



Saunders County Board Minutes



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS December 1, 2020

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

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).

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Rastovski to authorize the Chair to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Butler County for snow and ice removal from 12.15.20 to 12.15.21 – on approximately 1¼ miles of Butler County Roadway. Voting yes were Breunig, Rastovski, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton and Karloff. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Public Works Director reported on the activities of the Road Crews (Bridge, Culvert and Grading); he also updated the Board on the Prague Salt Shed.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Rastovski to approve the County's Payroll for the December 4th pay period; the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to the Saunders County Imprest Account. Voting yes were Rastovski, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff and Breunig. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Karloff, seconded by Breunig to approve the minutes of the November 24th Board meeting. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig and Rastovski. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: None

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Sukstorf to convene in Closed Session at 9:08 a.m., for personnel matters (84-1410) with the County Sheriff and the County Attorney present. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski and Sukstorf. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Sukstorf to adjourn from Closed Session at 9:58 a.m., with no action taken and to reconvene in Regular meeting. Voting yes were Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski, Sukstorf and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Karloff, seconded by Rastovski to Re-appointed Pat McEvoy, Waterloo to the Saunders County Planning Commission, for another (3) year term commencing December 2020 and expiring December 2023. Voting yes were Karloff, Breunig and Rastovski. Voting no were Sukstorf, Albrecht and Lutton. Motion not carried.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Sukstorf to Appoint Dean Curtis, Ashland to the Saunders County Planning Commission, for a (3) year December 2020 and expiring December 2023. Voting yes were Breunig, Rastovski, Sukstorf, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no was Karloff. Motion carried.

Motion by Karloff, seconded by Rastovski to Re-appointed Pat McEvoy, Waterloo to the Saunders County Planning Commission, for another (3) year term commencing December 2020 and expiring December 2023. Voting yes were Rastovski, Lutton, Karloff and Breunig. Voting no were Sukstorf and Albrecht. Motion carried.

Motion by Rastovski, seconded by Breunig to Appoint Joann Simanek, Malmo and Laurie Smaus, Prague to the Saunders County Board of Adjustments for a (3) year term commencing January 2021 and expiring January 2024. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig and Rastovski. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Open discussion from the Public: None

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Chairperson Karloff declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS December 8, 2020

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

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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 155th Communications Flight of the Nebraska National Guard; 1970 he was transferred to the 155th CAMRON Squadron as an Administrative Assistant to the 1st 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, they 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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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.

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 24th 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.

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 counsel 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.

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.



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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 1st 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.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS December 15, 2020

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

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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).

Public Works Director updated the Board on the various roads/culverts/bridges projects and where the contractors were at on each project; and reported on the activities of the Road Crews (Bridge, Culvert and Grading).

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Albrecht to convene as an Equalization Board at 9:08 a.m. Voting yes were Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht and Karloff. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS December 15, 2020

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

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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.

Chairperson Sukstorf called the meeting to order at 9:08 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 Karloff, seconded by Breunig to approve Tax Corrections #5782 thru #5788, as presented by the County Assessor. Voting yes were Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Karloff and Breunig. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Breunig to approve the minutes of the December 8th Board meeting. Voting yes were Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Karloff, Breunig and Rastovski. 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 9:10 a.m.

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 Rastovski to approve Application #9150 by David Hilgenkamp – for a Replat of Woodcliff Subdivision Lots S-1035 Sec. 1-16-8 (Leshara Township); and Application #9151 by Rev. Christopher Kubat – for a Replat of Marianna Subdivision Lots 11 thru 13, Sec. 24-17-7 (North Cedar Township); as per the Planning Commission's recommendations. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Albrecht, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Rastovski to set a Public hearing for 9:00 a.m., January 5, 2021 for the consideration of Application #9152 by Hancock Construction – to amend the Saunders County Zoning Regulations, regarding the improvement of non-conforming structures. Voting yes were Albrecht, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski Smaus and Sukstorf. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

The County Attorney advised the County Board that per Nebraska. State Statute 23-114.01(2) - the Board cannot hold a public hearing or take any action, with regards to Application SD#123 by Whispering Ridge Estates, for Whispering Ridge Estates Final Plat, Sec. 6-15-9 (Leshara Township) – until a recommendation has been received from the Planning Commission.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Sukstorf to authorize the Chair to sign the Special Designated Liquor License Local Recommendation Form by KC's LLC dba RD's Place, Fremont, for a Wedding Reception event to be held on January, 9, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., at the Woodcliff Community Center, 980 County Road W, Lot-T-1018, Fremont. Voting yes were Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Rastovski to approve the County's Payroll for the December 18th pay period; the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to the Saunders County Imprest Account for the full amount for all funds. Voting yes were Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht and Karloff. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Smaus to adopt Resolution #50-2020 a Proclamation Recognizing January 24th thru 30th, 2021 as Saunders County School Choice Week. Voting yes were Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Karloff, Breunig and Rastovski. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Albrecht to approve the minutes of the December 8th Board meeting. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Albrecht, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.



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Committee Reports: None

Open Discussion from the Public: None

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Chairperson Karloff declared the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS December 22, 2020

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

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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).

Public Works Director reported on the activities of the Road Crews (Bridge, Culvert and Grading); as well other projects around the county.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Rastovski to open the Public Hearing at 9:13 a.m., for the consideration of Application #SD122 by Carson Stratman – Estates Provence Phase 3 Lots 46-65 Preliminary Plat 35-15-9 (Union Township). Voting yes were Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht and Karloff. Voting no were none. Lutton abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Albrecht to close the Public hearing at 9:26 a.m., adopt **Resolution #48-2020** approving Application #SD122 by Carson Stratman – Estates Provence Phase 3 Lots 46-65 Preliminary Plat 35-15-9 (Union Township), as per the Planning Commission's recommendation. Voting yes were Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Karloff and Breunig. Voting no were none. Lutton abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Lutton to cancel County Government Day for the Fiscal School Year 2020-2021. The cancellation is due to the COVID-19 Virus and the safety and wellbeing for all those involved and all those that participate in County Government Day. Voting yes were Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig and Rastovski. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Smaus to authorize the Chair to sign the Renewal Contract with MAXIMUS Consulting for the Cost Allocation Plan and Title IV-D Child Support Rate for Fiscal Years 2020, 2021 and 2022. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Rastovski to approve the County's Payroll for the December 31st pay period; the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to the Saunders County Imprest Account for the full amount for all funds. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus and Sukstorf. Voting yes were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Rastovski to approve all Vendor Claims against the County for December, except for the claim to Lutton Law Office, Ashland, for the amount of \$4,375.90. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to the Saunders County Imprest Account for the full amount for all funds. Voting yes were Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Rastovski, seconded by Sukstorf to approve the Vendor Claim for Lutton Law Office, Ashland, for the amount of \$4,375.90. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to the Saunders County Imprest



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Account for the full amount for said claim. Voting yes were Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht and Breunig. Voting no were none. Lutton abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Rastovski to approve the minutes of the December 15th Board meeting and to accept the Fee/Activity Reports from the various County Officials for the month of November. Voting yes were Breunig, Rastovski, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton and Karloff. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

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

Open Discussion from the Public: None.

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Chairperson Karloff declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.