

April 20, 2021

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on April 20, 2021 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on April 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Darrell Zabrocki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

Absent: Member: Ken Schmieding

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of April 13, 2021.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

During Public/Officials/Boards meeting, Terry Wicht updated the Board on activities of the Road Dept.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with a representative of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, attended a meeting with a representative of the Milford City Council, visited the new Sheriff's Task Force building, and attended the Planning & Zoning meeting.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he received calls in regard to road conditions and visited the local NRD.

Commissioner Culver reported he received calls from constituents and attended the Planning & Zoning meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki sat in on a covid update call and met with city officials about an East Seward road project.

The Commissioners discussed wage increases for Seward County employees for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. Culver stated his recommendation would be a merit increase of approximately 1%. He stated he has searched different sites and indicators to get information for that recommendation. Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, and Tera Koetter, Clerk of the District Court, spoke in favor of a 2% recommendation. Commissioner Zabrocki spoke in favor of recommending a 2% merit increase.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to recommend up to a 2% merit raise for Seward County Employees.

During discussion of the motion, raising the minimum-maximum wage range of each job description so that rates progress accordingly was also mentioned.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver

Motion Carried

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present and requested the Commissioners let him advertise for bids for several items.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Highway Supt. to advertise for bids for gravel.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka authorize the Highway Supt. to advertise for bids for culverts.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic authorize the Highway Supt. to advertise for bids for a motor grader.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed setting rates for the Seward County Health insurance. Several options were mentioned.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to set an increase in rates at 10% for the Insurance premium for the Seward County Health Insurance Plan.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to accept the Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for February 2021 in the amount of \$1,343.00 and \$982.91.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on April 27, 2021 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 13, 2021
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on April 27, 2021 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 20, 2021
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through April 16, 2021

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman sign the GWorks Contract for Re-Districting Process Assistance
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for May 4, 2021

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn 9:48

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka Zabrocki Ahmic Culver

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I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 27th day of April 2021.

County Clerk

Chairperson