



# Saunders County Board Minutes



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS November 23, 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).

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the request of the District Court Judge for new multi-function printer to be installed in the Bailiff's office. Said multi-function printer will be purchased by the IT Administrator, through Eakes Office Solutions, Fremont, NE, per their quote provided to the IT Administrator and Board approved on November 16<sup>th</sup> for multi-function printers for various other County Officials offices. Voting yes were Breunig, Hrdlicka, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton and Karloff. Voting no was Smaus. Motion carried.

Javier Fernandez, President and CEO for Omaha Public Power District introduced himself to the Board and visited with them about the Platteview Solar Project. He also visited with them about other goals the Omaha Public Power District has.

Public Works Director reported on the projects/activities of the Road Crews (Bridge, Culvert and Grading) are working on; he also updated them on ongoing contracted projects.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Breunig to authorize the Roads Department to purchase (1) New CAT 330GC Excavator (with 3 year/3,000 HR extended warranty), through Sourcewell Contract #0392119-CAT, from NMC CAT, Lincoln, NE, for the amount of \$282,700.00. 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 as an Equalization Board at 9:40 a.m. Voting yes were Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS November 23, 2021

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

Chairperson Sukstorf called the meeting to order at 9:40 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 Lutton to authorize the Chairperson of Equalization to sign the TERC Appeal of Dean Allas (Case No. 20R 0330), Approval of Motion to Confess Judgment as follows: Land \$54,400; Dwellings \$26,844 – for a Total of \$81,244.00. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the minutes of the November 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus and Sukstorf. Voting no were none. Motion carried.



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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 9:44 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.

The County Officials submitted a letter written by the Public Defender (that was signed by the County Officials) regarding the Board's recent action of \$2.00 an hour wage increase for all employees working for the various departments of the County Sheriff. The County Treasurer spoke on a collective behalf of the Officials. The County Treasurer read a statement that she wrote, "stating that she looks at Saunders County as a team, that as a Team is how County Government should work. That we, the Elected and Appointment Officials need to get on the same page, that we need to work together, not an us against them attitude, but an attitude that we are all one. We should all be working for the same goal as much as possible. The goal should be serving the public of Saunders to the absolute best of our ability at all times. No one office can run this County alone, nor can the Board Members run this County alone either. We all need each other, we need to communicate openly, honestly and at all times and it needs to start today. Giving a pay increase to only one department only divides the county offices and the officials more. Trust is at an all-time low, morale is at an all-time low, employees hearing that other offices have been awarded something that we have been denied is not an esteem building".

The Board stated that there are many different factors involved with regards to the recent action of \$2.00 an hour wage increase. That a review of other counties for wage comparable might need to be looked at. The Chairperson stated that the Board is aware of the work being done by all county employees and we appreciated each of you and the jobs you do.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Sukstorf to approve the County's Payroll for the December 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Sukstorf, seconded by Breunig to hold out the following Vendor Claims: MaxD Designs, Printing and More, Fremont, NE for \$37.75; Dan Kauble, (Veteran Services Officer) claims for reimbursement for \$429.63 & \$113,99 and Lutton Law Office, Ashland, Claim #21110097 for \$9,561.18. All other Vendor Claims for the month of November are hereby approved; 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, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Hrdlicka to approved the Vendor Claim for Lutton Law, Ashland for the amount of \$9,561.18; the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to the Saunders County Imprest Account for the full amount for said claim. Voting yes were Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht and Karloff. Voting no were none. Lutton abstained. Motion carried.

Don Bacon, Nebraska Congressman Representative for District 2 stopped by and visited with the Board. Saunders County is now in Congressional District 2 after Census redistricting passed by the Nebraska State Legislature.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Smaus to approve the minutes of the November 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and to accept the Fee/Activity Reports for the month of October from the various County Officials. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff and Breunig. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports:

Board Member Hrdlicka reported on the County's Safety meeting held this morning.

Board Member Smaus reported on the Region V Systems meeting that he attended.

#### Open Discussion from the Public:



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Caleb Fjone from the Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation visited with the Board and updated them on different projects they were working on.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Breunig to convene in Closed Session at 10:30 a.m., for litigation matters (84-1410), with the County Attorney present. Voting yes were Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Hrdlicka to adjourn from Closed Session at 10:45 a.m. and to reconvene in Regular meeting. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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Chairperson Karloff declared the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

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Saunders County Clerk

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Chairperson Board of Supervisors