for secure corridor door replacement materials. This was a Fire Marshall requirement. Henning moved to approve, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Lyle Weber, Planning & Zoning Administrator began discussion regarding the appointment of Planning & Zoning Board members. The discussion was open for citizen participation. It was noted there are currently four positions available on the nine member Planning & Zoning Board. One vacancy is a result of a resignation and three terms expired the end of December 2020. According to State Statute 23-114.01, an appointment of a member will remain in effect until the Saline County Board of Commissioners officially reappoints the incumbent or a new member to fill the vacancy. Individuals interested in serving on the Planning & Zoning Board are requested to submit their request in writing to the Board of Commissioners by noon on January 29, 2021, stating what they will bring to the Planning & Zoning Board and why they want to serve. Interviews will be scheduled for each submission.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2021-009, transferring \$123.03 from the discontinued Drug Court Fund 2380 to Drug Court Fund 2390, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2021-010, transferring \$110,000 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 #2021-011 transferring \$45.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Employee Wellness Fund, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2021-012 transferring \$3,400.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Juvenile Services Aid Program, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the claims as presented with the addition of payment of \$3,925.00 to Cheever Construction, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.



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GENERAL FUND

General Fund Payroll	Salaries	124,567.01
A&F	Maint	165.00
Rebecca Anderson	Atty Fees	1,620.00
Anytime Plumbing	Bldg Maint	366.00
Richard Bartels	Reimb	72.70
Black Hills	Util	3,588.17
Bob Barker Co	Spls	316.64
City of Wilber	Util	7,169.26
Clrk of The Dist Crt Assn	Dues	50.00
Controltemp	Bldg Maint	403.32
CAMC	Hlth	774.36
Culligan	Spls	145.00
Dugan	Off Spls	284.47
Eakes	Off Spls	643.64
Ecolab	Spls	88.35
Farm & Home Pub	Spls	1,200.00
Farmers Coop	Fuel	300.74
FBI National Academy Assoc	Dues	125.00
First Concord	Ins	30,423.07
Friend Comm Healthcare	Hlth	480.00
Jefferson Co Em Mgmt	Cntrct	3,700.00
Matthew Kosmicki	Atty Fees	5,108.75
Language Line Services	Cntrct	14.96
Lee's Refrigeration	Bldg Maint	144.08
Mallory Safety	Unif	170.49
Tim McDermott	Mlg	23.00
Microfilm Imaging Sys	Cntrct	150.00
MIPS	Cntrct	4,066.56
NACO	Dues	375.00
Officenet	Off Spls	152.82
Pell Reporting	Crt Csts	232.72
Region V Services	Cntrct	6,319.00
Region V Systems	Cntrct	8,510.25
Norma Ripa	Ret	36.00
Sack Lumber	Spls	174.99
Saline Co Atty	Reimb	63.82
Saline Co Dist Crt	Crt Fees	180.00
Saline Co Sheriff	Crt Fees	366.25
Sapp Bros	Fuel	2,344.08
Secretary of State Rules & Regs	Crt Csts	20.00
Seward Co Independent	P&P	1,275.94
Shop Qwik	Fuel	91.03
Sparq Data	Cntrct	3,000.00



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Stanard Appraisal Services	Cntrct	1,339.00
State of NE Das Acctg	Cntrct	147.60
Summit	Spls	8,626.63
Thomson Reuters	Cntrct	287.70
UBT	Bond	600.00
Extension Saline Co	Reimb	707.13
Visa	Off Spls	131.90
Visa	Off Spls	14.38
Visa	Spls	107.49
Visa	Off Spls	88.64
Visa	Misc	74.88
Visa	Unif	337.62
Visa	Off Equip	289.25
Visa	Spls	57.55
Vogt Electric	Bldg Maint	85.00
Walker	Spls	33.08
Walker	Spls	49.08
Wilber Plumbing	Bldg Maint	84.07
Windstream	Comm	6,892.28
Lila Witt	Ret	60.00
41 Auto	Equip Spls	357.83

ROAD FUND

Road Fund Payroll	Salaries	30,307.46
Advanced Auto	Equip Rpr	250.00
AKRS Equip	Equip Spls	416.43
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	1,196.44
Beaver Hardware	Spls	58.62
Black Hills	Util	917.48
City of Crete	Util	501.87
City of Friend	Util	358.67
City of Wilber	Util	73.85
Constructors	Cntrct	22,255.20
Cornhusker Int'l Trucks	Equip Spls	208.04
Crete Ace Hardware	Spls	12.90
CAMC	Spls	355.00
Crete Auto Supply Inc	Equip Maint	342.06
Crete Lumber	Spls	260.27
Farmers Coop	Fuel	14,849.33
Farmers Union Coop	Spls	449.90
Food Mesto	Spls	7.25
Fred's Auto	Equip Rpr	95.00
Horky's Shop	Spls	190.00
Kriha Fluid Power	Spls	42.39
Matheson Tri-Gas	Spls	192.50
Medical Enterprises	Cntrct	70.00



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Momar	Spls	480.03
Murphy Tractor	Spls	525.43
Nebraskaland Tire	Equip Rpr	42.80
NMC	Spls	1,447.35
NPPD	Util	389.19
O'Reilly Auto	Spls	85.87
Praxair	Spls	72.49
RDO Truck Center	Equip Rpr	203.74
Saline Co Register of Deeds	Fees	20.00
Sapp Bros	Fuel	2,236.80
Seward Co Independent	P&P	247.22
Bill Slezak	Reimb	63.50
Speece-Lewis	Eng	2,372.60
Village of Swanton	Util	64.32
Visa	Off Spls	170.92
Walker	Unif	47.87
Waste Connections	Util	217.26
Weldon Parts	Spls	494.24
Young's Welding	Spls	32.43

BAILIFF FUND

Bailiff Fund Payroll	Salaries	1,576.60
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VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND

Dorchester Legion Post 264	Reimb	1,000.00
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WELLNESS FUND

Visa	Equip	81.48
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AGING SERVICES FUND

Aging Services Fund Payroll	Salaries	3,130.92
Aging Partners		485.21
Samantha Cosaert	Prgm	150.00
Farmers Coop	Fuel	30.02
Food Mesto	Spls	600.00
Tia Kreshel	Prgm	360.00
Meals on Wheels	Prgm	58.33
Miller Mailing	Pstg	242.45
Purfoods	Prgm	1,021.70
Visa	Prgm	531.70
Visa	Prgm	270.63
Visa	Pstg	337.45
Wilber Care Center	Prgm	842.42
Wilber Klondike	Rent	1,000.00

DRUG COURT FUND

Verizon	Comm	120.03
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JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT FUND

Family Service Assoc	Prgm	2,642.50
Ana Perez Mendez	Prgm	24.00



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Anita Stougard	Prgm	1,020.00
Visa	Spls	105.40
911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND		
Windstream	Comm	229.97
911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND		
Windstream	Comm	1,231.90
CRIME PREVENTION FUND		
Visa	Spls	72.98
Visa	Prgm	1,609.52
COMMISSARY FUND		
Bob Barker Co	Spls	645.14
Summit	Spls	4,462.64
Visa	Spls	109.40
INHERITANCE TAX FUND		
Cheever Const	Bldg Maint	3,925.00
ALL FUNDS		
First State Bank	Fed Tax	17,654.67
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	7,998.61
First State Bank	Soc Sec	32,748.72
Ameritas Life	Retire	24,199.66
MassMutal	Def Comp	2,228.00
AZ Child Support	Garnish	86.06
General Collection	Garnish	186.04
Prof Choice Recovery	Garnish	163.42

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on February 2, 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

Stephanie A. Krivohlavek

Phil Hardenburger, Vice-Chairperson

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson



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I, Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk in and for Saline County, do hereby certify that the minutes of the January 5, 2021 meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk

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Phil Hardenburger, Vice-Chairperson

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson