

August 30, 2022

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 30, 2022 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 30, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, 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 Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of August 23, 2022.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka approve the claims for the period through August 19, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH AUGUST 19, 2022

ADP LLC	SE	\$2,631.55	VISA	FE	\$5,228.08
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$370.51	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$4,780.05
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SE	\$54.98	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$140.33
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$18,983.17	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$20,207.98
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$292.50	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$4,263.23
BOBS MOBIL	SU	\$220.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$29.87	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES	SE	\$846.60
CULLIGAN	SE	\$42.00	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,305.74
DON'S PIONEER UNIFORMS	SE	\$132.13	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$30,138.50
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,216.16	SEWARD ELECTRONICS	SE	\$91.22
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$18,488.90	TANK HOLDING CORP	SU	\$5,175.00
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$3.00	TRUCK CENTER CO	SE	\$48.08
GLADSTONE INC	SU	\$774.50	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE	SE	\$1,766.67
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,488.85	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$712.36
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$15.00	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG	EQ	\$31,061.10
KEARNEY INVESTMENT CORP	SE	\$441.90	PANKOKE CONSTRUCTION	SE	\$20,722.11
HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$130.33	FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$6,147.32
IHS PHARMACY	SU	\$299.60	SEWARD ARTS COUNCIL	FE	\$1,000.00
INDOFF INC	SU	\$87.85	DON SUCHY	SE	\$900.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,206.99	DELTA DENTAL OF NEBR	FE	\$29.97
KINER SUPPLY COMPANY	SU	\$352.44	VISION SERVICE PLAN INS	FE	\$23.29
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$1,156.75	MOMS MEALS	SU	\$128.73
MARLIN MATULKA	SE	\$13.00	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$96.00
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$738.24	ANDERSON AUTO GRP	EQ	\$30,277.00
MID-AMERICAN INS GROUP	FE	\$92,287.58	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$770.00
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$255.00	JOHN E REID & ASSOC	SE	\$600.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	SE	\$807.54	NEBRASKA SHERIFFS ASSOC	FE	\$260.00
MORSE WATCHMANS, INC	SE	\$138.05	ART ON DISPLAY	FE	\$1,835.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$720.00	AWARDS UNLIMITED	SU	\$46.20
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$93.00	BERN'S BODY SHOP	SE	\$2,634.00

PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$262.50	GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SE	\$577.68
PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$336.00	HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$1,781.67
CA MARKETING, INC	SE	\$665.99	HIRERIGHT LLC	SE	\$141.30
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$988.06	LEADSONLINE	SE	\$2,176.00
REDWOOD TOXICOL LAB	SE	\$422.50	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$23.16
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$2,568.00	PACESETTER K9 LLC	EQ	\$7,000.00
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$317,547.84	UPS	SU	\$11.00
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$412.05	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$167.99
SEWARD CO TREASURER	FE	\$169.00	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$636.22
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$15.00	AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$603.11
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	SE	\$115.57	WAHLTEK	SU	\$2,575.00
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$105.00	SALARIES		\$278,449.77
ST OF NEBR DAS STATE ACCTNG	SE	\$694.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,028.95	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
TELMATE LLC	SE	\$8.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$360.07	DELTA DENTAL		
TIME WARNER CABLE	UT	\$407.13	VSP VISION		
VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$705.74	WADDELL & REED		
VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$20.00			

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

Raegan Hain, a member of the public, spoke to the Commissioners about a discussion she had with representatives about a GEO Charge project.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., updated the Board about his department activities.

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, updated the Board about her office activities.

The Board recessed at 9:08 a.m.

The Board re-convened at 9:10 a.m.

Casey Tieman, Office Manager for the County Attorney's Office, presented a report for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification form for the County Attorney for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

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

Matt Kasich of Region V Services was present to give the agency's annual report and the request for funding for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, updated the Commissioners on the National Opioid Settlement. She stated the amount designated for Seward County would be coming soon to the County.

Sheriff Vance was present to discuss the Village of Staplehurst patrolling contract with the Sheriff's Office.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Village of Staplehurst Patrolling Contract with the Seward County Sheriff's Office.

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

Vance was also present to give information about the Drug Fund Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Drug Fund Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification from the Sheriff's Office.

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

Vance was also present to discuss the purchase of the real estate for the Homeland Security Investigations Criminal Interdiction Task Force-West building and property. He gave a copy of the land appraisal to the Commissioners. The property in question has two buildings on it. He stated he may want to purchase adjacent land in the future in addition to the building site for a firing range. The land he would like to purchase is 8

acres with the buildings. Homeland Security has stated it would want to put a one-million-dollar piece of equipment in it. It's a scanning system for confiscated vehicles. The security cameras, generator and building updates that Seward County has paid for was not included in the appraisal. The County would be liable for insurance for the piece of equipment. The building would be used for a variety of reasons, currently, there are nine counties bringing their K-9's out there for training and to get certified. They would also have an area for confiscated cars. The Commissioners asked if the task force would disband, does the County keep ownership of the building. They also asked if the county can use it for other county purposes. Vance will find out answers to questions and report back.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to discuss the insurance offers for the two vans used by the Detention Center. The insurance company wants to total both of the vehicles. Since one vehicle has a cage in it, she is hesitant to have it totaled out since at this time, it is hard to acquire a vehicle like that. The insurance offered \$8,862.00 for the 2012 Dodge and \$5,060.00 for the 2010 Dodge for a total \$13,922.00.

Moved by Schmieding to keep the 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan and to total the 2012 Dodge Caravan and put the \$13,922.00 from the insurance in the jail sinking fund.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Vrbka, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Hatfield was also present when discussing an increase for the Advanced Correctional Health Care request to increase the medical contract to cover wages, malpractice and Civil Right insurance.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Advanced Correctional Health Care request.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Hatfield was also present to discuss the quotes for a body scanner for the Detention Center. She stated \$170,000.00 was approved for a body scanner through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. After having several presentations, Hatfield said the Terk84 System would work best. Armstead said that a purchase such as this would need to go through competitive sealed bids.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to advertise for bids for a body scanner for the Detention Center.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Carina Sanchez and Roxanne Knutson were present to discuss having a Team Building discussion. They stated they have an idea for employee morale. They would like the various offices/departments to have their own event. There was \$5.00 already budgeted for it and they would like to use \$3.00 from the allotment that was given for the Employee Appreciation Dinner. Maria Hatfield stated that as a member of the Employee Appreciation Dinner Committee, she felt frustrated that this idea was not mentioned prior to planning the Appreciation Dinner. Zabrocki stated he felt that maybe not everybody had to receive a door prize and some expenses could be less. The goal is that this Team Building should help with morale and communication between employees/supervisors within an office/department.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve \$8.00 per employee for a Team Building event per department.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed a lease for the Southeast Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to occupy a portion of the Courthouse.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the lease with Southeast Nebraska CASA to occupy a portion of the 3rd floor of the Courthouse.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners briefly discussed budgets.

The Board discussed infrastructure related grants. Ahmic led discussion and said she was able to get into Seward County's Account and looked through the various grants. She did not see anything infrastructure related, but did see something about historical archiving.

The Commissioners had discussion about ARPA.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the jail inspection, met with the HR Dept., did some work looking for grants, and got a report about a tree in an abandoned cemetery.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he received an email that someone was trying to get into his email account and received calls from a resident about Cordova annexation.

Commissioner Culver reported he talked to the Highway Supt. about an employee meeting for the Road Dept., received emails from the City of Seward and went to the jail inspection.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he checked on roads.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a meeting with the Illuminate Seward project, sat through a cyber security Zoom meeting, had two meetings with dept. heads, went to two counties as a representative for NIRMA, received a call about zoning, and participated in the jail inspection.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 6, 2022 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 30, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Update on National Opioid Settlement
7. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 13, 2022

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Bid Opening for a Box Culvert Project C80(675) on Old Cheney, East of 252nd

Discuss/Action – Bid Opening for a Box Culvert Project C80(644) on 252nd south of Old Cheney

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn 11:22 a.m.

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

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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 6th day of September 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson