



Saline County Board Minutes



SALINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:44 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, by Chairperson Russ Karpisek. Present were Karpisek, Janet J. Henning, Marvin A. Kohout, Stephanie A. Krivohlavek Commissioners, and County Clerk Anita K. Bartels. County Attorney Tad Eickman was present between court commitments. Commissioner Phil 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 February 23, 2022, 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 Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Krivohlavek moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Under correspondence, Bartels reported receiving from the City of Crete, the March 1st agendas for the City Council, Public Works Committee, Finance Committee and Parks and Recreation Committee; from SENDD the amended agenda and financials ending January 31, 2022; a notice from the Nebraska Dept. of Natural Resources that there will be an inspection of the Shestak Dam in the SE ¼ of Section 12, Township 7 North, Range 3 East; a notice from NIRMA announcing the Cyber Security Toolkit Seminars and the 2021 NIRMA Annual Report.

At 9:45 a.m., Henning moved to open the Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit to install highspeed internet poles located at Section 31-5-1 and Section 29-5-3, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Lyle Weber, explained the Nextlink Internet Company was applying for this permit to install poles in these two sections southwest of Swanton. Nextlink Internet Company would be the only entity using these poles. These poles are line of site and will not required lights due to their distance from an airport.

Henning moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the Nextlink Internet Company Conditional Use Permit for high speed internet poles, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Henning, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nay Karpisek, motion carried.

Michaela Nielson, Soarin Group Human Resources gave an update on the Human Resources she has been involved with. Nielson will be scheduling a meeting with the officials to finalize the Employee Handbook and setting up demos for payroll/timekeeping software.

Tom Nielson, Soarin Group IT, reported is has become necessary for the Law Enforcement Department to change email software which will require Outlook 365. Nielson explained how Outlook 365 and having all County employee emails under our available .gov domain would have greater cybersecurity and restrictions. Nielson was given approval to pursue this transition to Outlook 365 and uniform .gov email addresses.

Under Reports of Officials, Kohout reported attending meetings with Planning & Zoning and the Employee Recognition Committee; participating in the Employee Health Fair; noting information from NIRMA on Cybersecurity and announced the SE District meeting will be March 10th in Lincoln.

Henning reported she has a CASA meeting on March 28th.

At 10:02 a.m. Karpisek announced the Board would recess;

At 10:13 a.m. Karpisek announced the Board would reconvene;

Pam Hromadka and Mary Ann Losh with the Friend Historical Society gave a presentation of the milestones accomplished on renovating the Warren Building, including the Historic Warren Opera House. Hromadka and Losh explained there is still much to be done to accomplish a complete restoration and inquired if ARPA monies would be available to the Friend Historical Society as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The Board responded by stating decisions have not yet been made on how to spend the ARPA funds Saline County



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received, but a list will be compiled of all requests made to the County for ARPA funds. Once the County has received definite guidelines on how the funds can be used, requests made to the County can then be addressed.

Megan Burda with the UNL Extension Office introduced the new Saline County Extension Office employees Melanie Kunc, Office Manager and Ingrid Lindal, Early Childhood Educator. Burda also presented the Nebraska Extension in Saline County Annual Report.

At 11:00 a.m. Marci Fehlhafer, Southeast Nebraska CASA, gave an update of CASA reserves to the Board, noting April is recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month. She requested permission, during the month of April, to place pinwheels on the Courthouse lawn and a table in the Courthouse lobby with literature which would bring awareness of the CASA program and the need of volunteers. The Board granted her request.

Discussion was held on terminating the road haul agreement with the TC Keystone Pipeline. There is a concern whether there would be a negative impact on the roads if Keystone hauls out the pipe. Eickman advised not to take action at this time. Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi is to follow up with Keystone to get more information. No action was taken.

The 2022 South Central East Community Wildfire Protection plan was tabled until the next meeting when Emergency Manager John McKee would be available.

Highway Superintendent Filipi's recommendation to the Board was to vacate the ¼ mile stretch of road between County Road 1500 north of County Road B. The Board accepted his recommendation, and requested the required Public Hearing be set for April 12, 2022 at 11:00.

At 11:20 a.m. Henning moved to enter closed session to discuss a General Assistance Request, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

At 11:40 a.m. Kohout moved to exit closed session, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Karpisek announced during closed session a General Assistance Request was discussed with no action taken.

Krivohlavek moved to approve the General Assistance Request, #GA2022-01 in the amount of \$677.45, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Krivohlavek moved to approve the claims as presented with the addition of #GA2022-01 in the amount of \$677.45, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

General Fund Payroll	Salaries	125,981.49
Aging Partners	Contract	32,389.00
Anytime Plumbing	Building Maint	967.75
Aumentum Technologies	Office Supplies	1,844.96
Black Hills	Utility	96.00
Bryan Physician Network	Health	35.46
Daryl Clark	Reimburse	54.54
CAMC	Health	29.71
CVSOAN	Training	60.00
Dollar General	Supplies	54.75
Eakes	Office Supplies	324.32
Ecolab	Supplies	408.14
Ecolab Pest Elimination	Building Maint	183.57
Farmers Coop	Fuel	1,056.00
Fehlhafer's	Equipment Rpr	210.00
First Concord	Insurance	511.00
First Wireless	Equipment Rpr	3,167.98



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Friend Community Healthcare System	Health	1,095.00
Goodwin Tucker	Equipment Rpr	469.20
Greatamerica Financial	Contract	385.20
Scott Gropp	Attorney Fees	6,666.67
Janet Henning	Reimburse	70.00
The Home Depot Pro	Supplies	94.08
Kalkwarf & Smith	Attorney Fees	997.50
Keystone	Equipment Rpr	201.75
Kiner Supply	Supplies	419.34
Marvin Kohout	Mileage	365.68
La Quinta Inn	Training	129.00
Lincoln Radiology	Health	29.97
Mallory Safety And Supply	Uniform	184.49
Midwest Court Reporting	Board Fees	191.80
MIPS	Office Equip	93.75
Cody Mulbery	Reimburse	29.21
NACO	Training	280.00
Nebraska Assn Cty Eng Hwy Supr Surv	Training	110.00
Nebraska Assn of County Treasurers	Training	50.00
Nebraska Public Health Envr Lab	Contract	630.00
Nebraska Weed Control Association	Training	165.00
Tyson Osborn	Reimburse	10.00
Physicians Laboratory	Contract	3,307.00
PIP	Office Supplies	880.06
Quadient	Equipment	998.04
Region V Systems	Contract	428.00
Ricky's Café	Banquet	1,001.00
Saline County Attorney	Reimburse	64.93
Seward County Independent	Print & Publish	46.27
Shop Qwik	Fuel	12.87
Sid Dillon	Equipment Rpr	104.95
Siemens Industry	Building Maint	1,214.37
Soarin Group	Contract	4,338.25
Sokol Hall	Banquet	200.00
State of NE	Contract	147.60
Anita Stougard	Mileage	83.08
Summit	Supplies	9,161.62
Talx Corporation	Contract	374.90
Tech Masters	Building Maint	1,000.84
Tyler Technologies	Office Equip	449.00
U.S.P.S	Postage	6,000.00
Us Bank Equipment Finance	Contract	282.65
Verizon	Communications	1,764.49
Village of Dewitt	GA	677.45
Visa	Office Equip	921.38



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Visa	Office Equip	384.94
Visa	Elec Supplies	1,503.83
Visa	Contract	52.00
Visa	Postage	16.72
Visa	Fuel	66.82
Visa	Banquet	57.89
Visa	Postage	319.20
Visa	Equipment	995.10
Walker	Supplies	33.08
Walker	Supplies	71.21
Windstream	Communications	7,146.73
Witness Fees	Witness Fee	31.20
3 & 33 Mutual Aid	Dues	25.00
911 Custom	Uniform	131.90

ROAD FUND

Road Fund Payroll	Salaries	30,759.71
B's Enterprises	Supplies	6,432.00
Black Hills	Utility	248.26
CAMC	Health	30.00
Farm & Home Publishers	Supplies	65.25
Food Mesto	Supplies	18.83
Medical Enterprises	Health	35.00
Metrocount	Supplies	204.00
Orschelns	Supplies	269.34
RDO Truck Center	Supplies	84.89
Roit Repair	Equipment Rpr	85.25
Sapp Bros	Fuel	2,082.37
Speece-Lewis	Engineer Fees	686.00
Village of Dewitt	Utility	75.46
Visa	Tax Payment	3,243.81

BAILIFF FUND

Bailiff Fund Payroll	Salaries	1,246.73
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	30.15
Kathy Homolka	Mileage	196.56

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND

Sons Of The American Legion	Reimburse	1,000.00
Tabor Hall	Reimburse	2,000.00

WELLNESS FUND

Madonna Rehab Hosp-Fit For Work	Contract	50.00
Visa	Supplies	442.46

AGING SERVICES FUND

Samantha Cosaert	Program	228.00
Marcia Emal	Program	183.75
Darlene Pribyl	Program	146.25
Visa	Program	199.53



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Visa	Program	11.88
Visa	Program	238.80
DRUG COURT FUND		
Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices Llc	Attorney Fees	1,200.00
JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT FUND		
Anita Stougard	Program	1,030.20
COVID AMERICAN RESUCE PLAN FUND		
Inclusion Solutions Llc	Elec Supplies	1,823.97
Lutz & Company Pc	Contract	345.00
INHERITANCE TAX FUND		
Evelyn M Spilker Living Trust	Refund	2,422.20
911 EMERENCT MANAGEMENT FUND		
Windstream	Communications	156.27
911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND		
Windstream	Communications	1,199.20
COMMISSARY FUND		
Summit Food Service Llc	Supplies	5,144.53
HIGHWAY BOND FUND		
Union Bank & Trust Company	Bond Payment	15,431.25
ALL FUNDS		
First State Bank	Fed Tax	17,729.81
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	8,049.96
First State Bank	Soc Sec	32,881.32
Ameritas Life	Retire	26,136.00
BC/BS	Hlth Ins	106,125.90
Delta Dental	Dental Ins	2,241.59
Madison Nat'l Life	Life Ins	49.62
AFLAC	Ins	1,150.39
VSP	Eye Ins	508.18
MassMutal	Def Comp	2,428.00
First Concord	Café	2,023.65
Colonial Supp Ins	Ins	164.87
Madison Nat'l Life	Dis Ins	167.49
Teamsters	Dues	312.00
New York Life	Ins	95.64
Globe Life	Ins	248.84
AZ Child Support	Garnish	86.06
Professional Choice Recovery	Garnish	189.04
Lancaster County Court	Garnish	200.83
Nebraska Child Support	Garnish	300.00

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m. The next regular meeting will be on March 15, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the Saline County Commissioners' Room, Court House, Wilber, NE.

ATTEST:



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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 previous meeting held on February 15, 2022 were approved as presented.

Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk

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