

# December 1, 2020

## 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 December 1, 2020 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 December 1, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver  
Members: Misty Ahmic, 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 the meeting with the Commissioners were: Andrew Matney, Ann Dobesh and Sherry Schweitzer.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of November 20, 2020.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of November 24, 2020.

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

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with the Veteran's Service Officer/Public Transit Director the past week.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he met with the Road Dept. on several issues and reported that CASA received donations for the organization.

Commissioner Culver reported that he dealt with the Road Dept. on an issue received from a constituent, worked on various correspondences, and checked roads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he followed up on various correspondences.

Commissioner Paulsen reported she will attend a meeting on a wetlands project the coming week.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to re-consider the motion approving the minutes of November 20, 2020.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Paulsen, Schmieding, Culver  
Abstain: Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to amend the motion to correct the vote of the minutes of November 20, 2020 that Ahmic abstains as she was absent from said meeting.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Paulsen, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

Commissioner Paulsen removed herself from the Board at 8:51 a.m.

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator, brought a Short Form Plat for the Commissioners consideration. Said plat was to create Petri Addition in H Precinct located in part of the NE ¼ NW ¼ of Section 18, Township 11 North, Range 4, East of the 6th p.m.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3549 in regard to creating Petri Addition in H Precinct located in part of the NE ¼ NW ¼ of Section 18, Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

**RESOLUTION No. 3549 OF THE  
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, Mark Petri has applied for a Short Form Plat Subdivision of property owned by himself, and described as a tract of land in part of the Northeast 1/4, of the Northwest 1/4 of, Section 18, Township 11N, Range 4E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS**, the subdivision shall be called PETRI ADDITION SHORTFORM PLAT, and

**WHEREAS**, The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on November 15th, 2020 to consider the Short Form Plat, and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission recommended Approval of the PETRI ADDITION Short Form Plat with a vote of 6 For, 1 against, and 3 Absent and 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  X , Deny   the PETRI ADDITION Short Form Plat with Resolution NO:  3549 .

Paulsen was removed from the Board at the time this Resolution was passed.

Moved by: Schmieding                      Seconded by: Ahmic

12/01/2020

Ayes:  Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, John K. Culver , Chair of the Board

Attest:  Sherry Schweitzer , Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Vrbka, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to adopt Resolution No. 3550 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to withdraw pledged securities.

**Resolution No. 3550 of the  
Seward County Board of Commissioners**

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank desires to withdraw the following securities:

DESCRIP	CUSIP#	MARKET VALUE
NEBRASKA CITY REC. AG.	639623AM9	200,000.00

TOTAL MARKET VALUE 200,000.00

Whereas: County will still be fully protected. Therefore, let it be resolved, the above withdrawal by the Jones Bank is approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Vrbka    Seconded by: Paulsen    Adopted: 12/01/2020  
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen,  
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board  
Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Paulsen, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Chairman Culver led discussion on contracting Brea Ehmen to finish the update of the Seward County Employee Manual. Ehmen is the HR Director and has resigned effective Dec. 1, 2020. He said that Ehmen was working on the manual while she was employed and would agree to work on the final policies in the manual that were not updated. Culver read a list of the policies that Ehmen would work on and a synopsis of a contract that was offered to the HR Director prior to Ehmen to finish work she had worked on also. Vrbka stated he would like to see the manual update completed.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to direct the Chairman to work on a contract with the County Attorney's Office in regard to hiring a contractor to update the Seward County Employee Manual.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Voting No: Paulsen

Motion Carried

Andrew Matney, 911 Director, said he has not been able to contact Motorola to work out an invoice problem that has been an issue since receiving invoices and emails about the amount due. Matney said he will furnish the Deputy County Attorney with information to see if she can help with communication.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:18 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:30 a.m.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to discuss the proceeds of the sale of surplus property. He requested the proceeds from the sale be deposited in the *Special* Road Fund, rather than the Road Fund.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to deposit the proceeds of the sale of surplus property be deposited in the *Special* Road Fund.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Paulsen, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:34 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, was present to ask the Commissioners to sign a Nixle/Everbridge Quote. The Commissioners had signed it previously, but this quote document provided specific signature requirements. The company allows mass notifications for the various offices in Seward and York County with York County sharing in the cost of the program.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to authorize the Chairman to sign the Nixle/Everbridge Quote.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Paulsen, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:49 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

Jeff Baker, Veteran Service Officer/Public Transit Director, led discussion on the updates of his programs.

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on December 8, 2020 are as follows:**

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 24, 2020
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

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9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 1, 2020
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through November 27, 2020

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

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Accept the Resignation of Jeff Baker, Veteran’s Service Officer/Public Transit Director
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for December 15, 2020

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 10:27 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson