



Saunders County Board Minutes



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

April 1, 2014

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board met with Breunig, Rastovski, Martin, Sukstorf, Hanson, 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.

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).

The Board continued the discussion that they held at their last meeting on March 25th with regards to the County Rural and Suburban Fire Districts, regarding budgeting and funding for the upcoming 2014 Taxing Year. Dean Henrichson, Director for Saunders County Mutual Finance Organization (MFO) provided the Board with the following addition information: Seward County to his knowledge is the only fully merged fire district with (1) fire district, they have a flat 4¢ levy. All funds are distributed to the fire station located in Seward and then they distribute the monies equally between (11) fire stations. Redistricting is done by petition of which the fire districts submitted to the County Board. The Board can equalize the fire districts but there can be issues in doing this especially if bonds are involved. The Board reviewed the distribution rate of the MFO funding, which has been in place for the last 13 years; they also reviewed information that was provided by the County Clerk that showed what the valuation, the levy and tax rate for each fire district was in 1999 prior to the MFO and what the current valuation, current levy and tax rate for 2013. The fire districts fell under the Board's levy authority in 2000, which is the same year the current budget lids and levy lids went into affect.

There were several individuals present from the local fire departments; Russell Swanson, President of the Ceresco Rural Fire Department shared with the Board how the MFO monies have benefited their fire district.

The Board clarified to the group that they were merely looking for information and were not looking to make changes to the fire districts, but just wanted to make sure there was equity within the fire districts.

The County Clerk reminded the group that under the current legislation of levy authority; if the valuation declined and the county needed to maintain their current tax request – it could affect the Ag Society, Fire Districts and Townships in maintaining their current levy rate that the Board is allotting them.

Julie Rezac presented the Saunders Medical Center monthly activity report and financials for the month of February; she also stated that the Board has discussed expanding the clinic hours; the Medical Center has had their first joint replacement surgery; in March they facility held a ceremony in recognizing Dr. John Hansen for his years of service and renamed the conference after Dr. Hansen; they extended the contract with regards to the study of Affiliation; and Ken Archer's last day will be the April 8th.

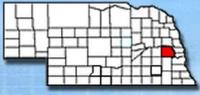
Karloff was excused at 9:45 a.m.

Temp Chairperson Breunig would now be conducting the meeting – Vice Chairperson was present but a little under the weather to conduct the meeting.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Rastovski to authorize the Public Works Director to advertise for bids for concrete plank bridge materials, said bids to be opened and considered at 9:00 a.m. on April 15, 2014. Voting yes were Breunig, Rastovski, Martin, Sukstorf, Hanson and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Public Works Director reported on the activities of the Road Crews (Bridge, Culvert and Grading) and the locations; he also updated the Board on the Ceresco East Road project.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Sukstorf to approve the request of the Methodist Youth Group to hold a Fun Run/Fun Raiser that would include the use of County Road H west of Ithaca, on August 30, 2014. Subject to the County's insurance company being notified and there being no objections from them. Voting yes were Rastovski, Martin, Sukstorf, Hanson, Lutton and Breunig. Voting no were none. Motion carried.



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Motion by Rastovski, seconded by Hanson to convene in Closed Session at 9:50 a.m., for personnel matters (84-1410), with the Public Works Director, Board Administrative Assistant and County Attorney present. Voting yes were Martin, Sukstorf, Hanson, Lutton, Breunig and Rastovski. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rastovski to adjourn from Closed Session at 10:08 a.m., with no action taken and to reconvene in Regular meeting. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Hanson, Lutton, Breunig, Rastovski and Martin. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

The Board took a short break from 10:09 to 10:14.

Motion by Rastovski, seconded by Lutton to authorize the County Sheriff to advertise for a 2014 Fleet/Non-Retail Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD 4dr Commercial CK10706 vehicle, said bids to be opened and considered at 9:00 a.m., April 22, 2014. Voting yes were Hanson, Lutton, Breunig, Rastovski, Martin and Sukstorf. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Rastovski, seconded by Sukstorf to approve the following grant funding as recommended by the Saunders County Visitors Promotion & Improvement Committee: **Promotion Fund:** 1) \$500 to the Saunders County Ag Society – wine fest event; 2) \$500 to the Saunders County Lost Pets – Walk for Paws Event; 3) \$500 to the Wahoo Heritage Inn – Website Maintenance; 4) \$500 to the Prague Improvement & Maintenance Project – New sign; 5) to Ceresco Days 2014; 6) \$500 to Valparaiso Oak Creek Valley Days 2014; 7) \$500 to Mead Days Celebration 2014; 8) \$500 to Ashland Jr. Woman's Club – Stir-up Days Coronation 2014; 9) \$500 to Ahamo Archery Club 2014; 10) \$500 to Spencer Hill Cabins – Promotion and Advertising; 11) \$50 to Wahoo Area Recreation Association – Easter Egg Hunt; 12) \$50 to Ceresco Covenant Outreach Team – Easter Egg Hunt; and 13) \$50 to Village of Mead - Easter Egg Hunt. **Improvement Fund:** 1) \$700 to the Pink Bandana – Prague Breast Cancer Mud Volleyball 2014; and 2) \$3,500 Wahoo Area Economic Development – Carnival & Fair Promotion 2013. Voting yes were Lutton, Breunig, Rastovski, Martin, Sukstorf and Hanson. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Lutton to ratify signing of the letter of support by the Board Chairperson on March 25th, of the Juvenile Justice Institute's proposal for the Nebraska Crime Commission Federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant. Voting yes were Breunig, Rastovski, Martin, Sukstorf, Hanson and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Sukstorf to approve the County's payroll for the April 4th 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 Rastovski, Martin, Sukstorf, Hanson, Lutton and Breunig. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Rastovski to adopt **Resolution #16-2014** amending the County Employee Handbook revising the definition of a regular part-time employee; subject to correction to the wording. Voting yes were Martin, Sukstorf, Hanson, Lutton, Breunig and Rastovski. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Legislative Matters:

Board Member Breunig reported that the Budget Override was on the Legislature's agenda for today.

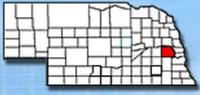
Board Administrative Assistant reported that the County Sheriff had been inquiring on what the status of the Sheriff's storage building and when work was going to start; he also updated the Board on the discussion that was held during the IT Committee meeting.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Rastovski to approve the minutes of the March 25th Board meeting. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Hanson, Lutton, Breunig, Rastovski and Martin. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board Member Hanson reported on the meetings that he attended for the Northeast Juvenile Detention and the Saunders Medial Center.

Open Discussion from the Public: NONE



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

Temp Chairperson Breunig declared the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

ATTEST:

Saunders County Clerk

Temp Chairperson Board of Supervisors