



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, April 13, 2021 by Chairperson Russ Karpisek. Present were Karpisek, Marvin A. Kohout, Janet J. Henning, Philip Hardenburger and Stephanie A. Krivohlavek Commissioners, and County Clerk Anita K. Bartels. 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 on April 7, 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 Hardenburger. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Krivohlavek moved to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2021 regular meeting, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Under Citizens Forum, Adam Wackel, Lyle Fink, Nate Walenta, Joe Chambers and Dolen Freeouf individually addressed the Board.

Magistrate Josh McDougall and Maintenance Supervisor Dan Johnson addressed the Board, regarding the reoccurring issue of losing the State of Nebraska computer connection when the Courthouse backup power generator runs a test cycle. After a discussion, Krivohlavek moved to approve the purchase of a battery backup system for the computer room, not to exceed \$3,500, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

McDougall then addressed the Board regarding lack of access to locked doors within the County Court office and the room which was to be a meeting room for attorneys and their clients. The Board recommended McDougall contact Security/Law Enforcement to be given the access he is requesting.

Johnson addressed the Board regarding the replacement of failed Courthouse heating/AC units. He reported for the last two years he has been soliciting bids to replace these units, without a response from contractors. On April 6, 2021 he received a proposal from NIFCO Mechanical Systems. Krivohlavek moved to proceed with the heater/AC unit replacements as needed, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

At 10:20 a.m. Henning moved to open a Public Hearing for a Nebraska Liquor License application from Dawn Williams dba Blue River Lodge, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Williams explained to the Board she will be taking over the operation of the Blue River Lodge from Dan Troyer, this requires a liquor license in her name.

Henning moved to close the Public Hearing for this Nebraska Liquor License application, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Hardenburger moved to approve the Nebraska Liquor License application from Dawn Williams dba Blue River Lodge, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

County Assessor Brandi Kelly and Daryl Stanard with Stanard Appraisal, addressed the Board. Kelly will be contracting Stanard Appraisal to conduct the 2022 assessments of commercial properties in DeWitt, Swanton, Tobias and Western. Stanard stated his company will provide informal hearings before the State certification is submitted and will be providing support and representation for the County on the assessments Stanard makes.

At 10:38 a.m., Karpisek announced the Board would recess;

At 10:47 a.m., Karpisek announced the Board would reconvene;

Under Correspondence, Bartels reported receiving the March 21st minutes of the Saline County Historical Society; a letter/email from Jerry Berggren, Berggren Architects, stating the contractor for the



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Courthouse tuck pointing is expected to arrive on site shortly; a letter from TransCanada Keystone Pipeline stating they will be conducting routine cathodic protection surveys in the County, April-December 2021; a Vacancy and Application/Nomination Form for the NIRMA Board of Directors; an ad has been placed in the three county newspapers for the mowing of Waymire Cemetery; on April 16th there is a UNITE meeting scheduled; a voicemail from Mark Niederklein, requesting a return call and the question was raised whether to change the Courthouse hours.

Hardenburger stated he has received numerous calls on road conditions and he has passed this information to the Roads Department.

Under Report of Officials, Krivohlavek stated she has a Saline County Area Transit meeting on Thursday at 1:30;

Hardenburger stated Blue Valley Community Action in Beatrice held an open house on Thursday, April 8th, he has an Ag Society meeting tomorrow, there will be a 5 Rivers RC&D meeting in Tecumseh on Thursday which he will be unable to attend;

Karpisek stated he was contacted by a number of individuals regarding the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County issue and by Tyson Larson on county redistricting;

Kohout reported attending an Employee Wellness and Employee Recognition meeting, on Friday a NACO insurance meeting, on Tuesday the 20th the Safety Council will give a presentation to the Wellness Committee, Wednesday is a NACO zoom meeting with the Governor, next week is a communications meeting followed by a Mutual Aid meeting and next Friday a NACO Board of Directors meeting;

Henning reported having a Region V Governing Board meeting.

At 11:00 a.m., Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi recommended to the Board to accept the bid for Bridge C007622520 (76-778) from Van Kirk Bros., Sutton, NE in the amount of \$208,567.10. Hardenburger moved to accept this bid, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi updated the Board on various road projects. He also reported there are concerns with the availability of culverts. Because of steel prices going up, the cost of culverts has increased \$10 per foot. With such a demand for culverts, he wants to temporarily cease the sale to the public, with the exception of permitted driveways and keep culverts for County use.

Henning moved to approve the March 2021 Sheriff Fees in the amount of \$3,476.60, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the March 2021 Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$34,046.27, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve correcting Lori Moldenhauer's salary to \$44,561.92 effective January 1, 2021, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Bartels opened discussion to increase/update the shelving in the County Clerk's records vault. She stated initial inquiries suggest the cost would be between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The shelving would be similar to the units in the Assessor, County Attorney and District Court vaults. After discussion, permission was granted to accept bids for the required shelving and budget this expense for the 2021-2022 fiscal year as an item in the Clerk's budget.

Kohout reported to the Board the status of the Wellness Committee. No one stepped forward to be the new Chairperson. He stated there are possibilities for current part time employees to fill this position, giving them the opportunity to become full time. Krivohlavek questioned if a leader is not found, would there be a discussion to dissolve the program, and if a leader is found, a discussion to allow changes to the 2022 program. The Wellness Committee will continue their search for a leader and decisions can be made from there.



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Henning moved to approve Resolution #2021-031 transferring \$360,000 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning move to approve Resolution #2021-032 transferring \$5,000 from the Inheritance Fund to the Employee Wellness Fund as proposed by the 2020-2021 Budget, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2021-033 transferring \$2,700 from the Inheritance Fund to the Juvenile Services Aid Program, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

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

Henning moved to exit closed session, stating a burial assistance was discussed with no action taken, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Burial Assistance #BA2021-01, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the claims as presented with the addition of a \$1,300 burial assistance paid to Lauber Moore Funeral Homes, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

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| General Payroll | Salaries | 120,841.56 |
| Barnas | Spls | 127.74 |
| Anita Bartels | Reimb | 15.00 |
| Matt Baumann | Reimb | 159.98 |
| Becwar & Assoc | Cntrct | 1,100.00 |
| Black Hills | Util | 1,976.59 |
| Reni Blome-Higer | Reimb | 163.42 |
| Joseph Casson | Atty Fees | 247.50 |
| City of Wilber | Util | 6,563.01 |
| Crete Ace Hardware | Spls | 9.30 |
| Crete Ace Hardware | Spls | 146.97 |
| CAMC | Svcs | 2,086.18 |
| Culligan | Cntrct | 319.50 |
| Dugan Printing | Off Spls | 183.75 |
| Eakes | Off Spls | 1,109.39 |
| Farmers Coop | Fuel | 367.85 |
| First State Bank | Off Spls | 189.00 |
| Five Rivers R C & D | Dues | 150.00 |
| Friend Comm Hlthcr Sys | Svcs | 380.00 |
| GT Distributors | Unif | 298.50 |
| Shawn Hagerty | Svcs | 75.00 |
| Heath Sports | Unif | 68.96 |
| Helena Chemical | Spls | 360.00 |
| Jefferson Co Emg Mgmt | Cntrct | 3,700.00 |
| James Jirovec | Svcs | 84.00 |
| Brandi Kelly | Reimb | 75.00 |



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| Matthew Kosmicki | Atty Fees | 3,942.00 |
| Kuncl Funeral Home | Svcs | 425.00 |
| Collette Lokken | Reimb | 176.58 |
| Midwest Court Reporting | Svcs | 1,066.25 |
| MIPS | Cntrct | 2,300.16 |
| Joseph Murray | Atty Fees | 15,012.00 |
| NE State Fire Marshal | Cntrct | 162.00 |
| NE State Patrol | Dues | 624.00 |
| Nemaha Co Sheriff | Cntrct | 106.17 |
| NPPD | Util | 527.00 |
| Officenet | Off Spls | 166.01 |
| Priority Printing | Off Spls | 167.86 |
| Protex Central | Cntrct | 1,050.00 |
| Region V Services | Cntrct | 6,319.00 |
| Region V Systems | Cntrct | 11,078.25 |
| Saline Co Atty | Reimb | 53.59 |
| Saline Co Court | Reimb | 700.93 |
| Saline Co Dist Court | Reimb | 459.00 |
| Saline Co Sheriff | Reimb | 471.75 |
| Sapp Bros | Fuel | 3,970.10 |
| Seward Co Independent | P&P | 544.73 |
| Shop Qwik | Fuel | 85.64 |
| Shredding Solutions | Cntrct | 138.45 |
| Soarin Group | Cntrct | 825.00 |
| Stanard Appraisal Svcs | Cntrct | 1,545.00 |
| State of NE Dept Correction Svcs | Cntrct | 5,679.91 |
| State of NE DAS Central Fnc | Cntrct | 147.60 |
| Eric Stehlik | Reimb | 332.57 |
| Anita Stougard | Milg | 51.52 |
| Summit | Spls | 8,657.30 |
| Thomson Reuters | Cntrct | 143.85 |
| TK Elevator | Cntrct | 321.24 |
| Extension Saline Co | Reimb | 1,176.13 |
| Us Bank Equip Fnc | Off Equip | 147.87 |
| Verizon | Comm | 159.52 |
| Visa | Unif | 1,266.15 |
| Zito Media | Comm | 29.08 |
| 41 Auto | Spls | 23.32 |
| 41 Auto | Spls | 202.51 |
| 911 Custom | Equip | 287.00 |
| Lauber Moore Funeral Home | Svcs | 1,300.00 |

ROAD FUND

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| Road Payroll | Salaries | 25,156.83 |
| AKRS Equip | Equip Rpr | 238.61 |
| Beatrice Concrete | Gravel | 72,514.58 |



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| Beaver Hardware | Sppls | 116.72 |
| Black Hills | Util | 705.19 |
| City of Crete | Util | 254.22 |
| City of Friend | Util | 429.27 |
| City of Wilber | Util | 141.50 |
| Crete Ace Hardware | Sppls | 83.87 |
| Crete Auto | Sppls | 529.01 |
| Crete Glass Co | Sppls | 71.00 |
| Crete Lumber | Sppls | 185.38 |
| Farmers Coop | Fuel | 23,163.83 |
| Farmers Union Coop | Fuel | 1,085.06 |
| Filtercare | Sppls | 278.79 |
| Interstate Power Sys | Equip Rpr | 4,042.41 |
| John Deere | Sppls | 1,144.01 |
| Johnson Sand & Gravel | Gravel | 3,971.90 |
| Lawson Prod | Sppls | 148.33 |
| Matheson Tri-Gas | Sppls | 266.04 |
| Medical Ent | Sppls | 175.00 |
| MHC Kenworth | Sppls | 507.20 |
| Midwest Unlimited | Sppls | 1,468.94 |
| Murphy Tractor - Powerplan | Equip Rpr | 4,579.45 |
| NE Notary Assc | Off Sppls | 156.18 |
| | Equip | |
| NKC Tire | Sppls | 135.31 |
| | Equip | |
| NMC Exchange | Sppls | 1,617.06 |
| NPPD | Util | 296.47 |
| O'Reilly Auto | Sppls | 67.98 |
| Nathan Olivia | Reimb | 69.07 |
| Praxair | Sppls | 73.07 |
| Brandon Rausch | Reimb | 63.50 |
| RDO Truck Center | Sppls | 463.90 |
| Rock On | Gravel | 3,059.65 |
| Sapp Bros | Fuel | 3,994.05 |
| Seward Co Independent | P&P | 380.72 |
| Sid Dillon Wahoo | Equip | 31,320.00 |
| Speece-Lewis Eng | Eng Fees | 4,028.50 |
| Spring Creek Repair | Sppls | 243.43 |
| Village of Dorchester | Util | 248.59 |
| Village of Swanton | Util | 66.22 |
| Village of Tobias | Util | 57.20 |
| Village of Western | Util | 66.50 |
| Visa | Sppls | 1,040.51 |
| Walker | Unif | 28.91 |
| Waste Connections | Util | 227.86 |
| Young's Welding | Sppls | 1,572.90 |



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| 41 Auto | Spls | 116.97 |
| BAILIFF FUND | | |
| Bailiff Payroll | Salaries | 1,205.90 |
| WELLNESS FUND | | |
| First State Bank | GC | 5,858.25 |
| AGING SERVICES FUND | | |
| Aging Services Payroll | Salaries | 3,205.44 |
| Samantha Cosaert | Prgm | 286.00 |
| Eakes | Off Spls | 21.34 |
| Farmers Coop | Fuel | 37.13 |
| Food Mesto | Prgm | 935.00 |
| Hoov's Home Imp | Cntrct | 105.00 |
| Tia Kreshel | Prgm | 858.00 |
| Miller Mailing | Pstg | 351.92 |
| Purfoods | Prgm | 1,129.88 |
| Sack Lumber | Spls | 89.93 |
| Wilber Care Center | Prgm | 1,050.14 |
| DRUG COURT FUND | | |
| Verizon | Comm | 120.03 |
| GRANT FUND | | |
| Grant Payroll | Salaries | 348.33 |
| JUVENILE SERVICES AID FUND | | |
| Family Service Assoc | Prgm | 2,800.00 |
| Ana Perez Mendez | Prgm | 30.00 |
| Anita Stougard | Prgm | 1,020.00 |
| Syerra Watson | Prgm | 36.00 |
| 911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND | | |
| Geocomm | | 1,155.00 |
| Racom Corp | Cntrct | 5,294.20 |
| COMMISSARY FUND | | |
| Barnas | Spls | 671.25 |
| Eakes | Spls | 321.23 |
| Sack Lumber | Spls | 5.29 |
| Summit | Spls | 5,852.79 |
| Visa | Spls | 172.04 |
| ALL FUNDS | | |
| First State Bank | Fed Tax | 15,921.31 |
| NE Dept of Rev | State Tax | 7,310.68 |
| First State Bank | Soc Sec | 31,068.64 |
| Ameritas Life | Retire | 24,874.59 |
| | Dental | |
| Delta Dental | Ins | 2,367.23 |
| VSP | Eye Ins | 522.72 |
| AFLAC | Ins | 1,356.45 |
| | Def | |
| MassMutal | Comp | 2,278.00 |



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| Colonial Supp Ins | Ins | 233.81 |
| Teamsters | Dues | 252.00 |
| Madison Nat'l Life | Life Ins | 54.67 |
| Madison Nat'l Life | Dis Ins | 183.81 |
| First Concord | Café | 2,165.40 |
| New York Life | Ins | 118.90 |
| AZ Child Support | Garnish | 86.06 |
| Credit Management Services | Garnish | 186.40 |
| Professional Choice Recovery | Garnish | 15.77 |

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on April 27, 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 March 30, 2021 meeting was approved as presented.

Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk

Janet J. Henning

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Stephanie A. Krivohlavek

Phil Hardenburger, Vice-Chairperson

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson