

SALINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:32 a.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 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 May 31, 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.

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

Karpisek moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2023 meeting, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Under Citizens Forum, Tad Eickman, Jeanne Stokebrand and Kay Kottas addressed the Board.

Under Correspondence, Bartels reported receiving from SENDD a notice the May Executive Committee/Budget Committee meeting was moved to June 1st; from the City of Crete a notice of the June 6th City Council and Council Committee meetings and notices of two Public Hearings to be held on June 6th regarding proposed redevelopment; a letter from the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts stating the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 is complete; and an introduction packet from Prochaska & Associates, offering Planning, Architect, Engineering & Interior services.

Hardenburger reported receiving from NIRMA, their renewal letter and billing statement.

Under Report of Officials, Krivohlavek reported on the Employee Insurance Committee meeting and noted she will be absent from the June 20th meeting.

Kohout reported on attending the groundbreaking ceremony for the NACO west office, a NACO Board zoom meeting with the Governor, he will be attending the Board of Equalization and County Board NACO workshops, and noted he will be absent from the June 20th meeting.

Henning reported she has upcoming Region V Services and Region V Systems meetings.

Hardenburger reported on the Employee Insurance Committee meeting, Hometown Housing and he will be attending the Board of Equalization and County Board NACO workshops.

Matt Wullenwaber, Mid-American Benefits presented a Third Party Administration proposal for Health Savings Accounts (HSA) and Flex Savings Accounts (FSA) for employees.

Krivohlavek moved to approve and accept the Mid-American Benefits HSA & FSA Third Party Administration Proposal, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Henning and Karpisek, Hardenburger nay, motion carried.

Emergency Manager John McKee gave an update on the new radios and equipment for the first responders. He noted the next LEPC meeting will be September 7, 2023.

Jon Day with Blue Valley Behavioral Health gave an update on the programs provided to Saline County residents.

At 10:35 a.m. Hardenburger announced a brief recess;

At 10:45 a.m. Hardenburger announced the Board would reconvene;

Michaela Nielson and Mallory Goertzen, Soarin Group Human Resources, discussed with the Board practices and projects, which have been accomplished, are in process or being planned for, as part of their services.

Discussion was held on the next step in the renovation of the old jail building. Bartels and Maintenance Supervisor Dan Johnson are to reach out to Cory Lyons, Braxter Construction to define the interior demolition project description and specifications, needed to request bids.

Kohout moved to approve Resolution #2023-30 closing the Saline County Extension Office petty cash checking account xxx.628, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2023-31, cancelling July 5, 2023 as a regular meeting date for the Board of Equalization and Board of Commissioners, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Krivohlavek moved for the County to pay 100% of the health insurance premiums for the employee and employer (single, employee & spouse, employee & child and family coverages) seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, Kohout nay, motion carried.

Krivohlavek moved to approve to fund employee HSA accounts effective July 1, 2023, \$3,500.00 employee only coverage and \$7,000 for employee plus family coverages, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Karpisek, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, Kohout nay, motion carried.

Karpisek moved to approve the NIRMA Insurance Renewal July 1, 2023 – July 1, 2024, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2023-32, establishing an official Employee Recognition Policy, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Discussion began on the request for funds to pay for a sound study on the Milligan 1 Wind Farm, requested by the Board of Adjustments. Planning & Zoning Administrator Lyle Weber, expressed concerns regarding his responsibility and authority his position held in addressing this issue.

Solheim recommended having the discussion in Executive Session.

At 12:13 p.m. Henning moved to enter closed session to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none motion carried.

Solheim recommended the motion to enter closed session should have been to enter closed session due to possible and threatened litigation.

Henning then moved to amend her motion to enter closed session, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

At 12:28 p.m. Krivohlavek moved to exit closed session, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Hardenburger announced during closed session a Milligan 1 sound study was discussed with no action taken.

Krivohlavek moved to dismiss the request for a Milligan 1 sound study, because it's outside of the Board of Adjustments jurisdiction, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2023-34, amending Resolution #2023-28, changing the Citizen Forum allotted time per person to speak, from three (3) minutes to five (5) minutes, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the May 2023 Sheriff fees in the amount of \$4,211.80, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve the May 2023 Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$47,398.41, seconded by Karpisek. Voting aye were Henning, Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2023-33, amending Resolution #2023-29, transferring \$5,500.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Grant Fund, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Kohout. Voting aye were Karpisek, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Henning, nays none, motion carried.

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2023-35, transferring \$3,500.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Juvenile Services Aid Program, to be reimbursed when funds become available, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Henning and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Bartels presented for approval a request to Occupy the Right of Way from Allo Communications at Section 25, Township 8 North, Range 4 East 6th Principal Meridian. Karpisek moved to approve, seconded by Henning. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Henning, Karpisek, Kohout and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

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

ALL FUNDS

Rebecca Anderson	Atty Fees	4,080.25
Barnas	Spls	446.35
Gary Baxa	Ext Mtg	47.75
Black Hills	Utly	1,549.46
Consolidated Mgt	Spls	230.25
Crete Aux	Reimb	77.92
Dewitt Aux	Reimb	34.00
Eakes	Ofc Spls	377.98
Ecolab	Cntrct	194.58
First Concord	Cntrct	65.00
Grainger	Spls	404.19
Gworks	Cntrct	3,308.00
Philip Hardenburger	Mlg	28.82
The Home Depot Pro	Spls	229.63
Irrigation Plus	Spls	405.00
Jeffrey Koll	BOA	33.34
Kay Kottas	Ext Mtg	38.58
Sandra Krivohlavek	Ext Mtg	37.27
Mallory Safety	Spls	246.56
Marshall & Swift	Spls	385.95
Midwest Court Reporting	Cntrct	266.25
MIPS	Cntrct	2,198.97
NE Public Hlth	Cntrct	105.00
Aaron Niederklein	Ext Mtg	22.86
NPPD	Utly	211.00
Kellen Novak	Ext Mtg	28.10
Quadiant	Spls	79.80
Quill	Spls	55.99
Michele Renner	Ext Mtg	29.41
Sack Lumber	Spls	341.61
Saline Co Dist Crt	Reimb	129.00
Security Equip	Cntrct	420.00
Seward Co Independent	P&P	3.49
Soarin Group	Cntrct	1,497.00
State Industrial	Spls	3,928.20
State of NE	Cntrct	6,182.40
Mark Strouf	BOA	17.62
Summit	Spls	9,843.26
Extension Saline Co	Reimb	20.00
US Bank	Cntrct	352.53
Verizon	Comm	271.96
Theresa Vernon	Ext Mtg	29.41
Visa	Equip Rpr	851.70
Visa	Spls	138.08
Voss Lighting	Spls	61.40
Walker	Cntrct	72.82
Walker	Cntrct	78.83
Madeline Werner	Mlg	47.42
Ace Irrigation	Spls	25,994.00
Barleys Specialties	Equip Rpr	1,039.13
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	21,769.55
Black Hills	Utly	404.36
Eakes	Spls	118.15

Farmers Choice	Spls	1,045.44
Sack Lumber	Spls	15.98
Speece-Lewis	Eng Fees	800.00
The Fort	Unif	715.44
Village of Dewitt	Utly	85.55
Village of Dorchester	Utly	101.05
Village of Tobias	Utly	56.80
Saline Center	Reimb	1,500.00
NE Czechs of Wilber	Reimb	1,200.00
Jessica Acosta	Prgm	920.00
Aging Partners	Cntrct	1,323.24
Samantha Cosaert	Prgm	285.00
Eakes	Ofc Spls	111.69
Nedi Hernandez	Prgm	160.00
Delaney Mazza	Prgm	426.00
Quill	Spls	658.78
Family Service	Prgm	4,840.40
Anita Stougard	Prgm	1,065.00
Verizon	Comm	42.75
Grunwald Mech	Bldg Maint	101,504.00
Barnas	Spls	1,146.03
Summit	Spls	5,171.46
Visa	Pstg	351.12
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iSolved Payroll, Taxes & Payments	Taxes	238,288.37
Ameritas Life	Retire	28,463.11
Principal Dental	Dental Ins	2,085.91
Madison Nat'l Life	Life Ins	55.23
AFLAC	Ins	988.29
VSP	Eye Ins	467.69
Empower	Def Comp	2,192.00
First Concord	Café	1,638.12
Colonial Supp Ins	Ins	164.87
Madison Nat'l Life	Dis Ins	194.13
Teamsters	Dues	297.00
New York Life	Ins	95.64
Globe Life	Ins	213.64
Saline County Court	Garnish	638.81
Bruce Wingerd	Garnish	512.74

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, June 20, 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 May 23, 2023 were approved as presented.

Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk

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