



Saunders County Board Minutes



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS September 14, 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).

Recognition of Veteran of the Month

Thomas Deleski, of Ashland was recognize as the "Veteran of the Month for September". The following information was provided by the Saunders County Veteran Service Officer:

On September 14th we are honoring Thomas Deleski for his service to our country.

Tom was born at home in a house by in Gretna 1930. His Mom died after giving birth. For two years he was cared for by his aunt (his mother's sister). His dad road the train to Omaha to work for Swift. When his grandmother wanted to take Tom to her home and raise him, his aunt said no, married his dad and kept the family together. The family lived in Omaha and moved to Ashland in 1/2 way through Tom's freshman year of high school 1945. Played football in high school, was graduated in 1948. Worked till in the packing house industry till 1951.

In December 1951, Tom enlisted in the US Air Force. First 10 day of orientation was in San Antonio Texas, then off to Wichita Falls Texas. Next phase of training was in Denver Colorado, Turret System Mechanic (top of his class). Then off to Randolph Air Base in Texas where the Air Force assemble a crew consisting of airman from all parts of the United States. This newly formed crew headed to Topika Kansas, for Survival training. As a crew they scored at the top of their class in every defying situation the survival training challenge presented.

Only the top 10% qualified to be combat ready.

They trained in Japan and were at the top of all the Far East.

The crew went to Korea for two years. Again, top of their class in Korea.

The Peace treaty was signed and it was time to move on to a life at home.

Tom his wife "Patricia" but did not impress her on their first date. If fact, he stood her up. But he must have looked good in uniform because she gave him a second chance, which lead to marriage in 1956.

Four kids, 2 girls and 2 boys. Eight grand kids. Two step grand kids.

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

Public Works Director reported to the Board on the activities of the Road Crews (Bridge, Culvert and Grading); he also updated the Board on Contracted Projects.

Caleb Fjone from the Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation visited with Board on behalf of Keith Ziegenbein with regards Ashland Bypass (Truck Expressway Report). The County Board and the Public Works Director reviewed the documents present, asked questions and discussed the project. No action was taken.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Hrdlicka to convene as an Equalization Board at 9:46 a.m. Voting yes were Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton and Karloff. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS September 14, 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 9:46 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 Lutton, seconded by Albrecht to approve the application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Calvin Crest Camp Conference and Retreat Center, for (6) vehicles and (1) trailer. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff and Breunig. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Karloff, seconded by Smaus to approve the minutes of the September 7th Board meeting, Voting yes were Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig and Hrdlicka. 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 9:47 a.m.

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Saunders County Clerk

Chairperson Board of Equalization

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

Representative from Motorola Solutions submitted a proposal to the County Board for updating the Saunders County 911 Communications System. The proposal was for \$10,526,490 – the Board was also provided information regarding lease payments for 10 years – as well as provided information using funding from the Federal Government from the “American Rescue Plan”. Testimony was received from various Fire Departments within the County, as well as from the County Sheriff.

The Board took no action at this time, they stated they understood the need, but the County does not have the funding to make \$1,000,000.00+ lease payments each over the next (10) years. They also stated that they wanted to have submitted to the Board written statements from the Villages, Cities and Fire Department, stating their financial support for this project and that the County can't bear the full financial burden for this project.

The County Clerk was directed to place this item back on the September 21st Board meeting agenda.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Breunig to adopt **Resolution #28-2021** appropriating funds to the various Elected and Appointed Officials and other various functions for the operation of County business for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. That said appropriated funds are adopted using the same total tax levy rate as the 2020 tax levy rate of .246046. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Breunig to approve the minutes of the September 7th Board meeting. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus and Sukstorf. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board Member Sukstorf reported on the Three River District Health Department meeting that he attended.

Open discussion from the public:

Caleb Fjone from the Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation, extended an invited to attend AAECC;s first ground breaking to be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 5th along Hwy 6 where the Old Granny's used to be.

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 11:20 a.m.

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