



Saunders County Board Minutes



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

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).

Recognition of Veteran of the Month

Richard Jonas, of Wahoo was recognize as the "Veteran of the Month for August". The following information was provided by the Saunders County Veteran Service Officer:

Richard born in 1951 at the Saunders County Hospital. He was the fifth out of a family of nine raised on a farm near Swedberg.

In March of 1969, Richard enlisted in the US Army. Basic training at Ft. Lewis WA. in May 1969. Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Eustis, VA. in August 1969. On leave in November 1969 Richard married Barbara A. Testa and both left for Germany where Richard was assigned for his 1st tour of duty.

During that period of time their first child was born (Chad). Richard took a pay grade promotion and a change of MOS and was handed orders to report to Vietnam.

Richard took Barbara and Chad, home, back to the United States and 30 days later started his 9 month tour of duty in Vietnam. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/2 Stars and the Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 Device.

In April of 1972 he was handed another set of papers. His discharge papers and was on his way home to reunite with family and friends.

Settling in the Ceresco area he found employment with his uncle at the Konecky Oil Company in Mead. Attended St. Wenceslaus Church in Wahoo, and both became members of the Wahoo Eagles Lodge. In April of 1973, their first daughter, Julie, was born. In 1974, Richard went into the family farming operation. In 1977, their second son, Joseph was born. In 1978, their second daughter, Rebecca, was born. Barbara urged him to change careers, so Richard went to work for John Deer and retired at the age of 62. Barbara passed away in 2018.

Richard designed the house where he currently which gives him the opportunity to be with Bekkie and her children. He enjoys flying his Ultralight Motorized Glider and traveling to visiting the other kids and grandkids in Texas and Florida.

He served his country honorably in the US Army, and we recognize him for that.

Public Works Director reported on the activities of the Road Crews (Bridge, Culvert and Grading); he also reported on the road/bridge projects that contracted out; the Asphalt project is just about ready to be wrapped up.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Albrecht to approve application #9306 by Leo Benes – construction of a farm pond, Sec. 33-13-5 (Oak Creek Township); as recommended by the Planning Commission. Voting yes were Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton and Karloff. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Smaus to deny Application #9311 by Tillman Infrastructure – to construct a new telecommunications tower, Sec. 34-14-7 (Stocking Township). Denial was per the recommendation of YHC Inc. Midwest Consultant for Center of Municipal Solutions, Omaha (a consulting firm hired to advise the county of tower application), stated that the "proposed site has not satisfactorily addressed the County's Zoning Regulations. Also, denial was made per the Planning Commission's recommendation. 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 9:26 a.m., for personnel matters (84-1410), those present for Closed Session were only the Board of Supervisors. Voting yes were Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.



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Motion by Breunig, seconded by Lutton to adjourn from Closed Session at 9:54 a.m., with no action taken and reconvene in Regular meeting. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Smaus to appoint Eva K. Fujan, of Weston to the Saunders Medical Center Board of Trustees, to fill the vacancy of the unexpired term of June 30,2025, due to the resignation of Ed Rastovski. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus and Sukstorf. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Tom Bliss, Executive Director for Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) – presented their Annual Report their service area consists of (16) Counties, that covered Housing, Community Development, Emergency/Disaster Relief and Economic Development. He also touched on the different projects that SENDD is working with/on in Saunders County. He presented SENDD’s Funding Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Smaus to approve the County’s Payroll for the July 13th 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 Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Albrecht to approve the minutes of the August 3rd Board meeting and approve the withdrawal of the Pledged Securities, as presented by the County Treasurer. Voting yes were Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board Member Karloff reported on the recent workshops that NIRMA held and the importance to Elected and Appointed Officials to attend the workshops, that help keep the officials up to date on legal requirements that will hopefully help to keep claims no and employees and the public safe.

Open discussion from the Public:

Caleb Fjone, Exec. Director for the Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation – reminded the Board that they are invited to attend the Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation Annual meeting.

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 Supervisors were included in the agenda published or posted prior to said meeting.

Chairperson Karloff declared the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Saunders County Clerk

Chairperson Board of Supervisors