

August 6, 2019

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 8:30 a.m. on August 6, 2019 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 Equalization 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 August 6, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Mike Mundhenke, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding,
Becky Paulsen
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

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.

Those officials present for their monthly discussion with the Commissioners were Barb Liska, Kathy Ruziicka, Brea Ehmen, Maria Hatfield, Jeff Baker, Marilyn Hladky and Sherry Schweitzer.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of the Seward County Chamber Development and Partnership, updated the Commissioners on activities of his organization.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Mundhenke to approve the minutes of July 30, 2019.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Paulsen, Culver Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Mundhenke reported he received some communications about roads.

Commissioner Vrbka reported about some road conditions in his area.

Commissioner Culver reported he also received comments about roads, followed some motor grader operators along the roads, and received a comment about the Sheriff's Office patrol. He also met with Dept. Heads and went through the budget.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Visitor's Committee meeting, received comments of appreciation for a bridge project, and worked on the budget.

Commissioner Paulsen reported she went to an Open House for a new real estate addition in the City of Seward, received correspondence about roads and worked on the budget.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Sheriff's Fee and Mileage Report for June 2019 in the amount of \$1,437.00 and \$1,416.23 respectively.
Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Schmieding, Vrbka, Mundhenke, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Mundhenke to accept the County Clerk Fee Report in the amount \$23,098.00.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Mundhenke, Paulsen, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Discussion was held whether Item #6 on the agenda, "Discuss/Action – Revenue Placement into Grant Funds" was sufficiently described on the agenda enough for discussion. County Attorney, Wendy Elston, stated if the item is discussed, in her opinion, the county is in violation of the Open Meetings Act. She stated the item was not described with specificity. Schweitzer stated she felt she, herself, was at fault since she helped word the item on the agenda. Schweitzer also stated that there have been times when she questioned the specificity of items on past agendas and no change was recommended. After discussion, Chairman Culver said he felt it was sufficiently descriptive and allowed discussion.

Bob Dahms, County Treasurer, then led discussion on the Revenue Placement into the Grant Funds item on the agenda. He stated the subject is for *All* Revenue for *All* Grant funds. He said nothing else should be in a Grant Fund. He stated that according to the Auditor, the County Board should decide what fund revenue should go into. He stated Grant Funds should only have revenue from grants in them. Elston stated that another Fund could be created in which revenue from interlocals can be placed.

Tom Nielsen of Soarin' Group was in attendance to give an IT update. He gave information about the services he has provided the past quarter and explained the costs on his monthly invoice. He stated that any computer with Windows 7 has to be updated to a Windows 10 by December 31, 2019.

Sheriff Mike Vance brought an agreement for Cross Deputization with York County for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Mundhenke to authorize the Chairman to sign the Seward County/York County Cross Deputization Agreement.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Mundhenke, Paulsen, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Schweitzer explained the process of Allocating Tax Authority to Miscellaneous Districts. She stated there are four Misc. Districts in Seward County that the Board of Commissioners allocate their levy authority.

The Commissioners convened at 10:45 a.m.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:55 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed budget information.

The Commissioners recessed at 11:45 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 1:27 p.m.

The Commissioners discussed the budget.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on August 13, 2019 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 6, 2010
4. Discuss/Action – Tax List Correction 171-18P
5. Discuss/Action – Authorize Assessor to send Change of Value Notices
6. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

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3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 6, 2019

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
 5. Commissioners Reports
 6. Discuss/Action – Accept Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for July 2019 - \$6,192.33
 7. Discuss/Action – Authorize 1 % Above Restricted Funds for the 2019-2020 Budget
 8. Budget Discussion
 9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for August 20, 2019
- 9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Dave Merrill & CJ Johnson/Region V Services/Systems – Give annual report of activities and request for support
- 9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action -Wage and Compensation Practices Policy in Employee Manual
- 10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Megan Kahler/BRIDGES – Information about organization

Moved by Mundhenke and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 2:28 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Mundhenke, Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Culver Motion Carried

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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 13th day of August 2019.

County Clerk

Chairperson