



# Saunders County Board Minutes



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS December 8, 2020

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board met with Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton and Karloff present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by published notice in a legal newspaper as shown by the proof of publication filed in the County Clerk's office. Notice of the meeting was emailed to all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and agenda is attached. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public, except when in closed executive session.

Chairperson Karloff called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. informed the public of the location of the posting of the Open Meetings Act & Title VI Policy Statement are posted on the North wall (right hand side) as you enter the Board Room).

The Oath of Office for John Smaus, of Prague, who was appointed by the County Attorney, County Clerk and County Treasurer on December 2, 2020 to fill the vacant position on the Board of Supervisors in District #5 – was administered by the County Clerk.

### \*\*\*Recognition of Veteran of the Month\*\*\*

Lonnie Rech of Davy, is Recognized as Veteran of the Month for November. Mr. Rech was nominated by the late Larry Mach, prior to his untimely death in an auto accident. Support for the Veterans in Saunders County reaches far beyond the county line, this is why Mr. Mach was adamant about having Mr. Rech, as well as the Ceresco American Legion.

In June 1968 Mr. Rech enlisted in the US Air Force Nebraska National Guard, he attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX. After basic training, he returned to Nebraska and was assigned as a communications specialist in the 155<sup>th</sup> Communications Flight of the Nebraska National Guard; 1970 he was transferred to the 155<sup>th</sup> CAMRON Squadron as an Administrative Assistant to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant office; 1971 he joined the Nebraska Army National Guard State Headquarters and Headquarters detachment as the Communications Sergeant; 1972 he was selected and assigned to the NCO School; 1981 he was transferred to the HHD ARNG Command and Control Detachment as the Supply Sergeant; in 1984 he was discharged from the Nebraska National Guard as a SSG.

Mr. Rech worked for the City of Lincoln Water System and retired after 41 years. He was also a Driver's Education Instructor for Southeast Community College. He currently serves as the Commander of the Ceresco American Legion Post #244, where he is a lifetime member. He is very involved in everything that goes on at the Ceresco American Legion Post #244. He is a lifetime member of the DAV Chapter #7 Robert Flansberg Chapter. Mr. Rech is a member of and/or has severed in many other organizations; Hickman Lodge No. 257, Junior Steward/Member Sesostris Shriners of Lincoln, Nebraska Section Emergency Coordinator for the ARRL; Member of several Ham Radio clubs.

Mr. Rech has been married to his wife Catherine for (52) years, the have 2 sons, 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Public Works Director explained the 1&6 Year Road Plan and other basic information to the new Board Member; Reported on the activities of the Road Crews (Bridge, Culvert and Grading); Updated the Board on the Ashland Guard Camp Road rail road crossing sign; and updated the Board on several other road/bridge projects.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Rastovski to convene as an Equalization Board at 9:27 a.m. Voting yes were Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton and Karloff. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS December 8, 2020

Pursuant to adjournment Sine Die, the Board met with Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus and Sukstorf were present.

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Chairperson Sukstorf called the meeting to order at 9:27 a.m. and informed the public of the location of the posting of the Open Meetings Act & Title VI Policy Statement are posted on the North wall (right hand side) as you enter the Board Room).

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Rastovski to approve the Tax Refund Requests of the following: **1)** Jerrine Racek Harris, Morse Bluff – for property described as IOLL Outbuildings in E½ SE 31-17-6, approval is for Taxing Years 2017 and 2018; and **2)** Marian Meduna, Elkhorn – for property described as Pt NE NW lying S & W of Center Line on Cottonwood Creek and N & E of RR Center Line and 1 acre SE NW 25-15-6 (13.93 ac), approval is for Taxing Years 2017, 2018 and 2019. All as recommended by the County Assessor. Voting yes were Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf, Lutton, Karloff and Breunig. Albrecht was absent during the roll call and not voting. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Karloff to approve the minutes of the November 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Voting yes were Smaus, Sukstorf, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig and Rastovski. Albrecht was absent during the roll call and not voting. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

The proceedings of the foregoing meeting were recorded and are on file in the County Clerk's office. All items considered by the Board of Equalization were included in the agenda published or posted prior to said meeting.

Chairperson Sukstorf declared the meeting adjourned Sine Die at 9:29 a.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Saunders County Clerk

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Chairperson Board of Equalization

Upon the adjournment of the Equalization Board, the Saunders County Board of Supervisors reconvened in their Regular schedule Board meeting.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Breunig to table the Public Hearing, for Application #SD122 by Carson Stratman – Estates Provence Phase 3 Lots 46-65 Preliminary Plat 35-15-9 (Union Township), and to direct the County Clerk to re-advertise a public hearing for 9:00 a.m., December 22, 2020 for the consideration of said application. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski and Smaus. Albrecht was absent during the roll call and not voting. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Rastovski, seconded by Sukstorf to open the Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m., for D&S Events and More LLC dba The Sand Bucket Food and Spirits, 339 Thomas Lake Road, Ashland, for a Replacing Application for Class C-123994 Beer, Wine, Distilled Spirits, On and Off Sale Liquor License. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus and Sukstorf. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Open Discussion from the Public:

Jovan Lausterer, legal council for Whispering Ridge Estates visited with the Board with regards to the December 7, 2020 Planning Commission meeting regarding Whispering Ridge Estates application SD#123 for a Final Plat, and requested that the Board set a Public Hearing. This matter was not on the Board's today's agenda, therefore could not take any action.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Smaus to close the Public Hearing at 9:53 a.m., and approve D&S Events and More LLC dba The Sand Bucket Food and Spirits, 339 Thomas Lake Road, Ashland, for a Replacing Application for a Class C-123994 Beer, Wine, Distilled Spirits, On and Off Sale Liquor License. Voting yes were Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Albrecht to convene in Closed Session at 9:54 a.m., for Personnel matters and Union Contract Negotiations (84-1410) with the County Attorney present. Voting yes were Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Smaus to adjourn from Closed Session at 10:50 a.m., with no action taken and to reconvene in Regular meeting. Voting yes were Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton and Karloff. Voting no were none. Motion carried.



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Motion by Lutton, seconded by Breunig to adopt **Resolution #49-2020** appointing Mitch Polacek to the position of Planning & Zoning Administrator/Building Inspector. Voting yes were Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff and Breunig. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Rastovski to authorize the Chair to sign the Policy Amendment to the County's EMC National Life Policy to include the following: Eligibility: All full-time employees actively working 40 or more hours per week and the elected officials and the board of supervisors are eligible for coverage. Voting yes were Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig and Rastovski. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Rastovski, seconded by Breunig to approve the minutes of the December 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Rastovski to authorize the Chair to sign the Road Department Union Contract for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus and Sukstorf. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports:

Board Member Rastovski reported on the Saunders Medical Center meeting that he attended.

Chairperson Karloff declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:58 to complete unfinished business.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Rastovski to place Mitch Polacek on the Non-Union Bargaining Grid Zoning Adm. & Building Inspector at Step 13, with a Salary rate of \$4,120.00. Voting yes were Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton and Karloff. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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Chairperson Karloff declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Saunders County Clerk

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Chairperson Board of Supervisors