

Saline County Board of Commissioners

The regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:37 a.m. on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024, by Chairperson Phil Hardenburger. Present: Hardenburger, Marvin A. Kohout, Janet J. Henning, and Russ Karpisek Commissioners, County Attorney David Solheim and County Clerk Diann Nettifee. Commissioner Stephanie A. Krivohlavek 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 January 17th, 2024, 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 Karpisek. Motion carried;

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

Motion Passed;

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

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

Motion Passed;

CITIZENS FORUM – No Citizens spoke

CORRESPONDENCE; Blue River Arts Council thanked the Board and Visitor's Committee for the \$1,200 grant they used for IT and security services, Blue Valley Behavioral Health thanked the Board for their continued financial support and dedication to the people of Saline County; Letter from NIRMA with 3 checks in the amount of \$1,775.00 towards the cost of a sign post puller, battery powered chainsaw, and three pair of steel toed boots for the Roads Department. This was made possible through NIRMA's ASSIST program; Court findings for the Milligan One Lawsuit, the Board of Adjustments did not have authority to impose a sound limit on any of the existing wind turbines and vacates the order; Kohout presented the certified results of the special election shall Hardenburger be removed 99 yes votes and 232 no's;

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS;

Commissioner Karpisek; Nothing to report;

Commissioner Kohout; attended NACO presidents meeting in Washington D.C. he learned that the OPIOID settlement needs to be spent in areas that will benefit the opioid project, attended meetings with FEMA concerning bridges and CO2 Pipeline, attended a dinner at the British Embassy, January 16 attended CO2 meeting Solheim will give a report after studying information, Mutual Aid meeting discussed EMT shortage, attended NACO meeting in Lincoln, attended Legislative Day and heard all bills coming up. Will be attending the Seward/Saline County Solid Waste meeting and Wellness meeting next week;

Commissioner Henning; Attended January 18th Public Health Solutions meeting and has a CASA meeting next week;

Commissioner Hardenburger; Ag Society meeting, Extension Board meeting tomorrow.

Numerous calls with John McKee with Disaster Declaration and other snowstorm issues;

Discussed moving forward with updating the office email licenses to allow encrypted emails to be sent from county accounts (Assessor's office); No action taken Assessor will do more research;

Kohout moved to Approve Resolution #2024-02 Sell certain real estate to another political subdivision, Friend Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Karpisek. Motion carried;

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

Motion Passed;

Henning moved to Approve sending a letter of support for NextLink as requested by Ebony Cooksey, providing internet near Pleasant Hill, NE, seconded by Karpisek. Motion carried;

- Krivohlavek: *Absent*

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

Motion Passed;

Karpisek moved to Approve making reimbursements for Flex, Health Reimbursement and Dependent Care as they are submitted; petty cash fund, seconded by Henning. Motion carried;

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

Motion Passed;

10:21 a.m. Meeting in Recess;

10:32 a.m. Meeting Reconvened;

Henning moved to Approve Saline County Clerk Fess in the amount of \$15,315.76, seconded by Kohout. Motion carried;

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

Motion Passed;

Discuss the selection of a Planning and Zoning board member to serve on the Board of Adjustments, deciding to have the Planning and Zoning board make that decision;

Henning moved to Approve COVID Premium Payout for Tim McDermott, seconded by Kohout. Motion carried;

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

Motion Passed;

Henning moved to Approve moving May 14th, 2024 Commissioner meeting to Monday, May 13th, 2024. (May 14th is Election Day), seconded by Karpisek. Motion carried;

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

Motion Passed;

RESOLUTIONS TO TRANSFER FUNDS; no transfers requested;

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - ROAD AND BRIDGE MATTERS; Bruce gave a report on the recent snowstorm and how everything was handled, discussed the shortage of gravel for roads and praised his crew for their hard work and long hours;

Henning moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Kohout. Motion carried;

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

Motion Passed;

COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE AND CLOSED SESSION MATTERS; no general assistance or closed session matters;

Discussion with John McKee by phone. Explained the reason for the Disaster Declaration and other snowstorm issues, and updated Commissioner's on the radio project;

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next regular meeting will be on February 6th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in the Saline County Commissioners' Room, Court House, Wilber, NE.

ATTEST;

Absent

Phil Hardenburger, Chairperson

Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, Vice Chairperson

Russ Karpisek

Marvin A. Kohout

Janet J. Henning

Diann Nettifee, Clerk

I, Diann Nettifee, County Clerk in and for Saline County, do hereby certify that the minutes of the January 9th, 2024 Board of Commissioners' meeting were presented and approved as presented.

ATTEST;

Absent

Phil Hardenburger, Chairperson

Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, Vice Chairperson

Russ Karpisek

Marvin A. Kohout

Janet J. Henning

Diann Nettifee, Clerk