

# August 29, 2023

## 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 August 29, 2023 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 August 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

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.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of August 22, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver                      Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain to approve claims for the period through August 18, 2023.

### SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH AUGUST 18, 2023

ADP LLC	SE	\$2,685.05	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$7,595.69
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	EQ	\$490.34	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	EQ	\$1,142.91
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$20,565.81	UPS	SE	\$34.63
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$706.15	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	SE	\$714.17
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$419.99	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$20.00
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$150.00	VISA	FE	\$4,460.07
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$33.99	VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94
CATTLE BANK & TRUST	SE	\$39.84	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,519.72
CENTRALSQUARE TECH	EQ	\$10,362.00	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	SE	\$4,301.00
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$310.97	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$11,059.72
CHI HEALTH COMPANY	SE	\$44.00	HEARTLAND TIRES	SU	\$1,852.65
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	EQ	\$299.98	HYDRAULIC EQUIP SERV	SE	\$178.87
CONNER PSYCH SERV	SE	\$425.00	MAINELLI WAGNER	SE	\$12,704.00
CONTINUUM	SE	\$700.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$210.00
DIAMOND DRUGS	SU	\$207.35	MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$510.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$400.90	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,642.89
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$1,949.35	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$29,168.20
GALLS LLC	SE	\$30.93	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	SU	\$362.96
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$5.00	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	SE	\$9,000.00
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SU	\$415.37	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$19,244.96
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$2,138.74	CHAPTERS BOOKS & GIFTS	SU	\$29.58
HERPOLSHEIMERS	EQ	\$1,159.81	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING	SE	\$527.00
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$201.00	LIBERTY HOUSE	SE	\$459.94
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$219.40	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$175.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$21,118.91	DELTA DENTAL OF NE	FE	\$234.53
KINER SUPPLY CO	SU	\$325.84	VSP INSURANCE	FE	\$15.57
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	FE	\$131.48	MILFORD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$201.60
LEE ENTERPRISES	EQ	\$550.00	NE ASSN OF SENIOR CENTERS	FE	\$220.00
LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$25.00	SEWARD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$454.30
MENARDS	SU	\$16.07	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$181.30
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$99.00	BAUDVILLE	SE	\$379.08

NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$540.00	ART ON DISPLAY	FE	\$1,480.00
NE CHILD SUPP ENF ASSN	FE	\$215.00	AWARDS UNLIMITED	SU	\$92.40
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$93.00	LEADSONLINE	SE	\$2,241.00
NEB PUB HLTH ENV LB	SE	\$105.00	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$167.99
ONESOURCE	SE	\$197.50	WESTERN OIL II	SU	\$440.35
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$131.70	SPORTS EXPRESS	SU	\$4,123.50
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$330.48	SALARIES		\$300,950.90
QUADIEN	EQ	\$200.45	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SECRETARY OF STATE	SU	\$60.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$59.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.50	DELTA DENTAL		
SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$4,408.00	VSP VISION		
ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTG	SE	\$795.00	WADDELL & REED		

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Hain, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver                      Motion Carried

**Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked with a moving company to coordinate office moves including the movement of phones and technology, met with Allo about the new phone system for Seward County, attended a Nebraska Transportation Summit, and reported all information for the Public Transit grant has been submitted.

Commissioner Hain reported she attended a Nebraska Transportation Summit, worked with the Road Dept. Admin. Asst. to get the county-supplied apparel ready to distribute, is working on finding individuals for the Aging Service Advisory Board for Seward County and received comments about the change in cell phone reimbursement for the Road Dept.

Commissioner Culver reported he participated in a Zoom interview for the Veteran Service Officer, attended the Nebraska Transportation Summit, received calls about roads, checked on a road project south of Milford and has been working with the E911 Director on new panic buttons.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he didn't have any meetings this week but reached out to some county contacts and received calls about the Veterans Service Officer position.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Nebraska Transportation Summit, attended the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (NIRMA) meeting in Broken Bow, and checked on a road project east of Seward, and is working on an ambulance billing issue with the Detention Center.

The Commissioners did not discuss a resolution for renaming a portion of the East Seward Road. The item will be on next week's agenda for consideration.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to explain grant awards/agreements she has requested the Commissioners to consider.

Moved by Hain and seconded Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Award Contract for Acceptance for FY2024 County Justice Reinvestment Grant for the Detention Center.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver                      Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the awarded grant of \$5,495.00 to be placed in the Commissary Fund.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Hain, Zabrocki, Culver                      Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment 2 of the Software License and Service Agreement with CenterSquare Technologies LLC.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver                      Motion Carried

Commissioner Hain gave information about an Interlocal and Subaward with the City of Lincoln for Seward County Aging Services.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement for 2023-2028 with the City of Lincoln for Aging Services.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver                      Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Subaward with the City of Lincoln for 2023-2024.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver                      Motion Carried

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning was present to give information on four plats she has requested the Commissioners to consider.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3772 in regard to approving the Administrative Plat titled Gerkenmeyer Farm Subdivision in J Precinct in the S ½ of Section 21 Township 10 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO 3772 OF THE  
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS** Gale Kruse and Phil Bangert own 1.3 acres of land and have applied for an Administrative Plat Subdivision to add 3.7 acres for a total of 5.0 acres, and described as a tract of land in the South 1/2 of, Section 21, Township 10N, Range 3E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS** the Administrative Plat shall be called the GERKENSMEYER FARM SUBDIVISION Administrative Plat and

**WHEREAS** The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on August 21st, 2023, to consider the Administrative Plat, and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the GERKENSMEYER FARM SUBDIVISION Administrative Plat, with a vote of 8 For, 0 Against, and 1 Absent Not Voting, and

**WHEREAS**   X   No one appeared to oppose the subdivision.

- Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision
- X   No one appeared to support the subdivision
- Individuals appeared to support the subdivision.
- Individuals appeared without commitment, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve or Deny the GERKENSMEYER FARM SUBDIVISION Administrative Plat, with Resolution NO: 3772.

Moved by: Ahmic                      Seconded by: Zabrocki                      August 29, 2023  
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,  
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board  
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Culver                      Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3773 in regard to approving the short form plat titled Krupicka Subdivision in I Precinct in the NE ¼ of Section 25 Township 10 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO 3773 OF THE  
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS** James Krupicka owns 103.75 acres of land and has applied for a Short Form Plat, subdividing lot 1 with 5.32 acres, and lot 2 with 5.32 acres with the remainder of 93.15 acres and described as a tract of land in the Northeast 1/4 of, Section 25, Township 10N, Range 4E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS** the Short Form Plat shall be called the KRUPICKA SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat and

**WHEREAS** The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on August 21st, 2023, to consider the Short Form Plat, and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the KRUPICKA SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat, with a vote of 8 For, 0 Against, and 1 Absent Not Voting, and

**WHEREAS**  No one appeared to oppose the subdivision.

Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision

No one appeared to support the subdivision

Individuals appeared to support the subdivision.

Individuals appeared without commitment, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve or Deny the KRUPICKA SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3773.

Moved by: Hain                      Seconded by: Schmieding      August 29, 2023

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,  
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver                      Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3774 in regard to approving the short form plat titled Patricia Vavra Addition in E Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 14 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO 3774 OF THE  
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS** Patrica Vavra is the trustee of 83.28 acres of land and has applied for a Short Form Plat, subdividing 7.91 acres with the remainder of 75.28 acres and described as a tract of land in the Southeast 1/4 of, Section 14, Township 11N, Range 1E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS** the Short Form Plat shall be called the PATRICIA VAVRA ADDITION Short Form Plat and

**WHEREAS** The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on August 21st, 2023, to consider the Short Form Plat, and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the PATRICIA VAVRA ADDITION Short Form Plat, with a vote of 8 For, 0 Against, and 1 Absent Not Voting, and

**WHEREAS**  No one appeared to oppose the subdivision.

Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision

No one appeared to support the subdivision

Individuals appeared to support the subdivision.

Individuals appeared without commitment, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve or Deny the PATRICIA VAVRA ADDITION Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3774.

Moved by: Zabrocki                      Seconded by: Ahmic                      August 29, 2023

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,  
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, Culver                      Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3775 in regard to approving the short form plat titled Mitchell Vavra Addition in D Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 10 Township 12 North Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO 3775 OF  
THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS** Patrica Vavra is the trustee of 40.00 acres of land and has applied for a Short Form Plat, subdividing 8.41 acres with a remainder of 31.59 acres and described as a tract of land in the Southeast 1/4 of, Section 10, Township 12N, Range 1E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS** the Short Form Plat shall be called the MITCHELL VAVRA ADDITION Short Form Plat and

**WHEREAS** The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on August 21st, 2023, to consider the Short Form Plat, and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the MITCHELL VAVRA ADDITION Short Form Plat, with a vote of 8 For, 0 Against, and 1 Absent Not Voting, and

**WHEREAS** X No one appeared to oppose the subdivision.

     Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision

X No one appeared to support the subdivision

     Individuals appeared to support the subdivision.

     Individuals appeared without commitment, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve or Deny the MITCHELL VAVRA ADDITION Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3775.

Moved by: Hain                      Seconded by: Ahmic                      August 29, 2023

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,  
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver                      Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:47 a.m.  
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:50 a.m.

Dan Kovar, Chairman of the Seward County Veterans Service Committee, was present to introduce Ray Foreman, who is being recommended by the Seward County Veterans Committee, for the Veterans Service Officer position. Kovar said that at first, Mr. Foreman stated he would be able to take the position at 30 hours, but upon further discussion, Mr. Foreman can work 40 hours/week. Mr. Foreman then gave information about himself. Chairman Culver stated he would like the Veterans Service Committee to have a bigger presence and oversight of the position. Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, gave information about the position and stated if appointed, he would start October 16, 2023. Kovar said they have talked to Mr. Foreman about the flexibility in hours the position may require.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to accept the recommendation of the Seward County Veterans Service Committee of Ray Foreman for the Veterans Service Officer of Seward County starting October 16, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Hain, Culver                      Motion Carried

Tim Huntington, Deputy Sheriff, was present to request the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certificate.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Drug Fund Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certificate.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver                      Motion Carried

Commissioner Hain led discussion about signage of the West Wing. In light of the moving of many offices, the current sign will not be correct. She suggested having decals/signage on the front door of the building. It will be looked into and on a future agenda.

Aaron Shropshire and Aaron Jones were present to talk about the request for a traffic study on McKelvie Road at 196<sup>th</sup> Road, then west approximately 0.6 mile to show need for paving due to safety, condition of the road after rains and dust control. He read a statement about the above-mentioned traffic concerns and possible solutions. After considerable discussion, the Highway Supt. was directed to do a traffic study on the road.

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on the Black Belt Movers bid for the department relocations. Ahmic stated that the moving will probably be done in one day. The bid includes moving mostly everything but personal property and computer monitors.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the bid from Black Belt Movers of Lincoln for the department relocation on September 12-13, 2023 with Misty Ahmic to sign the quote in the amount of \$2,895.00.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver                      Motion Carried

During Infrastructure Related Grants discussion on the agenda, there was discussion about the Safe Streets and Roads Grants. A Planning Grant was already submitted in preparation of submission of the Safe Streets and Roads Grant.

There was discussion about the budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 5, 2023 are as follows:**

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 29, 2023

**Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows**

5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Res. – Renaming of a Portion of East Seward Road to Prairie Flower Road
7. Discuss/Action – Road Dept. Safety Apparel Policy
8. Discuss/Action – Signage at the West Wing
9. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 12, 2023

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the Seward County Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, Culver                      Motion Carried

State of Nebraska)  
County of Seward) ss.

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson