



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, February 16, 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, 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.

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

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

Krivohlavek moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 regular meeting, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Henning, Kohout, Karpisek, Hardenburger and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Under Citizens Forum, Jeff Koll addressed the Board, thanking them for streaming live the last Planning & Zoning meeting and requested the meetings continue to be streamed. He requested considering recording them via YouTube, thereby not depending on real time internet connections. Koll inquired which Saline County committees have By-Laws. Koll reported Sandra Koll filed a complaint with the State of Nebraska, Office of the Attorney General, regarding alleged violations of the Open Meetings Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§84-1407 to 84-1414 by the Saline County Planning and Zoning Administrator. Upon completion of their process, her complaint was reviewed to determine if the situation warranted immediate action by their office for knowing violations of the Open Meeting Act. The Nebraska Office of the Attorney General determined that it did not. There is insufficient evidence to determine whether the Planning & Zoning Board failed to publish notice of its January 22, 2020 meeting or improperly amended the February 19, 2020 agenda. While contemplating no further action regarding this complaint, the Planning & Zoning Board was admonished through this letter that strict compliance with the Open Meetings Act in the future is imperative.

Gary Veprovsky thanked the responsible party for correctly posting the Planning & Zoning Board minutes. Veprovsky reported Gerald Horak had contacted him stating he was disappointed in only receiving a response from Karpisek, when he sent correspondence regarding his disapproval of wind development, to all the members of the Board of Commissioners.

Under Correspondence, Bartels reported receiving from Blue Valley Community Action their February 16th agenda, minutes of their January 19th zoom meeting and the February 2021 Reports to the BVCA Board; from Blue Valley Behavioral Health a report in the first 6 months of this fiscal year, they have seen and treated 36 substance abuse Saline County clients; email and phone correspondence with Tyson Larsen regarding Redistricting Saline County; Notice of a Special SENDD Board of Directors meeting on February 22nd; from the City of Crete, the Planning Commission agenda for February 15th and the February 16th agendas for the City Council, Parks & Recreation Committee, Public Works Committee and Finance Committee.

At 10:00 a.m., Veteran Service Committee member Lyle Bartels and Karpisek recognized Harvey Weber with a Certificate of Appreciation. The certificate reads "The Saline County Commissioners wish to Recognize your military service to the United State of America. Throughout our Nation's 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". Mr. Weber was unable to attend due to inclement weather.

Lyle Bartels reported to nominate a veteran for recognition, an application can be made with the Saline County Veteran Service office. McDermott was requested to make the application available on the Saline County website. Bartels stated the Veteran Service Committee is working with the Peacemakers to present a Quilt of Valor along with the County's Certificate of Appreciation.



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Gary Veprovsky addressed the Board of Commissioners with concerns of the current Planning & Zoning Chairperson, Doug Horak not stepping back from leading the meetings when the appearance of a wind farm conflict of interest arose. Veprovsky referred to violations according to Section 5 and Section 6 in a copy of Planning & Zoning By-Laws and Regulations. Veprovsky reported Horak serving on the Wind Board as Treasurer and serving on the Planning & Zoning Board is a violation. He noted if a Board member has a conflict of interest, it needs to be brought forward before discussion begins on an issue and it needs to be recorded in the minutes. He stated he feel since Horak is the Chairperson, he needs to set an example for other members to follow. Veprovsky noted Jansky and Mary Jo Weber also have or had direct or indirect interest in the wind farms. The By-Laws Veprovsky was referring to, are not dated or signed. Veprovsky requested County legal representation at Planning & Zoning meetings. Karpisek requested Eickman look into Veprovsky's concerns.

At 10:16 a.m., Anita Stougard representing the Saline County Youth Diversion Program, presented for approval a 4 Year Community Plan for Youth Diversion. Upon receiving approval, Stougard will be applying for funding grants. Henning moved to approve, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the January 2021 County Clerk fees in the amount of \$28,592.40, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the January 2021 Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$17,317.68, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the January 2021 Sheriff Fees; Writ fees \$1,359.00; Mileage \$1,125.01; Vehicle Inspections \$560.00, Gun Permits \$160.00 totaling \$3,204.01, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment By-Law Applicability. Eickman stated one of the issues we're looking at is to track down the date of their adoption, including signatures. It appears these documents were generated between 2000 and 2010. Bartels and Weber have searched for a signed copy, an approval given in minutes and/or a resolution approval. If we are unable to locate the approval of these documents, the County should take action to rectify, and formally approve and adopt By-Laws, if they are going to be used as a method of conducting business by both the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment. The By-Laws discussed today may be used as a template, amended or changes may be made. Bartels noted since there were a couple different unsigned copies of By-Laws out, she placed a 2018 sticker on the copy of the By-Laws in the Planning & Zoning book, only to identify they were a part of the book, not to give the impression they were ever approved or adopted.

At 10:34 a.m., Karpisek announced the Board would recess;

At 10:49 a.m., Karpisek announced the Board would reconvene;

Planning & Zoning Administrator Lyle Weber, stated regulation changes is on the agenda for the Planning & Zoning meeting tonight. Weber will schedule a public hearing after the Planning & Zoning Board make a decision. He noted the soonest he would be able to bring regulation changes to the Board of Commissioners would be March 16th.

Krivohlavek moved to extend the Wind Farm Moratorium to March 31, 2021, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays Kohout, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2021-018, transferring \$78,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.



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Henning moved to approve Resolution #2021-019, transferring \$3,500.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Juvenile Services Aid Program, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m., Henning moved to open the Public Hearing for the One & Six Highway Improvement program for Saline County, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi, gave a synopsis on the details of the One & Six Highway Improvement program, noting a copy is in the Clerk's office for inspection.

Henning moved to close the Public Hearing for the One & Six Highway Improvement program for Saline County, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2021-20, accepting the One & Six Year Highway Improvement Program for the County of Saline, Nebraska, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi presented for approval a change order C-76(753) from Herbst Construction, Project: DeWitt West C007604215P, decreasing the contract sum by \$35,516.55. Kohout moved to approve, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2021-017, signing of the Project Program Agreement – BL2106 for the County Bridge Match Program #5, NDOT Project Number STWD-CBMP(5), NDOT Control Number 00974D, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi presented a request to declare the following items as surplus property: 2004 Ford Dually 1 ton 4x4 pickup VIN# 1FTWF33P04ED36839, 1994 GMC ½ ton 4x4 pickup VIN#1GTEK14K8RZ557054, and a 2015 Ford SUV Police Interceptor VIN #1FM5K8AR1FGA70274. The two pickups would be taken to Lincoln for sale and the Ford Interceptor will be disposed of at iron price. Krivohlavek moved to approve, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi gave an update on snow removal throughout the County. Noting the extreme cold weather is affecting snow removal equipment and fuels gelling.

Friday he is entering a lease/purchase agreement with John Deere for a motor grader.

Under Report of Officials, Henning reported a Region V Services and Region V Systems zoom meeting last Monday.

Karpisek attended an Employee Wellness Committee meeting and has a SENDD meeting on the 22nd.

Kohout attended a Safety Committee meeting, Employee Recognition Banquet meeting and has an upcoming NACO meeting with the Governor.

Hardenburger has a Blue Valley Community Action meeting and a Planning & Zoning meeting tonight, last Wednesday he attended an Ag Society meeting and has a RC&D meeting coming up.

McDermott attended a Community Service 4 year plan meeting, Safety Committee meeting, a Ransomware Webinar on cyber security provided by CISA, continuing to work with both Windstream and Unite. On the 18th there is a webinar by David Dudley and February 23 & 24 is the Employee Health Fair.

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

Henning moved to enter closed session to discuss a request for burial assistance, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to exit closed session for a burial assistance request, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none motion carried.



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Krivohlavek moved to approve burial assistance request #BA 2021-01 and add to the previously approved claims, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

General Payroll	Salaries	115,650.79
A&F	Bldg Maint	370.00
Anytime Plumbing	Bldg Maint	104.90
Barnas	Hlth	294.82
Black Hills	Util	4,403.96
Bryan	Hlth	157.00
Charm-Tex	Sppls	832.30
City of Wilber	Util	7,931.03
Crete Ace Hardware	Sppls	73.90
Crete Ace Hardware	Sppls	14.99
CAMC	Hlth	412.00
Crete Veterinary Clinic	Sppls	132.00
Culligan	Cntrct	504.55
CVSOAN	Dues	110.00
Dataspec	Cntrct	449.00
Drivers License Guide Co	Sppls	31.95
Eakes	Off Sppls	814.79
Ecolab	Bldg Maint	183.57
Electronic Contracting	Bldg Maint	287.50
Farmers Coop	Fuel	501.52
First Concord	Ins	9,696.59
First Concord	Ins	553.00
First Wireless	Equip Rpr	276.00
Food Mesto	Sppls	4.58
Friend Comm Health Sys	Hlth	265.00
Goodwin Tucker	Equip Rpr	471.80
Gropp Law	Reimb	200.00
Heath Sports	Unif	241.36
Bernard Hoesche	Mil	11.20
Jefferson Co Em Mgmt	Cntrct	3,700.00
Language Line Svcs	Cntrct	14.96
Mallory Safety	Unif	175.80
Maverick Ind	Bldg Maint	125.00
Microfilm Imaging Sys	Cntrct	150.00
MIPS	Cntrct	2,300.16
NACO	Dues	40.00
NE Assn Cty Clerk Reg & Elect	Dues	75.00
Officenet	Off Sppls	770.13
William Ouren	Hlth	300.00
Reeves Co	Unif	27.95
Region V Sys	Cntrct	8,346.00



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Saline Co Atty	Reimb	33.74
Saline Co Crt	Crt Fees	776.00
Saline Co Dist Crt	Crt Fees	99.00
Saline Co Reg of Deeds	Plat Books	126.15
Sapp Bros	Fuel	1,448.52
Sec of State Notary Div	Fees	30.00
Sec of State Rules & Regs	Cntrct	20.00
Seward Co Ind	P&P	1,446.56
Shop Qwik	Fuel	94.73
Shredding Solutions	Cntrct	152.70
Siemens Ind	Bldg Maint	1,179.00
State of NE	Cntrct	147.60
Eric Stehlik	Mil	12.32
Anita Stougard	Mil	42.56
Alan Strouf	Mil	14.00
Summit	Sppls	8,950.85
Thomson Reuters	Cntrct	143.85
UBT	Fees	600.00
Extension Saline Co	Reimb	190.80
Us Bank	Cntrct	67.13
Verizon	Comm	190.54
Visa	Comm	440.18
Visa	Pstg	387.50
Visa	Pstg	795.70
Visa	Fuel	108.67
Visa	Sppls	55.32
Visa	Equip Rpr	372.27
Visa	Off Sppls	23.52
Visa	Pstg	162.04
Vogt Electric	Bldg Maint	230.75
Voss Lighting	Sppls	89.40
Walker	Sppls	33.08
Walker	Sppls	50.08
Warren Mem Hospital	Hlth	103.00
41 Auto	Equip Sppls	8.70
Saline Co Sheriff	Crt Fees	854.99
Matthew Kosmicki	Atty Fees	2,974.50
Kuncl Funeral Home	BA	1,300.00

ROADS FUND

Roads Payroll	Salaries	27,415.94
Ace Irrigation	Sppls	369.00
Action Auto Supply	Equip Sppls	42.22
AKRS Equipment	Equip Sppls	811.42
All Roads Barricades	Sppls	810.72
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	2,755.53



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Beaver Hardware	Sppls	32.65
Black Hills	Util	1,149.93
City of Crete	Util	422.04
City of Friend	Util	433.09
City of Wilber	Util	108.48
Crete Ace Hardware	Sppls	292.92
Crete Auto Supply	Equip Sppls	237.41
Eakes	Off Sppls	65.26
Eric Riley Electric	Bldg Maint	1,354.90
Farmers Coop	Fuel	10,820.69
Farmers Union Coop	Equip Sppls	361.96
Filtercare	Equip Sppls	47.90
Interstate Power Sys	Equip Rpr	3,709.13
Matheson Tri-Gas	Sppls	192.50
Medical Ent	Sppls	35.00
Midwest Petroleum Equip	Equip Sppls	40.00
Midwest Unlimited	Sppls	353.48
Momar	Sppls	596.10
Murphy Tractor & Equip	Sppls	42,595.00
NMC	Equip Rpr	2,815.78
NPPD	Util	373.16
Office Depot	Sppls	42.46
Officenet	Sppls	58.50
Pomp's Tire	Equip Rpr	956.40
Powerplan	Equip Sppls	76.48
Praxair	Sppls	74.90
RDO Truck Center	Equip Rpr	1,153.49
Sapp Bros	Fuel	3,033.96
Productivity Plus	Equip Sppls	87.75
Total Tool	Sppls	342.13
Village of Dorchester	Util	167.33
Village of Swanton	Util	68.80
Village of Tobias	Util	57.20
Village of Western	Util	65.75
Visa	Misc	1,670.33
Walker	Unif	50.87
Waste Connections	Util	226.75
Young's Welding	Sppls	77.02
41 Auto	Sppls	143.01

BAILIFF FUND

Bailiff Payroll	Salaries	1,205.90
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VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND

SE NE Tourism Council	Dues	200.00
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VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND

Tabor Hall	Reimb	842.00
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WELLNESS FUND

Rachel Smith	Reimb	127.50
Visa	Spls	14.95

AGING SERVICES FUND

Aging Services Payroll	Salaries	3,124.92
Samantha Cosaert	Prgm	110.00
Eakes	Off Spls	924.68
Farmers Coop	Fuel	33.95
Food Mesto	Prgm	185.00
Madison Hoover	Mil	70.00
Tia Kreshel	Prgm	407.00
Purfoods	Prgm	961.60
Visa	Pstg	277.50
Visa	Prgm	485.65
Wilber Care Center	Prgm	1,015.52
Wilber Chamber	Dues	100.00

DRUG COURT FUND

Verizon	Comm	240.06
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JUVENILE SERVICES FUND

Family Service Assoc	Prgm	2,135.00
Ana Perez Mendez	Prgm	96.00
Anita Stougard	Prgm	1,360.00
Syerra Watson	Prgm	132.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Cheever Construction	Cntrct	5,000.00
Electronic Contracting	Cntrct	920.00

CRIME PREVENTION FUND

VDO Comm	Spls	2,180.57
Visa	Spls	75.00
Barnas	Hlth	546.62

COMMISSARY FUND

Bob Barker Co	Spls	238.31
Eakes	Spls	134.88
Lincoln Journal Star	Renewal	3,569.70
Summit	Spls	3,885.82
Thomson Reuters	Cntrct	384.00
Visa	Spls	96.02

HIGHWAY BUND FUND

UBT	Bond Pmt	7,067.23
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ALL FUNDS

First State Bank	Fed Tax	15,352.40
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	7,048.75
First State Bank	Soc Sec	30,358.48
Ameritas Life	Retire	24,252.41
Delta Dental	Dental Ins	2,311.14



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VSP	Eye Ins	489.59
AFLAC	Ins	1,356.45
MassMutal	Def Comp	2,228.00
Colonial Supp Ins	Ins	233.81
Teamsters	Dues	294.50
Madison Nat'l Life	Life Ins	51.52
Madison Nat'l Life	Dis Ins	182.68
First Concord	Café	2,155.40
New York Life	Ins	118.90
AZ Child Support	Garnish	86.06
General Collection	Garnish	186.40
Prof Choice Recovery	Garnish	163.42
Prof Choice Recovery	Garnish	15.77

At 11:42 a.m., Karpisek announced the Board would recess;

At 1:00 p.m., Karpisek announced the Board would reconvene;

At 1:00 p.m., Krivohlavek moved to enter closed session for Appointed Officials Annual Reviews, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Henning, Hardenburger, Kohout and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

At 5:00 p.m., Henning moved to exit closed session, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Kohout, Henning and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on March 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

I, Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk in and for Saline County, do hereby certify that the minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk

Janet J. Henning



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Marvin A. Kohout

Stephanie A. Krivohlavek

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