



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 16, 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 present between court commitments.

Notice of said meeting was posted in the County Clerk's Office and published in all three county newspapers on August 10, 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 Hardenburger. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2022 meeting, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Under Citizens Forum, Gary Veprovsy addressed the Board.

Under Correspondence, Bartels reported receiving a thank you note from Senator Deb Fischer's office for hosting & coordinating the recent mobile office at the courthouse, from the City of Crete a notice of a public hearing for the Airport Authority of the City of Crete on August 11th, from Blue Valley Community Action their August 16th meeting agenda, minutes of the June 21st meeting, reports to the Blue Valley Community Action Board of Directors, the June 2022-August 2022 News Clippings and a notice the Driver Licensing Office in Wilber (Saline County) will be closed August 25, 2022 and September 8, 2022 due to staff shortages.

Kohout reported receiving a text message from the Village of Dorchester confirming their interest in the Hometown Housing Program.

Hardenburger reported the City of Crete confirmed their interest in the Hometown Housing Program.

Krivohlavek reported receiving a phone call from the Village of DeWitt confirming their interest in the Hometown Housing Program. She also reported she is being sued by Chuck McKay.

Under Report of Officials, Hardenburger reported meetings with Norris Public Power District regarding broadband, the Ag Society and Blue Valley Community Action.

He toured the John Deere Plant in Davenport, IA where excavator/maintainers are built.

Kohout reported meetings with Norris Public Power District regarding broadband, the Safety Committee and touring the John Deere Plant in Davenport, IA.

Krivohlavek reported meetings for the final Board of Equalization Protest Hearings, Saline County Area Transit and touring the John Deere Plant in Davenport, IA.

Karpisek announced forming a Railroad Transportation Safety District is in the early stages. There have been no decisions made. The District would be countywide, not just the City of Crete.

At 9:50 a.m. Kohout moved to open the public hearing regarding facilitating the Doane University revenue bonds for a residence hall, presidential residence and event venue, and other capital improvements, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

The Board discussed how Saline County has been successful in assisting Doane with their bonds in the past, noting there is no liability to the County.

At 9:52 a.m. Henning moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Michaela Nielsen and Mallory Goertzen with Soarin Group presented a template for Saline County's job descriptions. This template would provide consistency in the County's job descriptions, along with including necessary verbiage. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with updating the job descriptions, working with the officials and/or supervisors, following the presented template.

At 10:24 a.m. Karpisek announced the Board would recess;

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



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Attorney Dave Solheim addressed the Board to discuss the possibility of Saline County adding a Victim-Witness Coordinator position. This position would focus on the victims and witness of crimes, working with the County Attorney's office and Law Enforcement. Solheim's opinion would be to have this position as part of the County Attorney's office and hopefully the individual would be bi-lingual. He stated the cost of this position would be 100% covered by a Federal VOCA Grant, not by the County budget.

At 10:47 a.m., Scott Keene with Piper Sandler and Linda Scholting with Doane University, presented for approval Resolution #2022-42. Doane University (Borrower) has requested that the County Board of Commissioners authorize the County to issue one or more series of its education facilities revenue obligations, in aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$28,000,000.00, for the purpose of financing certain costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping certain capital improvements on the Doane University Crete, Nebraska campus. Keene stated the County has no liability and is only acting as a conduit for tax exempt financing. Scholting stated 90% of the funding would be for new student dorms with 10% being used for a new president residence and venue. Plans are to sell the Bauer House.

Hardenburger moved to approve Bond Resolution #2022-42, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Nicholas Andrews representing Hometown Housings, USA presented their contract in the amount of \$40,000.00 which would enlist their Phase 1 and Phase 2 services for City and County housing solutions. This contract is a result of the presentation given by Hometown Housing, USA. During the discussion of enlisting these services, it was clarified this service is not for HUD or low income housing, but workforce housing. Also, contractors, suppliers and financing would be local.

Representatives of Wilber, Friend, DeWitt, Dorchester and Crete also participated in the discussion at the last Board meeting, stating housing was a definite need in their communities to better recruit teachers and medical professionals. There is also a need for individuals who want to live in the community they work in, rather than having to commute.

Henning moved to approve the Hometown Housing, USA contract, seconded by Krivohlavek. It was noted ARPA funds would be used to cover the cost, with Hardenburger and Kohout to be initial contacts. Voting aye were Henning, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, nay Karpisek, motion carried.

Tom Nielsen with Soarin Group, via teleconference joined the meeting to discuss replacing Windstream fax line with eFax with Unite Private Network. Nielsen did not recommend switching to eFax for high volume faxing siting it can be unreliable. For high volume faxing he recommended staying with analog. Offices with low volume faxing typically do not have issues with reliability. The consensus was to leave it up to each individual office which fax option best serves their needs.

Krivohlavek moved to approve choosing Principal Dental Plan Option #1 for the employee dental plan, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried. It was noted changing to this plan the one time deductible increases to \$100.00. Principal will grandfather in the \$50.00 deductible already paid with the Delta Dental plan. The employee will need to pay another \$50.00 deductible, but will be reimbursed by the County this \$50.00. To receive reimbursement, the employee must submit a claim to the County Clerk's office.

Henning moved to approve the updated National Insurance Joinder Agreement for Group Life Insurance, with underwriting changing to a two class structure. One class being those with the County Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance, one class without the County Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance. Seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the July 2022 County Clerk fees in the amount of \$36,073.48, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the July 2022 Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$13,260.51, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.



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Henning moved to approve the July 2022 Sheriff fees in the amount of \$2,568.67, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2022-43, County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standard 2022, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2022-44, transferring \$10,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Bailiff Fund to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2022-45, transferring \$1,100.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Juvenile Service Aid Program Fund, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Bruce Filipi presented for approval Resolution #2022-46 for BRO-7076(25). This for the Turkey Farm Bridge Project, using soft match funds. Henning moved to approve, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Filipi reported receiving an additional \$23,732.50 in grant money for the tire collection program, noting the County has now been reimbursed for 100% of the cost. He has applied for the tire collection grant for 2023.

Filipi reported on various road projects, including replacing rusted out culverts.

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

GENERAL FUND

General Fund Payroll	Salaries	138,214.62
Rebecca Anderson	Attorney Fees	2,701.62
Anytime Plumbing	Building Maint	2,251.77
Berggren Architects	Building Maint	1,253.97
Black Hills	Utility	1,473.85
Capital Business Systems	Contract	140.00
City of Wilber	Utility	11,598.97
Consolidated Management	Contract	136.00
Crete Ace Hardware	Supplies	273.29
CAMC	Contract	9.71
Culligan	Contract	162.50
Dee Drake	Mileage	48.25
Eakes	Office Supplies	3,818.01
Ecolab	Supplies	620.28
Ecolab Pest	Building Maint	183.57
Eric Escobar-Barrera	Reimburse	62.65
Farmers Coop	Fuel	986.13
First Concord	Insurance	532.00
Friend Community Healthcare System	Contract	580.00
Gropp Law	Reimburse	670.00
Heath Sports	Uniform	72.96
The Home Depot Pro	Supplies	136.12
Jefferson County Emergency Mgmt	Contract	3,980.00
Lynn Peavey Company	Supplies	267.75
Anthony Lytle	Reimburse	19.47
Delaney Mazza	Cleaning	96.00



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Menards Lincoln	Supplies	161.98
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Contract	150.00
Mid-Continental Restoration	Building Maint	37,970.41
Midwest Court Reporting	Contract	85.00
MIPS	Contract	2,481.34
Nathan Mueller	Mileage	66.25
NACO	Training	40.00
NPPD	Utility	100.00
Physicians Laboratory	Contract	2,296.00
Quadient	Contract	998.04
Reeves Company	Uniform	29.09
Region V Systems	Contract	6,634.00
Safe Life Defense	Uniform	152.10
Saline County Attorney	Reimburse	231.47
Saline County District Court	Reimburse	379.00
Saline County Register of Deeds	Supplies	25.23
Saline County Sheriff	Reimburse	814.56
Sapp Bros	Fuel	6,240.64
Secretary of State	Contract	30.00
Secretary of State	Contract	30.00
Shop Qwik	Fuel	191.61
Shredding Solutions	Contract	148.66
Sid Dillon	Equipment Rpr	1,027.43
Siemens Industry	Contract	1,250.80
Solheim Law	Attorney Fees	1,449.00
Stanard Appraisal	Contract	5,067.00
Summit	Supplies	10,019.48
Thomson Reuters	Contract	155.57
Unite	Communication	6,332.45
Extension Saline Co	Reimburse	261.03
Visa	Postage	58.00
Visa	Office Supplies	4.00
Visa	Contract	52.00
Visa	Fuel	64.33
Visa	Fuel	79.43
Visa	Uniform	1,704.37
Visa	Office Equip	295.39
Kevin Vogel	Reimburse	134.74
Walker	Supplies	34.73
Walker	Supplies	58.08
Wilber Plumbing	Building Maint	169.99
Windstream	Communication	553.35
41 Auto	Supplies	12.40
41 Auto	Supplies	402.14

ROAD FUND



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Road Fund Payroll	Salaries	24,082.31
Advanced Auto Glass	Supplies	350.00
AKRS	Supplies	1,085.49
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	51,010.76
Beaver Hardware	Supplies	261.99
Black Hills	Utility	211.00
City of Crete	Utility	214.44
City of Friend	Utility	306.64
City of Wilber	Utility	65.20
Crete Ace Hardware	Supplies	157.94
Crete Auto Supply	Supplies	403.36
Eakes	Office Supplies	308.30
Exeter Lumber	Supplies	33.68
Farmers Coop	Fuel	34,103.70
Farmers Union Coop	Fuel	2,756.89
Filtercare	Supplies	42.40
Johnson Sand & Gravel	Gravel	11,276.85
L & K Machine	Supplies	29.60
Linde Gas	Supplies	82.22
Midwest Unlimited	Supplies	620.92
Murphy Tractor	Equipment	81,645.00
NMC	Equipment	3,258.15
NPPD	Utility	218.81
Powerplan	Equipment Rpr	6,794.53
RDO Truck	Supplies	313.00
Sapp Bros	Fuel	3,434.60
Southwest Gravel	Gravel	8,621.33
Speece-Lewis	Engineer Fees	18,187.76
Village of Dorchester	Utility	93.17
Village of Swanton	Utility	64.93
Village of Tobias	Utility	56.80
Village of Western	Utility	83.25
Visa	Fuel Tax	2,573.73
Waste Connections	Utility	217.93
Young's Welding	Supplies	85.80
41 Auto	Supplies	305.61

BAILIFF FUND

Bailiff Fund Payroll	Salaries	1,222.87
Eakes	Office Supplies	49.25
Kathy Homolka	Mileage	117.50

VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND

American Legion Hawes-Wood Post 212	Reimburse	160.76
Nebraska Czechs of Wilber	Reimburse	1,000.00

AGING SERVICES FUND

Samantha Cosaert	Program	285.00
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Eakes	Office Supplies	221.29
Marcia Emal	Program	97.50
Tia Kreshel	Program	990.00
Delaney Mazza	Program	630.13
Miller Mailing	Postage	355.79
Lori Moldenhauer	Reimburse	63.92
Purfoods	Program	153.25
Visa	Program	6.00
Visa	Program	43.05
Visa	Program	885.85
Wilber Care Center	Program	1,212.00
Donna Zlab-Kovar	Reimburse	64.49
Bonita Zoubek	Reimburse	118.74

DRUG COURT FUND

Redwood Toxicology	Contract	129.19
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GRANT FUND

Grant Fund Payroll	Salaries	1,782.90
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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUND

Penguin Management		3,168.00
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JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT FUND

Anita Stougard	Program	1,002.87
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AMERICAN RESUCE PLAN FUND

First Wireless	Equipment	48,260.20
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911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Nemaha County Sheriff	Reimburse	17.14
Windstream	Communication	250.86

911 WIRELESS SERVICE

Nemaha County Sheriff	Reimburse	97.15
Windstream	Communication	1,115.93

CRIME PREVENTION - LAW ENFORCEMENT

Visa		29.01
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COMMISSARY FUND

Bob Barker Company	Supplies	700.49
Eakes	Supplies	592.32
Summit	Supplies	6,832.30
Visa		288.76

ALL FUNDS

First State Bank	Fed Tax	18,172.17
NE Dept of Rev	State Tax	8,547.15
First State Bank	Soc Sec	34,388.94
Ameritas Life	Retire	27,593.42
Delta Dental	Dental Ins	2,093.28
Madison Nat'l Life	Life Ins	47.32
AFLAC	Ins	1,277.55
VSP	Eye Ins	537.53



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Empower	Def Comp	2,428.00
First Concord	Café	2,058.65
Colonial Supp Ins	Ins	164.87
Madison Nat'l Life	Dis Ins	162.69
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

At 12:05 p.m. Henning moved to enter closed session, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

At 12:48 p.m. Henning moved to exit closed session, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Karpisek announced during closed session pending litigation was discussed with no action taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on August 30, 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

I, Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk in and for Saline County, do hereby certify that the minutes of the previous meeting held on August 2, 2022 were approved as presented.

Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk

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