



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, March 16, 2021 by Chairperson Russ Karpisek. Present were Karpisek, Marvin A. Kohout, Janet J. Henning, and Stephanie A. Krivohlavek Commissioners, County Clerk Anita K. Bartels, and Administrative Assistant Tim McDermott. County Attorney Tad Eickman was present between court commitments. Commissioner Philip Hardenburger was absent.

Notice of said meeting was posted in the County Clerk's Office, on the Saline County Website, and published in all three county newspapers on March 10, 2021, 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, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

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

Under Citizens Forum, Gary Veprovsky addressed the Board. A synopsis of his statements included guilt by association and shame on you, regarding when and how to appoint the new Planning and Zoning people. Veprovsky questioned Eickman whether or not he had a conversation on this matter with Kohout, Eickman confirmed he had a conversation with Kohout. Veprovsky then addressed Bartels, shame on her for not having this conversation in the minutes, and shame on the rest of the Board for approving the minutes as submitted. Veprovsky was critical of actions the Board has taken, especially singling out Kohout, stating this has to stop and the Board needs to make it stop. He stated he has been against wind from day one and he feels there is not fair representation,

Krivohlavek commented on Veprovsky's remarks, stating she believed there was no deceit in Kohout's conversation with Eickman. Kohout was just notifying the Board of their conversation and Counsel was aware of what was going to happen. As Board members, conversations are often had with Counsel for advice on how to handle situations. Often in Board meetings, discussions are put on hold to wait for Counsel to be available. To shame the Board for not taking an additional step to talk to our Counsel, when we did exactly what we were supposed to do in the right way. As to the Clerk, the minutes are an abbreviation of what has transpired at the meeting, and this has been the case since day one. Krivohlavek stated she puts meetings on Facebook because she wants it to be transparent. The Board recognizes they may not be right 100% of the time, but to be shamed for doing the right thing is really frustrating.

Under Correspondence, Bartels reported receiving from the City of Crete, the March 16th meeting agendas for the City Council, Public Works Committee, Finance Committee and Legislative & Economic Development Committee; from Blue Valley Community Action, their March 16th meeting agenda for their Board of Directors, the Minutes of the February 16th Board of Directors zoom meeting and reports to the BVCA Board of Directors; from SENDD an announcement their March 18th meeting will be virtual; an email from the State Auditor's office regarding setting up a separate Fund and revenue code for the money the counties will be receiving related to the COVID American Rescue Plan Act signed by the President; a letter from the Nebraska Commission and Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, notifying the County the Saline County Jail was visited and evaluated and it was determined the facility to be in full compliance; and receiving a check from the State of Nebraska in the amount of \$11,220.70 for COVID related expenses incurred during the elections. Bartels reported attending the SE District NACO meeting on March 12th. During the round table discussions with other County Clerks, a common practice is to only record in the minutes the names of individuals addressing the Board during the Citizen Forum and to request a written request including relative documentation, be made to a Commissioner or directly to the County Clerk, from individuals wishing to be on an agenda with an item that might require the Board to take action. By submitting a written request, it gives the Board time to research an issue if necessary. The Citizens Forum would continue to be available to hear concerns, with no action taken. After discussion, the Board requested Bartels and County Treasurer Debbie Spanyers work together to set up the new fund for the COVID American Rescue Plan Act. Eickman was



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requested to research the practice of listing only the names of individuals speaking during the Citizen Forum and requesting written requests for agenda action items. If appropriate, Resolutions to set up the new fund and the new practices would be presented at the next meeting.

Anita Stougaard presented the 2021 Community based Juvenile Services Aid grant with the Nebraska Crime Commission for approval and Board Chairperson's signature. Henning moved to approve, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

McDermott presented the amended COVID Guidelines for County staff, stating the amendment was for the addition of item 10) Quarantine for Vaccinated Individuals. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance states that fully vaccinated individuals who meet certain criteria will no longer be required to quarantine following exposure to someone with COVID-19. Kohout moved to approve the amended COVID Guidelines, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Saline County Emergency Manager John McKee reported to the Board via teleconference. McKee confirmed McDermott's presentation of the updated CDC guidance. He also reported just receiving and emailing to the Board a new DHM issued on March 16, 2021, stating he hasn't had time to digest it all yet. Public Health Solutions is continuing to report on the status of the availability of the COVID vaccine. They are hoping soon to get to the point of making mass vaccination clinics available. McKee recommended going to the Public Health Solutions, click on the link to sign up for the vaccine, it's a very easy process to enter your information, especially individuals 50 and over should be signing up now. The link to click on is vaccine.ne.gov to register.

McKee gave an update on the flooding over the weekend. The Big Blue, Turkey and Swan Creeks are coming down. He has been in contact with DeWitt and will continue to monitor the situation.

McKee reported he is continuing to work to resolve the Page My Cell issues. He has installed another computer and equipment in his office, on another network and is currently in the testing mode. He'd like to give it a couple days of testing before reporting it's all good to go.

Under Report of Officials, Henning reported a Public Health Solutions zoom meeting on Thursday;

Karpisek reported the purchase of a building for SENDD is in flux and he attended the Wellness Committee meeting;

Kohout reported on attending an Employee Recognition meeting, the Saline County Wind Association meeting in Ohio, a Wellness Committee meeting, a Know Your Numbers meeting, the SE District NACO meeting and on Thursday he has a Seward/Saline County Waste Management meeting;

Krivohlavek stated there will be a Saline Aging Services full board meeting next Monday which she will be unable to attend and requested the alternate attend in her place.

McDermott reported attending the Wellness Committee meeting. At this meeting it was decided not to base points solely on wearables for 2022 and Stephanie Roth of Crete Area Medical Center will offer a class on the topic of Plant Based Eating, March 31st. The LEPC meeting was postponed until April 4th; he had a meeting with Unite Private Networks who are at the cusp of submitting a proposal. He reported attending a Know Your Numbers meeting, the SE District NACO meeting, a kick off meeting with Mid Continental for the tuck pointing of the Courthouse and March 24th is designated the tornado drill warning day.

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

At 10:45 a.m., Karpisek announced the Board would reconvene;

Krivohlavek moved to approve the Constitution and By Laws for the Nebraska Extension in Saline County, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the February 2021 Clerk of the District Court Fees in the amount of \$5,809.97, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.



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Henning moved to approve the February 2021 Sheriff Fees – writ fees \$1,434.00, mileage \$1,280.48, vehicle inspections \$580.00, gun permits \$80.00, totaling \$3,374.48, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the February 2021 County Clerk Fees in the amount of \$10,030.50, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2021-026 to appoint Bernard Hoesche to the Veteran Service Committee, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2021-027 transferring \$300,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2021-028 transferring \$1,200.00 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 and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi presented Windstream Request to Occupy Right-of-Way, WO#71501009300376; OSP-25611, on County Road 600 to provide new cable for a resident. Kohout moved to approve, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi presented Preliminary Plans regarding County Bridge Match Structure C007622030/CBMP#5/C76(815) for Speece Lewis Engineering lump sum fee in the amount of \$11,510.00. Henning moved to approved, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi presented Windstream Request to Occupy Right-of-Way, WO#71501003000025; OSP-25723. This is to remove and replace a cable on 1600 Road as part of a box culvert project. Kohout moved to approve, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi presented Windstream Request to Occupy Right-of-Way WO#71501003000030; OSP-25716, for a box culvert project being bid out, located on County Road 1300 between I & J. Henning moved to approve, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

At 11:02 a.m., Kohout moved that the bidding for Asphaltic Concrete Overlay-Crete South cease, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Kohout and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Bids were opened and read from Contractors Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska; Western Engineering, Harlan, IA and Pavers Inc., Waverly, NE. These bids are placed on file and are public record as attachments 1, 2 and 3 in the Commissioners' Journal to these minutes. Filipi thanked the bidders and announced the bids will be reviewed and he will announce his recommendation to the Board at the March 30, 2021 meeting.

Filipi gave a brief update on road conditions due to the heavy rainfall over the past week. Swan Creek was out of its banks. The roads near Swanton were reopened today and he will check on the closed roads near DeWitt. A road is closed near Turkey Creek, north and west of Wilber and north of Crete near the Blue River, County Road C. Two culverts washed out on Sunday, one on County Road Q between 1300 & 1400 and the other on County Road N between 1100 & 1200.

Filipi stated he is working with EDF to lay gravel on the east side of Highway 15 since they are done using these roads. There are some bad roads to the west, since EDF is still using them, gravel will be laid later.

At 11:10 a.m., Henning moved that the bidding for structure No. C007622520 Concrete Box Culvert project cease, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Karpisek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Bids were opened and read from Van Kirk Bros. Contracting, Sutton, NE; Vogt, Bennett, NE; Collins Contracting Co., Inc., Wahoo, NE and Bauer Underground, Lincoln, NE. These bids are placed on file and are



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public record as attachments 4, 5, 6 and 7 in the Commissioners' Journal to these minutes. Filipi thanked the bidders and announced the bids will be reviewed and he will announce his recommendations to the Board at the March 30, 2021 meeting.

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

GENERAL FUND

General Payroll	Salaries	118,350.83
Rebecca Anderson	Atty Fees	945.00
Anytime Plumbing	Bldg Rpr	251.84
Barnas	Spls	116.60
Bear Graphics	Spls	633.09
Berggren Architects	Bldg Rpr	1,020.00
Black Hills	Util	5,320.10
Bryan Health	HLth	25.00
City of Wilber	Util	9,502.84
Crete Ace Hardware	Spls	25.99
Crete Ace Hardware	Spls	116.79
Culligan	Spls	280.70
Eakes	Off Spls	1,072.80
Farmers Coop	Fuel	561.01
First Concord	Ins	7,640.39
First Concord	Ins	546.00
Janis Frey	Reimb	40.20
Friend Comm Hlthcr Sys	HLth	530.00
Galls	Unif	49.99
Gilmore Bell	Bond Refi	21,000.00
Glock Professional	Spls	250.00
Goodwin Tucker	Cntrct	6,001.59
Greatamerica Financial Svcs	Cntrct	377.63
Gropp Law	Reimb	300.00
Heath Sports	Unif	68.96
Jefferson Co Em Mgmt	Salaries	3,700.00
Language Line	Cntrct	28.81
Microfilm Imaging	Cntrct	150.00
Mid States Organized Crime Info Ctr	Dues	150.00
MIPS	Cntrct	2,300.16
Jeff Mulbery	Reimb	125.00
Joseph Murray	Atty Fees	524.00
NACE	Trng	110.00
Nebraska.Gov	Cntrct	152.00
NPPD	Util	290.00
Officenet	Cntrct	292.03
P.A.T. Marketing	Equip	620.00
Pictometry International Corp	Spls	26,303.84
Steven Residorff	Atty Fees	300.00



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Sack Lumber	Spls	5.29
Saline Co Atty	Reimb	365.26
Saline Co Crt	Crt Csts	102.00
Saline Co Sheriff	Reimb	565.94
Sapp Bros	Fuel	4,069.14
Secretary of State Election Div	Elec	20.00
Secretary of State Rules & Regs	Cntrct	20.00
Seward Co Ind	P&P	2,905.38
Shop Qwik	Fuel	89.98
Soarin Group	Cntrct	825.00
Sokol Hall	Rent	200.00
State of Ne Dept Correction Svcs	Hsng	5,952.97
State of Ne-Dept of Admin Svcs	Cntrct	147.60
Eric Stehlik	Milg	196.00
Anita Stougard	Milg	25.20
Summit	Spls	9,044.43
Thomson Reuters	Cntrct	143.85
University of Nebraska- Lincoln	Trng	250.00
Extension Saline Co	Reimb	407.68
Verizon	Comm	190.54
Visa	Misc	9.75
Visa	Fuel	110.23
Visa	Equip	55.20
Visa	Unif	2,546.38
Visa	Spls	94.97
Voss Lighting	Bldg Spls	111.00
Walker	Bldg Spls	33.08
Western Detention	Bldg Spls	317.00
Witness Fees	Wit Fees	240.00

ROAD FUND

Road Payroll	Salaries	23,476.06
Action Auto	Spls	64.36
AKRS Equip	Equip Spls	1,315.29
B'S Ent	Equip Spls	4,480.00
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	3,398.02
Beaver Hardware	Spls	6.70
Black Hills	Util	1,522.97
City of Crete	Util	525.19
City of Friend	Util	554.68
City of Wilber	Util	196.70
Crete Ace Hardware	Spls	501.59
Crete Auto	Equip Spls	238.61
Crete Lumber	Spls	601.64
Eakes	Off Spls	223.55
Farmers Coop	Fuel	16,993.57



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Farmers Union Coop	Spls	1,574.98
Kt's Market	Spls	58.78
Matheson Tri-Gas	Spls	2,583.28
Menards	Spls	68.13
Mips Inc	Off Equip	195.00
Murphy Tractor	Equip Rpr	4,798.81
Nebraska Salt & Grain	Spls	1,558.32
NMC Exchange	Equip Spls	2,819.64
NPPD	Util	10,681.04
Praxair	Spls	74.90
Sack Lumber	Spls	11.98
Saline Co Register of Deeds	Fees	20.00
Sapp Bros	Fuel	3,484.36
Seward Co Ind	P&P	350.57
Shaffer Comm	Equip	92.13
Sid Dillon	Equip Spls	60.00
Speece-Lewis	Cntrct	5,177.50
Village of Dorchester	Util	103.83
Village of Swanton	Util	65.54
Village of Tobias	Util	58.40
Village of Western	Util	79.50
Visa	Spls	706.50
Walker	Unif	50.87
Waste Connections	Util	226.75
Wilber Plumbing	Bldg Rpr	764.80
41 Auto	Equip Spls	415.83

BAILIFF FUND

Bailiff Payroll	Salaries	1,205.90
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WELLNESS FUND

Visa	Hlth Fair	216.42
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AGING SERVICES FUND

Aging Services Payroll	Salaries	3138.13
Samantha Cosaert	Prgm	110.00
Crete Chamber	Dues	125.00
Dewitt Senior Center	Cntrct	874.70
Farmers Coop	Fuel	37.35
Karpisek's Market	Prgm	781.13
Tia Kreshel	Prgm	330.00
Miller Mailing	P&P	111.44
Purfoods	Prgm	913.52
Wilber Care Center	Prgm	952.05

DRUG COURT FUND

Verizon	Comm	120.03
Walmart Community	Off Spls	34.20

JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT FUND



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Family Service Assoc	Prgm	2,800.00
Ana Perez Mendez	Prgm	108.00
Anita Stougard	Prgm	1,360.00
Syerra Watson	Prgm	96.00

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Soarin Group	Cntrct	106.99
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911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND

Soarin Group	Cntrct	715.95
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COMMISSARY FUND

Barnas	Spls	1,093.59
Bob Barker Co	Spls	256.92
Eakes	Spls	363.70
Summit	Spls	3,413.49
Visa	Spls	555.14

ALL FUNDS

First State Bank	Fed Tax	15,236.51
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	6,976.87
First State Bank	Soc Sec	30,117.56
Ameritas Life	Retire	24,128.91
Delta Dental	Dental Ins	2,368.46
VSP	Eye Ins	500.09
AFLAC	Ins	1,356.45
MassMutal	Def Comp	2,278.00
Colonial Supp Ins	Ins	233.81
Teamsters	Dues	252.00
Madison Nat'l Life	Life Ins	54.67
Madison Nat'l Life	Dis Ins	182.67
First Concord	Café	2,145.40
New York Life	Ins	118.90
AZ Child Support	Garnish	86.06
General Collection	Garnish	186.40
Professional Choice Recovery	Garnish	163.42
Professional Choice Recovery	Garnish	15.77

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m. The next regular meeting will be on March 30, 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



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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 March 2, 2021 meeting was approved as presented.

Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk

Janet J. Henning

Marvin A. Kohout

Stephanie A. Krivohlavek

Phil Hardenburger, Vice-Chairperson

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson