

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 25, 2023, by Chairperson Phil Hardenburger. Present were Hardenburger, Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, Marvin A. Kohout, Janet J. Henning, and Russ Karpisek Commissioners, County Clerk Anita K. Bartels and County Attorney David C. Solheim.

Notice of said meeting was posted in the County Clerk's Office and published in all three county newspapers on April 19, 2023, in compliance with State Statutes.

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

Karpisek moved to approve the agenda, with the removal of amending the Planning & Zoning Regulations item from the agenda, no second, motion failed.

Kohout moved to approve the agenda, striking the last two sentences under the item of amending the Planning & Zoning Regulations, no second, motion failed.

Krivohlavek moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Kohout, nays Karpisek, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 meeting, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Henning and Karpisek, abstain without conflict Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Under Citizens Forum, Jeff Koll, Gary Veprovsky, Chuck McKay, Dennis Pallas, Vergene Kracke and Hannes Zetzsche addressed the Board.

Under Correspondence, Bartels reported receiving from Blue Valley Community Action the agenda for their April 18th meeting, minutes of their March 21st meeting and the April 2023 Reports to the BVCA Board of Directors; from SENDD the agenda for their April 27th meeting; from the City of Crete a notice of the April 18th meetings of the City Council, Council Committees and Planning Commission and a notice of an April 24th Planning Commission meeting; telephone and email communications with Matt Schwisow of Western and from NACO the 2023 Health Insurance Renewal rates.

Hardenburger reported a letter in which the Nemaha Resources District and the Lower Big Blue Natural Resource District are withdrawing from Five Rivers RC & D.

Kohout reported the Roads Department has received two checks in the amount of \$60.52 and \$3,250.00 as contributions through the NIRMA ASSIST program.

Under Report of Officials, Karpisek reported on meetings with the Employee Wellness Committee.

Krivohlavek reported on meetings with the Insurance Committee, Saline County Area Transit, Saline County Aging Services Board, Veteran Services and a NIRMA presentation on First Amendment Rights.

Kohout reported on meetings with NACO insurance, Employee Recognition Committee, Employee Wellness Committee, Mutual Aid, NIRMA Regional, NACO Officers and Board of Directors, Saline County Museum appraisal fair, Employee Handbook Committee, Governor zoom meeting, Employee Recognition Planning meeting, Planning & Zoning meeting and a NIRMA presentation on First Amendment Rights.

Hardenburger reported on meetings with the Ag Society, Insurance Committee, Hometown Housing-City/County Solutions, Blue Valley Community Action, and Employee Handbook Committee.

Henning moved to approve requesting an estimate from Nigel Copsey to restore the stones above the two original courthouse entrances, with no cost to be incurred at this point, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2023-21, all claims are to be filed with the Saline County Clerk within ninety (90) days in compliance with State Statute 23-135(1), seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

County Assessor Brandi Kelly presented an update on the current rural residential appraisals being performed, noting she may request Standard Appraisal to assist in the DeWitt, Tobias and Western areas.

Kelly reported she is working to prepare for the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission order to show cause and hearing scheduled on April 27, 2023. Noting as a result of this hearing, the residential in Crete could increase 8%, residential in Friend could increase 6% or there could be a county wide increase of 6%.

The CAMA (Assessor’s Computer System) was discussed. Kelly information the Board the current system will no longer be supported. She noted she has researched two companies and recommends converting to MIPS at a cost of \$20,345.00. Krivohlavek moved to approve the conversion to MIPS, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Weeds Administrator Lyle Weber presented the 2022 year end noxious weed report and summary for approval. Karpisek moved to approve, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Discussion to amend the Saline County Zoning Regulations Section 619(E)(1)(e)4 was held. SOUND: No turbine shall exceed fifty (5) decibels using the “A” scale (dBA) for a continuous 10 minutes L_{Eq} (Level Equivalent) over a 24 hour period as measured at the closest exterior wall of the nearest dwelling structure routinely occupied by humans. Turbines may, however, exceed that sound limit during short-term events such as severe wind and utility outages. Each application shall include a professional third-party preconstruction acoustical modeling analysis that considers all dwelling structures within at least one (1) mile of a turbine support base and demonstrates compliance with the sound standards in this section. Such studies shall include sound modeling for typical and worst-case scenarios for sound propagation. During this discussion Solheim gave his opinion, before the Board would vote on this amendment, an ordinance should be drafted pertaining to the last two sentences of this requested change. The reason being, the Planning & Zoning Committee did not have this verbiage available to them at their last meeting.

Krivohlavek moved to table the amending of the Saline County Zoning Regulations Section 619(E)(1)(e)4 for two weeks, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays Karpisek, motion carried.

At 10:52 a.m. the Board recessed;

At 11:01 a.m. the Board reconvened;

Krivohlavek moved to approve May 12, 2023 as Provider Appreciation Day by Proclamation, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried. Krivohlavek thanked Lynette Hermsmeier for bringing awareness to Child Care Providers.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2023-22 transferring \$1,600.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Grant Fund, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2023-23 transferring \$500.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Juvenile Services Aid Program, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

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

All Funds		
Aimpoint	Equip	841.96
Barnas	Spls	1,043.34
Lyle Bartels	Mlg	31.44
Kara Burda	Mlg	60.26
City of Crete	ALS	7,400.00
City of Friend	Amb Svc	4,000.00
City of Wilber	Amb Svc	6,100.00
Conner Psychological	Cntrct	425.00
CAMC	Cntrct	9.71
Daniel Defense	Spls	3,587.22
Dewitt VFD	ALS	300.00
Dollar General	Spls	28.25
Dorchester VFD	ALS	300.00
Eakes	Spls	391.86
Ecolab	Cntrct	832.28
Farmers Coop	Fuel	133.39
Bruce Filipi	Emp Bqt	150.00

First Concord	Ins	12,818.02
First Concord	Ins	476.00
Friend Com Hlthcr	Cntrct	745.00
Galls	Unif	183.78
Greatamerica Financial	Cntrct	337.63
Scott Gropp	Atty Fees	6,666.67
Bernard Hoesche	Mlg	13.10
Kathy Homolka	Reimb	200.00
Kalkwarf & Smith	Atty Fees	940.50
Zac Keating	Cntrct	500.76
Kiner	Sppls	167.86
Justin Kuntz	Atty Fees	1,529.50
Language Line	Cntrct	15.93
Ingrid Lindal	Mlg	55.00
Lori Moldenhauer	Reimb	25.00
NACO	Trng	25.00
NACO P&Z	Dues	40.00
NE Co Attys Assn	Dues	1,513.00
NE HHS	Cntrct	648.38
NE Law Enf Trng	Trng	165.00
NE Orthopaedic	Cntrct	519.41
Anita Novotny	Reimb	50.00
PIP	Sppls	217.50
Primary Arms	Sppls	383.40
NBC Capital	Trng	96.00
Region V Services	Cntrct	12,638.00
Ricky's	Emp Bqt	1,119.25
Saline Co Atty	Reimb	92.06
Sayler Scrnprntng	Trng	119.00
Secretary of State	Cntrct	20.00
Shop Qwik	Fuel	167.65
Sid Dillon	Sppls	146.36
State of NE	Cntrct	56.88
Alan Strouf	Mlg	18.34
Eric Strouf	Unif	357.80
Summit	Sppls	9,560.37
Swanton Auxiliary	Govt Day	51.94
Nelson Clark & Timan	Atty Fees	769.50
Extension Saline Co	Reimb	449.37
Village of Dewitt	Amb Svc	2,500.00
Village of Dorchester	Amb Svc	2,500.00
Village of Swanton	Amb Svc	2,500.00
Village of Tobias	Amb Svc	2,500.00
Village of Western	Amb Svc	2,600.00
Visa	Trng	16.62
Visa	Equip	1,095.38
Visa	Sppls	144.99
Visa	Pstg	1,209.52
Visa	Fuel	167.99
Visa	Equip	107.02
Visa	Trng	428.33
Visa	Sppls	291.16
Visa	Equip	0.99
Voss Lighting	Sppls	279.54
Walker	Cntrct	62.34
Madeline Werner	Mlg	238.62
Wilber Legion Aux	Govt Day	88.15

Windstream	Comm	1,235.70
Jamie Woltemath	Reimb	180.62
Ace Irrigation	Sppls	90,709.40
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	8,570.26
City of Friend	Utly	44.35
CAMC	Cntrct	400.00
Filtercare	Sppls	31.50
Medical Ent	Sppls	70.00
MHC	Equip Rpr	1,763.60
Midwest Service	Sppls	25,340.70
Midwest Unlimited	Sppls	20.00
NPPD	Utly	863.29
Orschelns	Sppls	17.99
Kevin Paulsen	Rent	600.00
Shaffer Comm	Equip Rpr	447.00
Sid Dillon	Sppls	27.99
Southwest Gravel	Gravel	3,871.06
Speece-Lewis	Eng Fees	165.00
Van Kirk	Cntrct	71,448.45
Young's Welding	Sppls	284.86
Kathy Homolka	Mlg	310.47
Saline Co Hist Soc	Reimb	200.00
Dewitt Legion	Reimb	2,400.00
Madonna	Cntrct	79.00
City of Crete	Rent	120.00
Marcia Emal	Mlg	111.42
Farmers Coop	Fuel	54.34
Madison Maly	Mlg	38.91
Darlene Pribyl	Mlg	213.99
Purfoods	Cntrct	81.25
Visa	Prgm	301.68
Visa	Prgm	1,666.79
Visa	Prgm	1,243.10
Wilber Care Center	Prgm	738.00
Donna Zlab-Kovar	Mlg	34.07
Anita Stougaard	Reimb	35.00
Amanda Fanning	Mlg	467.65
Kalkwarf & Smith	Atty Fees	1,200.00
Michael Wehling	mlg	45.00
Anita Stougaard	Prgm	1,113.81
First Wireless	Comm	13,138.20
Victor Oliver Estate	Refund	1,534.98
Windstream	Comm	249.09
Windstream	Comm	1,107.57
Charm-Tex	Sppls	1,376.50
Summit	Sppls	6,808.13
iSolved Payroll, Taxes & Payments	Payroll & Taxes	232,601.22
Ameritas Life	Retire	27,522.22
BC/BS	Hlth Ins	117,360.70
Principal Dental	Dental Ins	2,129.26
Madison Nat'l Life	Life Ins	57.84
AFLAC	Ins	1,058.43
VSP	Eye Ins	481.78
Empower	Def Comp	2,192.00
First Concord	Café	1,638.12
Colonial Supp Ins	Ins	164.87

Madison Nat'l Life	Dis Ins	196.41
Teamsters	Dues	297.00
New York Life	Ins	95.64
Globe Life	Ins	213.64
Saline County Court	Garnish	205.42
Bruce Wingerd	Garnish	512.74

At 11:14 a.m. Henning moved to enter closed session to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

At 11:41 a.m. Henning moved to exist closed session, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Hardenburger announced during closed session a personnel matter was discussed with no action taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Saline County Commissioners' Room, Court House, Wilber, NE.

ATTEST:

Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk

Janet J. Henning

Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, Vice-Chairperson

Marvin A. Kohout

Phil Hardenburger, Chairperson

Russ Karpisek

I, Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk in and for Saline County, do hereby certify that the minutes of the previous meeting held on April 11, 2023 were approved as presented.

Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk

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