



# Saunders County Board Minutes



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS August 3, 2021

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board met with Breunig, Hrdlicka, 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).

Public Works Director reported on the activities of the Road Crews (Bridge, Culvert and Grading); reported that Lancaster County will be closing County Road A to install a culvert; and discussed other projects currently being worked on.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Smaus to allow the Weston Legion Post #308 to use county roads for their annual "Sunday Fund-Day Weston Vintage Ride" event to be held August 22, 2021 at starting at 12:00 noon. The event will comply with state road way laws and the event organizers will obtain liability waivers from all individuals participated in the event. Voting yes were Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton and Karloff. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Albrecht to authorize purchase of computers and software necessary to operate doors, elevators and other functions in the Law Enforcement and Judicial Center, from Accurate Controls, Inc., Ripon, WI, for the amount of \$39,866.32. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff and Breunig. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Breunig to convene in Closed Session at 9:31 a.m., for contract negotiations (84-1410), with the County Attorney present. Voting yes were Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

\*\*\*\*Chairperson Karloff excused herself from Closed Session.

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

\*\*\*\*Chairperson Karloff excused herself at 10:12 a.m., from the meeting (and left the Board room) during the portion of the meeting pertaining to - Page Bolin, Sr. Project Developer Community Energy – Board review/approval of "Decommissioning Agreement", "Road Use and Maintenance Agreement" and "Landscape Plan" – for Platteview Solar Conditional Use Permit #9240 - (per Resolution #24-2021 Platteview Solar Conditions of Approval).

Vice Chairperson Lutton now conducting the meeting.

The Board held a lengthy discussion with Page Bolin, Sr. Project Developer Community Energy, with regards to the Board's review/approval of "Decommissioning Agreement", "Road Use and Maintenance Agreement" and "Landscape Plan" – for Platteview Solar Conditional Use Permit #9240 - (per Resolution #24-2021 Platteview Solar Conditions of Approval). At the end of the discussion the Board asked Ms. Bolin to bring back adjustments that were discussed, prior to the Decommissioning Agreement and the Landscape Plan being approved.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Breunig to approve the Road Use and Maintenance Agreement subject to the Agreement having the following changes made: 1) the wording Commissioners being changed to Supervisors; 2) Liability Insurance needs to be increased to \$5,000,000.00; and 3) Vice Chairperson Lutton signing the agreement on behalf of the Board. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus and Sukstorf. Voting no were none. Motion carried.



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\*\*\*\*Ms. Karloff now present in the Boardroom at 11:07 a.m. and seated – and now conducting the meeting as Chairperson.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Hrdlicka to convene as an Equalization Board at 11:08 a.m. Voting yes were Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS August 3, 2021

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

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Chairperson Sukstorf called the meeting to order at 11:08 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 Smaus to deny the following Property Valuation Protests: 1) Property Valuation Protest #226-2021 by Cheryl Feala, ID # 001403501, for property described as TL 7 17-17-6 (25 ac); 2) Property Valuation Protest #227-2021 by Jeffery L. Jacobs, ID #004660500, for property described as Lots 10-11 Blk 27 Miller & Clark addition to Ashland. Denial was made due to each Property Valuation Protests were filed late. Voting yes were Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the minutes of the July 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Voting yes were Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht and Karloff. Voting no were none. Lutton abstained. 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 11:11 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 Lutton, seconded by Breunig to adopt **Resolution #26-2021** Demanding action of the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) to investigate the layout and/or the design of intersection of Highway 77/92 and Highway 109; and that NDOT fully consider all possibilities for design of this intersection to reduce the likelihood of fatal accidents in this intersection. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff and Breunig. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Sukstorf to reluctantly accept the resignation of Joseph Dobesh from the position of the Saunders County Attorney, effective September 1, 2021. Voting yes were Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Hrdlicka to appoint Jennifer Joakim, of Valparaiso to fill unexpired term of the position of the Saunders County Attorney, effective September 1, 2021, due to the resignation of Joseph Dobesh. Said term will expire January 4, 2023 at midnight. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.



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Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Lutton to approve the allowable increase of an additional 1% for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget, as allowed per Nebr. State Statute 13-519(2). Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus and Sukstorf. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Lutton to take the following action with regards to wage increases for Non-Bargaining Employees as follows:

- the 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy of the County Attorney will receive a 1.5 % wage increase
- Deputies of the County Assessor, Clerk of District Court, County Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy of the County Attorney, Correctional Administrator and IT Administrator will receive a 3% wage increase
- All other Non-Bargaining Employees will receive a 3% wage increase.

All percent (%) wage increases will be retroactive back to July 1, 2021. Voting yes were Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the minutes of July 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Voting yes were Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Lutton abstained. Motion carried.

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Chairperson Karloff declared the meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

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

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Chairperson Board of Supervisors