



Saunders County Board Minutes



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS January 24, 2023

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board met with Bill Reece, Tom Hrdlicka, John Zaugg, Frank Albrecht and John Smaus present. Scott Sukstorf and Dave Lutton were excused.

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.

Vice-Chairman Smaus called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 following:

- ~Dirt Crew – Burning tree piles at County Road 11 & A
- ~Culvert Crew – Working on 14 & R burning brush piles & moving culverts getting ready for bridge that was approved
- ~Contractor – Project 748, County Road 6 & O & P, floor formed, hopefully can pour soon
- ~Contractor – Project 822, County Road 11 & A, going to moving in within the next couple weeks
- ~New John Deere Motor Grader arrived, will be placed at Weston

Motion by Zaugg, seconded by Reece to convene as an Equalization Board at 9:08 a.m. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS January 24, 2023

Pursuant to adjournment Sine Die, the Board met with Frank Albrecht, John Smaus, Bill Reece, Tom Hrdlicka, and John Zaugg 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.

Vice-Chairman Smaus 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 Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to approve the Application for Exemption of Motor Vehicle Taxes by Gillwell Foundation, Omaha for Mid-America Boy Scout Camp, Cedar Bluffs, for (3) vehicles and (2) trailers. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Albrecht, Smaus and Reece. 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.

Vice-Chairman Smaus declared the meeting adjourned Sine Die at 9:09 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Saunders County Clerk

Vice-Chairman Board of Equalization

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



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Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the following Special Designated Liquor License requests and hereby authorize the Vice Chairperson to sign the Special Designated Liquor License Local Recommendation Forms 1) Woodcliff Veterans, Fremont – for a Fish Fry Event to be held on February 24, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Woodcliff Community Center, 980 County Road W, Lot T-1018, Fremont; 2) Woodcliff Veterans, Fremont – for a Fish Fry Event to be held on March 10, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Woodcliff Community Center, 980 County Road W, Lot T-1018, Fremont; 3) Woodcliff Veterans, Fremont – for a Fish Fry event to be held on March 24, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Woodcliff Community Center, 980 County Road W, Lot T-1018, Fremont. Voting yes were Zaugg, Albrecht, Smaus, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Terry Miller appeared before the Board to give an update on the Public Safety Radio System Project and update on Emergency Management Activities.

***Public Safety Radio System Project:**

Motorola Reps came out and there was a site survey of all the sites for towers. Cedar Bluffs and Prague towers are pretty much set, Prague Tower will have to move the 800 frequency antennas, so as not to interfere with current system, will also be a structural analysis done because there are a lot of antennas on that tower. Some equipment shelters may have to be reinforced. Proposed using an OPPD tower. Motorola and RFCC Waiting to hear back from OPPD in regards to that. Looking in to using the NETV tower that is owned by the University of Nebraska, which we already use with the current system. Ceresco tower is owned by Lancaster County already a lot of antennas on there but will be contacted, 96KX tower is pretty old probably won't be considered. Proposed tower at 15th & Chestnut in Wahoo is a no go as it is in the flight path of the airport, so still looking for a site for the Wahoo tower, looked at County Road M & 19, land owner not interested. No room on the Wahoo water tower. Want to be outside Wahoo city limits & outside of the No-Fly Zone of the Wahoo Airport. The Board has requested that Terry come back to the Board monthly with updates on the Project.

***Emergency Management Activities:**

FEMA Grant Funding – Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG), Reimburses 50% of salary & cell phone, this year's grant is worth \$76,000.00, County will get back \$38,000.00 as long as documentation is submitted & Terry does that quarterly. This last quarter the County got \$11,000.00 back and \$600.00 for office expenses & mileage. Through Emergency Management we are in a 10 County Region, Saunders County is in the East Central Region, Homeland Security Funds, comes from FEMA, they submit it to the State and the State disburses it to the Regions based on the types of projects they have. Just because you have a project, doesn't mean you will get funding, the counties have to go through a vetting process, to receive the funds. Terry submits those projects & has received much funding for various projects. Working on funding for projects with Cyber Security. Training of Community members to head up things in their own communities when there is a disaster, so that they can keep him apprised of what is going on, as he can't be in all of the communities at once.

Michaela Valentin with OPPD, introduced Dustin Marvel with their Local government Affairs Team. He gave an introduction of himself and his part with OPPD. Handed out some flyers – Power with a purpose and let them know of the project Everbridge, which is not up & running yet, but it would notify people when power is out in their area.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Reece to approve the County's Payroll for the January 27th 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, Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the Vendor Claims for the month of January; the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to the Saunders County Imprest Account for all claims for the full amount for all funds. Voting yes were Smaus, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Discussion was had about the Courthouse hours and possibly changing them to close at 4:30 p.m. as only two offices on the top floor and one office on the bottom floor are open and neither office has any way of knowing if anyone has come in to the building. Will be discussed again.

It was also discussed about Courthouse security. Something needs to be put in place, will work on it.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to approve the minutes of the January 17th Board meeting, to accept the fee/activity reports from the various County Officials for the month of December 2022 and approve the withdrawal of securities from FirstBank, Wahoo. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: None



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Again, discussed business cards for the Board of Supervisors.

Ashley from the Public Defenders office, reported on the move, they are now in the Courthouse & are in need of a shredder, was told to get one.

Tom Klein former Public Defender, said goodbye to the Board and thanked them & they thanked him & wished him luck in his new position as County Judge of the 6th Judicial District.

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Vice-Chairman Smaus declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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Saunders County Clerk

Vice-Chairman Board of Supervisors