

SUPERVISOR'S RECORD NO. 18

SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS April 15, 2025

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board met with Bill Reece, Tom Hrdlicka, John Zaugg, Robert Thiessen, Frank Albrecht, John Smaus and David Lutton 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.

Chairman Lutton 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).

Doug Pedersen, HR Services Inc, spoke to the Board about where we are with hiring/recruiting of positions that need to be filled within the County offices.

Public Defender – in the final stages, 2 qualified applicants

Emergency Management Director – Have had some interest

Planning and Zoning – Have switched from looking for office personnel to looking for a Building Inspector

Public Works Director reported on the following:

- ~Dirt Crew – Working at the Wahoo Tower Site. Will be moving to Touhy Tower Site when the Wahoo site is completed
- ~Culvert Crew – Working at Project (848) - County Road 13&14&E Installing Twin 84"x46' CMP with steel headwalls on 20° skew LHB. Moving to Project (615 – County Road 7&8&Q Installing 72"x50' CMP with steel headwalls
- ~Contractor – Project (875) County Road 4&Industrial Road&A 150' concrete slab bridge on a 0° skew. Last week, the contractor poured guardrails and began grading operations. This week, the contractor will continue grading roadway and ditches
- ~Contractor – Project (856) County Road 7&M&N Triple 12'x12' CBC on 15° skew LHB. Road is open to the public
- ~Contractor – Project (322) County Road 31&G&H (Federal Aid Bridge) 130' continuous concrete slab bridge. The Contractor's working days count will start on April 7, 2025

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Zaugg to authorize the Highway Superintendent to advertise for bids for construction of two (2) concrete box culverts and other related incidental work Project "Saunders Co. 2025 DBCs: C-78(490) and C-78(879)" and construction of a three (3) span 91'-9" concrete deck slab bridge and other related incidental work; Project "Ithaca East, C-78(600)". Bids to be opened May 6th, 2025. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Ed Sladky, Weed Superintendent went over the Annual Weed Program Report sent by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture with their findings.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Thiessen to Authorize the Chairman and Weed Superintendent to sign the Annual Weed Program Report. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Smaus to authorize the Bottom Road Bar to use County Roads their "Easter Side-By-Side Hunt" April 19, 2025. Voting yes were Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Director of Facilities and Grounds and Buildings reported on the following:

- ~McKinnis Roofing finished the repairs on the Courthouse roof last week
- ~Have received bids for window cleaning – quoted quarterly or semi-annually, try semi-annually for now
- ~Had a Load Test done on the Emergency Backup Generator
- ~ready to go out for bids on the bathroom remodel. Board wants to see plans first

Julie Rezac, CEO of Saunders Medical Center spoke to the Board about the Strategic Plan for the Medical Center, The Plan is made up of pillars, they employ 303 employees; Growth & Efficiency - they will eventually need to expand the building, thoughtfully and efficiently; Quality - promote excellence & quality; Customer & Community – create accessible and excellent customer experiences; Finance – demonstrate financial stewardship and resilience

Chase Manstedt, CFO/COO of Saunders Medical Center spoke to the Board about the financials of the Medical Center, Positive Operating – Revenues are up, therefore will probably be needing to amend the budget this year, have not Used taxpayer dollars for several years to make the bond payment – spoke in depth about the operations of the Medical Center

Denise Sabatka, CQO and Marsha Rogers, Chairperson, Saunders Medical Center Board of Trustees were also present

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to Re-appoint Jason Libal, Eva K. Fujan and Marsha Rogers, to the Saunders Medical Center Board of Trustees for a term of 4 years. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

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Amber Pelan gave the Board an update on the radio equipment, AEDs and Building grants and explained the Memorandum of Understanding presented to the Board for Public Safety Radio System equipment management, maintenance and training.

Motion by Reece, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Saunders County and various Fire Departments in the County for Equipment Management, maintenance and training of the radios. Voting yes were Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Reece to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of support for Nextlink Internet as re-written by the County Attorney and approved by the Chairman. Voting yes were Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Thiessen to approve the Special Designated Liquor License applications by Country Drive LLC for a Music Festival, June 25, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., June 26, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., June 27, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. & June 28, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Country Drive Golf Course, 951 County Road 4, Ashland; Kros Strain Brewing for a Beer Sampling Event (Bees & Beers Educational Event), May 21, 2025 from 5:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Clint Johannes Education Building, Lake Wanahoo, Wahoo and Country Catering Inc dba Carl's at Mahoney, for a Social Event for Ashland Chamber of Commerce, April 26, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Camp Ashland, 220 County Road A, Building 700, Ashland. Voting yes were Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Thiessen to approve the Payroll for the April 18th Pay period. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to the Saunders County Imprest Account for the full amount of all funds. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton and Reece. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

ALTEN: No meetings for April or May

Mixing at site – mass of contaminated seed should be gone by the end of the calendar year

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the minutes of the April 1st Board Meeting. Voting yes were Zaugg, Thiessen, Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Equipment – purchase of roads equipment, need to get the rotation in order as we are behind schedule for that, warranties are for 5-7 years, some warranties are out and repairs of equipment are costing the County several thousand dollars

Motion by Hrdlicka, seconded by Zaugg to convene in closed session at 11:05 a.m. for personnel/possible litigation (84-1410). Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka and Zaugg. Thiessen was absent during roll call and not voting. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Smaus to adjourn from closed session at 11:20 a.m. with no action taken. Voting yes were Albrecht, Smaus, Lutton, Reece, Hrdlicka, Zaugg and Thiessen. 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 Supervisors were included in the agenda published or posted prior to said meeting.

Chairman Lutton declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

ATTEST:

Saunders County Clerk

Chairman Board of Supervisors