

The regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:37 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9th, 2024, by Chairperson Phil Hardenburger. **Present:** Hardenburger, Janet J. Henning, Russ Karpisek and Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, Commissioners, County Attorney David Solheim and County Clerk Diann Nettifee. Commissioner Marvin A. Kohout 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 December 27th, 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.

Henning moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Krivohlavek. Motion carried;

- Kohout: *Absent*
- Henning: *aye*
- Karpisek: *aye*
- Krivohlavek: *aye*
- Hardenburger: *aye*

Motion Passed;

Karpisek moved to approve the minutes of the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, seconded by Krivohlavek. Motion carried;

- Kohout: *Absent*
- Karpisek: *aye*
- Krivohlavek: *aye*
- Hardenburger: *aye*
- Henning: *aye*

Motion Passed;

Under Citizens Forum; Lester Ralston addressed the Board;

Under Correspondence; Commissioner Krivohlavek received an email from George Scusa: *"I would like to express my admiration of Scott L. Davis. He has assisted me on several occasions and always with a friendly smile. Mr. Davis has a strong desire to help me and other veterans. You see back in 1985 I was treated very badly by the VA hospital in Lincoln and I never returned. My brothers encouraged me to return, and after meeting Mr. Davis, he certainly changed my outlook. If it wasn't for Mr. Davis filing documents and giving me information, I would have been lost. Due to Mr. Davis's thoughtfulness he made the endeavor easier. He reflects great credit on Saline County, the Veterans Service and himself.*

*Please enter this into the Commissioners Meeting records and place a copy into Mr. Davis personnel records".*

Under Report of Officials, Karpisek; Nothing to report; Krivohlavek; Nothing to report; Kohout; Absent; Hardenburger; Nothing to report; Henning; Nothing to report

Karpisek moved to approve Adjourn sine die for reorganization, seconded by Krivohlavek.

Motion carried;

- Kohout: *Absent*
- Krivohlavek: *aye*
- Hardenburger: *aye*
- Henning: *aye*
- Karpisek: *aye*

Motion Passed;

Krivohlavek moved to approve Phil Hardenburger as Chairperson, seconded by Karpisek.

Motion carried;

- Kohout: *Absent*
- Hardenburger: *Abstain (Without Conflict)*
- Henning: *aye*
- Karpisek: *aye*
- Krivohlavek: *aye*

Motion Passed;

Henning moved to approve Stephanie Krivohlavek as Vice Chairperson, seconded by Karpisek. Motion carried;

- Kohout: *Absent*
- Henning: *aye*
- Karpisek: *aye*
- Krivohlavek: *Abstain (Without Conflict)*
- Hardenburger: *aye*

Motion Passed;

Karpisek moved to approve the 2024 Appointments, Policies, Holidays, Fees, Meeting Dates, ETC with the following changes; move December 24th meeting to December 23<sup>rd</sup>, December 24th is a “half day” holiday and add RTSD - Russ Karpisek and Phil Hardenburger, seconded by Henning. Motion carried;

- Kohout: *Absent*
- Karpisek: *aye*
- Krivohlavek: *aye*
- Hardenburger: *aye*
- Henning: *aye*

Motion Passed;

**2024 APPOINTMENTS, POLICIES, HOLIDAYS  
FEES, MEETING DATES, ETC.**

\*The Saline County Board of Commissioners will hold their first regular meeting the 9th day of January, 2024, and every two weeks thereafter, except for the second meeting in December. The December 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will be moved to December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Meetings are held in the Saline County Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Wilber, NE. Other special meetings and workshops may be scheduled as needed.

\***Official keeper of the Saline County Board agenda** – County Clerk. Requests to be on the agenda must be in the Saline County Clerk’s office 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

\***Purchasing agent for the County Road and Bridge Departments**, Bruce Filipi, Highway Superintendent, with final approval of the County Board;

\***Purchasing agent for the County Weed Department**, Lyle Weber, County Weed Superintendent, with final approval of the County Board;

\***Purchasing agent for the Veterans’ Service Office**, Scott Davis, Veteran’s Service Officer, with final approval of the County Board;

\***Building and Grounds Committee** – Henning, Kohout, Hardenburger, Krivohlavek & Karpisek.

\***Safety Committee** - Kohout & Karpisek

\***Weed Board** – Henning, Kohout, Hardenburger, Krivohlavek & Karpisek

\***Saline County Board of Equalization** – Henning, Kohout, Hardenburger, Krivohlavek & Karpisek

\***Coroner** – County Attorney

\***Aging Services** –Krivohlavek, Alternate - Kohout

\***County Extension Office** – Hardenburger, Alternate - Kohout

\***SENDD** – Karpisek; Alternate - Kohout

\***Blue Valley Community Action** – Hardenburger; Alternate - Henning

\***Region V Board** – Henning; Alternate - Karpisek

\***Public Health Solutions** – Henning; Alternate - Karpisek

\***Saline County Area Transit** – Krivohlavek, Alternate - Karpisek

\***CASA** – Henning, no Alternate

\***CISDA Board** –Henning, Alternate - Hardenburger

\***Seward/Saline Solid Waste Management** – Kohout; Alternate - Henning

\***Communications, Law Enforcement & Emergency Management Liaisons** – Karpisek & Kohout

\***Veterans’ Service Board Liaison** – Krivohlavek, Alternate - Kohout

\***Planning & Zoning Board Liaison** –Kohout; Alternate - Krivohlavek

\***Union Negotiations** – Hardenburger & Karpisek

\***Visitors’ Committee** – Hardenburger; Alternate - Henning

\***Ag Society Liaison** – Hardenburger; Alternate - Kohout

\***Historical Society Liaison** – Kohout; Alternate - Henning

\***RC&D Executive Board Liaison** - Hardenburger; Alternate – Karpisek

\***RTSD** – Karpisek & Hardenburger

\***Saline County Wellness Committee** – Karpisek; Alternate - Kohout

\***LEPC** – Henning; Alternate - Karpisek

\***Accountant** – Brian Blobaum

\***Auditors** – Nebraska State Auditor Office

\***Prepare Levies** – County Clerk

\***NIRMA Contact Person** – County Clerk

\***Saline County Depository Banks**- First Bank of Utica-Friend, Friend; Citizens State Bank, Friend; City Bank & Trust, Crete; Farmers & Merchants Bank, Wilber Branch, Wilber; First State Bank Nebraska, with Branches in DeWitt, Dorchester, Western and Wilber; First Tri-County Bank, Swanton; 1<sup>st</sup> Interstate Bank, Crete; Pinnacle Bank, Crete; Union Bank & Trust, Crete; and NPAIT

**\*County Legal Newspapers** – The Crete News; Friend Sentinel and Wilber Republican

**\*County Official Website** – [www.co.saline.ne.us](http://www.co.saline.ne.us)

**\*General Assistance Applications** must be received by the County Clerk's Office on or before the Wednesday preceding a County Board meeting

**\*Pauper Burial Allowance** – Funeral, \$1,300.00; Grave Opening, \$100.00

**\*Abandoned Cemetery Care** - \$500.00 per year for cemeteries under 5,000 square feet, \$600.00 for cemeteries 5,000 square feet or more; cemeteries must be mowed at least three times during the growing season, with payment made upon job completion and Board approval; suggested times for mowing are before Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day

**\*Oversize/Overweight Moving Permits** - \$25.00 per permit; \$250.00 for an annual permit

**\*Building Permit Fees** – Zoning Permit, \$40.00; Subdivision Application, \$25.00; Zoning Change, \$100.00; Conditional; Use Permit \$100.00; Variance, \$100.00; Late Fee (not received by application date) add \$100.00, add \$70.00 if a 911 sign needs to be placed at the site

**\*Drive-Way Permits** - \$100 if the work is done by the landowner, \$400 if the County does dirt work, and the dirt is available on-site and \$500 if the County does the dirt work and has to haul it from a remote site;

**\*Holidays for 2024:**

New Year's Day, January 1<sup>st</sup>; Martin Luther King Day, January 15<sup>th</sup>; Presidents' Day, February 19<sup>th</sup>; Arbor Day, April 26<sup>th</sup>; Memorial Day, May 27<sup>th</sup>; Juneteenth, June 19<sup>th</sup>; Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>; Labor Day, September 2<sup>nd</sup>; Columbus Day, October 14<sup>th</sup>; Veterans' Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>; Thanksgiving, November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>; Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> (half day); Christmas, December 25<sup>th</sup>; and any other day declared by the President or Governor to be a holiday.

**\*Regular Meeting Dates for 2024:**

January 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>; February 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>; March 5<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>; April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>; May 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>; June 11<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>; July 9<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>; August 6<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>; September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>; October 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>; November 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>; and December 10<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

10:01 a.m. Meeting in Recess;

10:07 a.m. Meeting Reconvened;

Ebony Cooksey, NextLink, Update on Rural Broadband; Updated Commissioner's on the activities with expanding broadband and new wireless project to bring service to customers who currently do not have service;

Lester Ralston; Addressed Board concerning voting practices. Krivohlavek commented that he may need to contact the Secretary of the State to make changes;

Discussed Process to submit claims related to Victim-witness Coordinator position pending grant reimbursements; No motion needed funds will come from Miscellaneous and will be reimbursed 100% by grant funds;

11:00 a.m. Meeting in Recess;

11:04 a.m. Meeting Reconvened;

Henning moved to approve Amendment to Subaward to the Federal Funds Grant Agreement with the City of Lincoln, seconded by Karpisek. Motion carried;

- Kohout: *Absent*
- Krivohlavek: *aye*
- Hardenburger: *aye*
- Henning: *aye*
- Karpisek: *aye*

Motion Passed;

Krivohlavek moved to approve 2024 Union 2 year Contract, seconded by Karpisek.

Motion carried;

- Kohout: *Absent*
- Hardenburger: *aye*
- Henning: *aye*
- Karpisek: *aye*
- Krivohlavek: *aye*

Motion Passed;

Discussed the sale of 3 foot strip of land to Friend Volunteer Fire Department;

Karpisek moved to approve Year End Annual Reports for Weed Control, seconded by Krivohlavek. Motion carried;

- Kohout: *Absent*
- Henning: *aye*
- Karpisek: *aye*

- Krivohlavek: *aye*
- Hardenburger: *aye*

Motion Passed;

Henning moved to approve the Treasurers Semi-Annual Statement for July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, seconded by Krivohlavek. Motion carried;

- Kohout: *Absent*
- Karpisek: *aye*
- Krivohlavek: *aye*
- Hardenburger: *aye*
- Henning: *aye*

Motion Passed;

Report of Official; County Treasurer presented Listing of Account Balances and Certificate of Deposits for period ending December 31, 2023;

Report of Official; County Treasurer presented Semi-Annual Listing of Pledged Collateral Reflecting quarterly market values for the period ending December 31, 2023;

Henning moved to approve the surplus of keyboard / mouse (AS066-AS067) and dell monitor (AS068) to be removed from the Assessor's inventory, seconded by Karpisek.

Motion carried;

- Kohout: *Absent*
- Krivohlavek: *aye*
- Hardenburger: *aye*
- Henning: *aye*
- Karpisek: *aye*

Motion Passed;

Henning moved to approve Sheriff Fees \$3,878.99, seconded by Krivohlavek. Motion carried;

- Kohout: *Absent*
- Hardenburger: *aye*
- Henning: *aye*
- Karpisek: *aye*
- Krivohlavek: *aye*

Motion Passed;

Henning moved to approve Clerk of the District Court Fees - \$8,797.88, seconded by Karpisek. Motion carried.

- Kohout: *Absent*
- Henning: *aye*
- Karpisek: *aye*
- Krivohlavek: *aye*
- Hardenburger: *aye*

Motion Passed;

Henning moved to approve Appointments for Planning and Zoning Board as such: John Barta, Troy Steuer & Joel Weber, seconded by Krivohlavek. Motion carried;

- Kohout: *Absent*
- Krivohlavek: *aye*
- Hardenburger: *aye*
- Henning: *aye*
- Karpisek: *aye*

Motion Passed;

Henning moved to approve Resolution #2024-01 Transfer \$2,500.00 from Inheritance Tax Fund #2700 to the Grant Fund #2500; to be reimbursed when funds are available; seconded by Krivohlavek;

- Kohout: *Absent*
- Hardenburger: *aye*
- Henning: *aye*
- Karpisek: *aye*
- Krivohlavek: *aye*

Motion Passed;

Under Highway Superintendent – Road and Bridge Matters; Crews started at dawn to remove snow; will need to lay some more gravel;

Henning moved to pay Claims as presented, seconded by Karpisek;

- Kohout: *Absent*
- Henning: *aye*

- Hardenburger: aye
- Krivohlavek: aye
- Karpisek: aye

Motion Passed:

	All Funds	
Benefit Management	Cntrct	1,500.00
Blue 360 Media	Cntrct	184.45
Crowne Plaza	Trng	1,484.45
Dollar General	Spls	177.00
Dee Drake	Mlg	171.61
Eakes	Spls	1,772.02
Equifax	Cntrct	175.92
Flatline Designs	Spls	995.00
Stephanie Flynn	Atty Fees	192.90
Food Mesto	Spls	23.21
Friend Comm Hlthcr	Cntrct	265.00
Mitch Fritz	BOA	24.17
Scott Gropp	Atty Fees	9,000.00
Phil Hardenburger	Mlg	308.23
The Home Depot Pro	Spls	261.10
Jeff Koll	BOA	33.34
Ingrid Lindal	Mlg	13.76
Sandy Luse	Trng	24.36
Lynn Peavey Co	Spls	287.02
Amber Mulbery	Mlg	196.24
Murray Law	Atty Fees	1,136.00
NACO	Trng	150.00
Naylor & Rappl	Atty Fees	6,061.00
NE HHS	Cntrct	742.50
NE State Bar Assn	Dues	420.00
NE Title Co	Cntrct	150.00
Diann Nettifee	Mlg	180.78
NPPD	Utly	272.00
Northwest Spec Hrdwr	Spls	151.40
Aron Ourecky	BOA	26.79
PIP	Spls	125.89
Point C	Cntrct	304.00
Quill	Spls	48.82
Sack Lumber	Spls	88.38
Saline Co Atty	Reimb	555.86
Saline Co Dist CRT	Reimb	1,320.57
Soarin Grp	Cntrct	1,497.00
Deb Spanyers	Mlg	268.08
Mark Strouf	BOA	17.62
Summit	Spls	7,934.01
US Bank	Cntrct	687.93
Verizon	Comm	2,437.08
Visa	Trl	58.82
Visa	Trl	35.22
Visa	Spls	3,236.51
Walker	Cntrct	64.71
Madeline Werner	Mlg	94.98
Windstream	Comm	1,559.40
Robin Zoubek	Reimb	25.29
Kathy Homolka	Mlg	216.15
Dewitt Comm Club	Reimb	55.80
Wilber Chamber	Reimb	2,200.00

Legion Post 101	Reimb	1,200.00
BRAC	Reimb	1,200.00
Crete Heritage Society	Reimb	1,200.00
Saline Center	Reimb	428.50
Tobias Comm Club	Reimb	335.80
Deb Collins	Prgm	981.00
Samatha Cosaert	Prgm	345.00
Marcia Emal	Mlg	277.15
Madison Maly	Mlg	58.69
Delaney Mazza	Prgm	120.00
Lori Moldenhauer	Mlg	39.30
Darlene Pribyl	Mlg	180.25
Sarah Yokel	Mlg	69.14
Nereyda Zambrand	Prgm	80.00
Kalkwarf & Smith	Atty Fees	1,200.00
Anita Stougard	Prgm	1,095.00
Bob Barker Co	Spls	324.72
Beatrice Concrete	Gravel	5,567.34
Black Hills	Utly	1,189.35
Central States Hydraulic	Spls	128.34
Matheson Tri-Gas	Spls	382.91
NE Salt & Grain	Spls	1,824.96
Sid Dillon	Equip Rpr	1,446.74
Speece-Lewis	Eng Fees	35,948.82
Village of Dewitt	Utly	60.82
iSolved	Pyrl & Txs	260,575.20
Ameritas Life	Retire	30,854.81
Medica	Hlth Ins	95,258.42
Health Savings Acct	Hlth Sv Acct	10,272.47
Principal Dental	Dental Ins	2,328.90
Madison Nat'l Life	Life Ins	62.10
AFLAC	Ins	971.96
VSP	Eye Ins	554.67
Empower	Def Comp	3,026.61
Point C	Café	952.07
Colonial Supp Ins	Ins	157.77
Madison Nat'l Life	Dis Ins	213.81
Teamsters	Dues	351.00
New York Life	Ins	95.64
Globe Life	Ins	213.64
Saline County Court	Garnish	513.77

No general assistance or closed session matters;

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m. The next regular meeting will be on January 23, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in the Saline County Commissioners' Room, Court House, Wilber, NE.

ATTEST;

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Phil Hardenburger, Chairperson

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Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, Vice Chairperson

**Absent**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Russ Karpisek

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Marvin A. Kohout

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Janet J. Henning

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Diann Nettifee, Clerk

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I, Diann Nettifee, County Clerk in and for Saline County, do hereby certify that the minutes of the December 26th, 2023 Board of Commissioners' meeting were presented and approved as presented.

ATTEST;

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Phil Hardenburger, Chairperson

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Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, Vice Chairperson

**Absent**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Russ Karpisek

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Marvin A. Kohout

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Janet J. Henning

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Diann Nettifee, Clerk