



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, August 2, 2022, by Chairperson Russ Karpisek. Present were Karpisek, Janet J. Henning, Marvin A. Kohout, Stephanie A. Krivohlavek and Phil Hardenburger Commissioners, and County Clerk Anita K. Bartels. County Attorney Tad Eickman was absent.

Notice of said meeting was posted in the County Clerk's Office and published in all three county newspapers on July 27, 2022, in compliance with State Statutes.

Karpisek advised those present of the open meetings act posted at the back of the room and that all proceedings are electronically recorded.

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

Kohout moved to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2022 meeting, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, abstain without conflict Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Under Correspondence, Kohout received a Notice of Public Hearings from the Planning Commission of the Village of Dorchester and the Village of Dorchester. Both hearings were scheduled for August 1, 2022 at the Dorchester Fire Hall.

Under Report of Officials, Hardenburger reported meetings with the Ag Society Board, the County Extension Board and with NACO.

Kohout reported a meeting with NACO, a joint Rural Fire and Mutual Aid meeting, attending the Annual National NACO Conference in Colorado and has an upcoming NACO zoom meeting.

Krivohlavek reported attending a Saline County Area Transit meeting.

Saline County Aging Services Director Lori Moldenhauer and Kay Wenzl with Aging Partners presented an annual update of services and a budget request.

Director of Southeast Nebraska CASA Marci Fehlhafer, along with staff members Lisa Lindau and Sonia Almodovar, presented an annual update of services and a budget request.

Erin Eby, Account Representative with National Insurance Services presented options available for Saline County employee dental coverage. The Commissioners will review the quotes submitted and will take action at the next meeting.

At 10:30 a.m. Kohout moved to open the Public Hearing for a Liquor License Application made by ZCBJ Saline Center #389, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Don Homolka was present, representing ZCBJ Saline Center #389. Homolka stated the original renewal sent to the State Liquor Commission was lost in the mail, resulting in filing this new application. This application is for the same license class as previously held by ZCBJ Saline Center #389.

At 10:40 a.m. Henning moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Krivohlavek, abstain with conflict Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the ZCBJ Saline Center #389 Liquor License Application, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, abstain with conflict Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Scott Bartels, Saline County Area Transit Director gave an annual update of provided services and a budget request.

At 10:52 a.m. Karpisek announced the Board would recess;

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Brian Blobaum, CPA with Blobaum & Busboom, presented for review the first draft of the 2022-2023 Saline County Budget.

Hometown Housing, USA members Nicholas Andrews, Steve Gilbert, Dale Keever, Shane Akers and Mike Hansen, appeared before the Board to explain the services they offer in finding city/county workforce housing solutions. Also in attendance during this discussion were Wilber City Mayor Roger Chrans, Friend



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City Council member Kristen Milton, DeWitt Village Clerk Moria Holly, Dorchester Village Clerk Jen Kasl, Crete Mayor Dave Bauer and Crete City Administrator Tom Ourada. It was a consensus of the discussion, there is a real need for workforce housing in Saline County cities and villages. The fee for Hometown Housing, USA services could be paid in two phases. \$25,000.00 for Phase 1 and \$25,000.00 for Phase 2 or a one payment of \$40,000.00. It was noted ARPA funds could be used to cover this cost. No action was taken. Further discussion and/or action to be taken will be on the agenda for the next meeting, August 16, 2022.

Discussion was held on replacing all County Windstream fax lines with eFax with Unite Private Network. County Treasurer Debbie Spanyers and County Assessor Brandi Kelly requested information on how this transition would work. Bob Nelson with Unite Private Networks joined the discussion via teleconference, explaining the process of going from a traditional fax machine to receiving and sending a fax via email. No action was taken. This discussion and/or action to be taken will be on the agenda for the next meeting, August 16, 2022.

Krivohlavek moved to add the encrypted email option to all County .gov email accounts, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

A countywide Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) was discussed with Crete representatives, Tom Ourada and Dave Bauer. Requirements would include forming a RTSD Board consisting of three (3) Commissioners and three (3) members of the City Council. After creating this entity, a Director would be appointed and a budget implemented which would be funded by implementing up to a 2.6¢ tax. An interlocal agreement and resolution would need to be generated by the County Attorney and City Attorney for execution by the Board. Hardenburger stated he would work with Bauer, Ourada and the attorneys to move forward in creating a RTSD.

Hardenburger moved to create a Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD), seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2022-38, for the foreclosure of all tax sale certificates held and owned by the County of Saline, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Kohout, Henning and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2022-39, to issue tax sale certificates to Saline County for each and every parcel of real estate upon which there are delinquent taxes for three or more years, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2022-40, to release the First State Bank pledged security, CUSIP #3130A5P45, par value \$100,000.00, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2022-41, replacing the First State Bank pledged security, CUSIP #698873H33, par value \$195,000.00, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

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

Spanyers, in presenting the Uncollected Distress Warrant Report, requested authorization to strike taxes for Parcel #760144817, SSC Crete Operating Co., LLC in the amount of \$3,298.88. The sheriff's department is unable to collect because it's out of their jurisdiction. Henning moved to strike the taxes, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Register of Deeds Clerk Jenny Hermsmeier updated the Board on the digitalization of records within in the deed's office. Referencing State Statute Section 23-1517.02, Records; computerized system of indexing is authorized. Hermsmeier stated she has contacted the Register of Deeds offices in Fillmore and Seward Counties, both of these offices stopped manually indexing several years ago. Currently work is being duplicated with digitalization and manually indexing records. Hermsmeier requested authorization to cease



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manually indexing. Krivohlavek moved to approve ceasing the manual entry, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Krivohlavek moved to approve the request to surplus an IBM typewriter, HP printer, monitor and Savin copier from the Veteran Services' inventory, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi presented a request to declare two (2) trucks (Unit 10 and Unit 21) as surplus property. Kohout moved to approve, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Kohout, Karpisek, Hardenburger and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi presented a Request to Occupy Right of Way for Windstream Nebraska, LLC, WO#71501248700000;PR-7948, on the east side of Rd 2300/Boswell Ave. Henning moved to approve, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi reported on various road projects, including to continue replacing bridges with culverts and tree removal.

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

GENERAL FUND

General Fund Payroll	Salaries	129,900.00
Barnas	Supplies	223.27
Brown's Tree Service	Ground Maint	1,550.00
Bryan Heart	Contract	20.00
CAMC	Contract	493.00
Dollar General	Supplies	32.25
Eakes	Office Supplies	79.27
Electronic Contracting	Contract	739.50
Equifax	Contract	57.84
Farmers Coop	Equipment Rpr	25.00
First Concord	Insurance	1,198.40
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Flagz @ The Brand	Supplies	360.00
Friend Community Healthcare System	Contract	365.00
Alexis Gerritse	Mileage	133.08
Greatamerica Financial Svcs	Contract	385.18
Scott Gropp	Attorney Fees	6,666.67
Philip Hardenburger	Mileage	58.75
The Home Depot Pro	Supplies	178.90
Matthew Kosmicki	Attorney Fees	1,075.69
Melanie Kunc	Mileage	82.50
Anthony Lytle	Reimburse	13.85
Mallory Safety	Uniform	146.33
Midwest Court Reporting	Contract	197.50
Nebraska Public Health Envr Lab	Contract	105.00
Tyson Osborn	Reimburse	209.41
Ray Allen Manufacturing	Uniform	117.97
Sack Lumber	Supplies	154.43
Saline County Attorney	Reimburse	104.14



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Schulz & Associates	Audit	12,500.00
Secretary of State	Notary	60.00
Shared Service	Supplies	72.14
Shop Qwik	Fuel	1,198.13
Soarin Group	Contract	1,497.00
Summit	Supplies	9,505.61
Extension Saline Co	Reimburse	228.82
Us Bank Equipment	Contract	627.57
Becky Vales	Mileage	123.75
Verizon	Communication	2,084.58
Walker	Contract	34.73
Walker	Contract	73.21
Jennifer Warning	Reimburse	11.92
Wilber Body Shop	Rent	1,200.00
Richard Zimmerman	Reimburse	11.67

ROAD FUND

Road Fund Payroll	Salaries	24,053.48
Ace Irrigation & Mfg	Supplies	22,512.00
B'S Enterprises	Supplies	428.00
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	20,228.85
Beaver Hardware	Supplies	21.28
Black Hills	Utility	35.02
Dollar General	Supplies	86.05
Johnson Sand & Gravel	Gravel	7,695.60
LCL Truck Equipment	Equipment	74,390.00
Matheson Tri-Gas	Supplies	998.35
Orschelns	Supplies	149.99
Rock On	Gravel	6,385.28
Shaffer Communications	Equipment	93.54
Village of Dewitt	Utility	63.24

BAILIFF FUND

Bailiff Fund Payroll	Salaries	1,222.89
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VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND

Saline County Historical Society	Reimburse	2,475.00
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AGING SERVICES FUND

Jessica Acosta	Program	330.00
Samantha Cosaert	Program	285.00
Dewitt Senior Center	Program	893.00
Marcia Emal	Program	52.50
K & G Body Shop	Equipment Rpr	9,767.11
Tia Kreshel	Program	397.50
Delaney Mazza	Program	460.25
Darlene Pribyl	Program	150.00
Donna Zlab-Kovar	Mileage	110.69

DRUG COURT FUND



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Kalkwarf & Smith	Attorney Fees	1,200.00
GRANT FUND		
Grant Fund Payroll	Salaries	1,755.62
JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT FUND		
Verizon	Communication	32.91
911 WIRELESS SET ASIDE FUND		
Central Square	Communication	4,500.12
COMMISSARY FUND		
Barnas	Supplies	2,175.54
Summit	Supplies	6,720.33
ALL FUNDS		
First State Bank	Fed Tax	16,511.01
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	7,895.35
First State Bank	Soc Sec	32,515.80
Ameritas Life	Retire	26,071.24
BC/BS	Hlth Ins	125,740.99
Delta Dental	Dental Ins	2,248.79
Madison Nat'l Life	Life Ins	47.03
AFLAC	Ins	1,277.45
VSP	Eye Ins	537.00
Empower	Def Comp	2,428.00
First Concord	Café	1,941.75
Colonial Supp Ins	Ins	164.87
Madison Nat'l Life	Dis Ins	162.27
Teamsters	Dues	299.00
New York Life	Ins	95.64
Globe Life	Ins	267.32
Lancaster County Court	Garnish	200.83
Nebraska Child Support	Garnish	300.00
Credit Management Services	Garnish	283.93
Professional Choice Recovery	Garnish	213.01

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on August 16, 2022 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 previous meeting held on July 19, 2022 were approved as presented.

Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk

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