

December 4, 2018

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 4, 2018 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 December 4, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Vice-Chairperson: Whitney Fleischman
Members: John Culver, Becky Paulsen
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Absent: Chairperson: Roger E. Glawatz
Member: Gene Gausman

The Vice-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 Culver and seconded by Paulsen to approve the minutes of November 27, 2018.

Affirmative Vote: Culver, Paulsen, Fleischman Motion Carried

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Culver to add the following to the agenda as an emergency item:

Discuss/Action - Consider closing Dec. 5, 2018 due to Governor Ricketts declaring a National Day of Mourning to honor former President George H.W. Bush.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Culver, Fleischman Motion Carried

Those officials present for their monthly meeting with the Commissioners were: Gary Petersen, Barb Liska, Maria Hatfield, Casey Keim, Marilyn Hladky, Ann Dobesh, Jeff Baker, Nicole Tegtmeier, Carrie Gottschalk, Sheila Beins, Russ Frazey & Sherry Schweitzer.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Culver reported that he attended the E911 Meeting, a meeting with the County Attorney and dealt with various correspondences.

Commissioner Paulsen reported she represented the Commissioners on County Government Day, met with the County Attorney and dealt with various correspondences.

Commissioner Fleischman reported she participated in the CASA meeting via telephone, dealt with various correspondences and worked with officials to whom she is a liaison.

The Commissioners discussed the emergency agenda item of closing on December 5, 2018. Fleischman stated that she had contacted a few counties and some of the smaller counties are closing but she did know about larger counties. She stated that the Personnel Policy says: Official Holidays authorized by the County Board are as follows: . . . and "Any day declared as a holiday by the Governor of Nebraska (Except Arbor Day.)

Culver said that the taxpayers expect us to stay open.

Jeff Baker, Veteran Services Officer/Public Transit Director stated he was a member of the Personnel Board when it was considered. He stated that the discussion was held to put in "black and white" when these days are made. He said previously, Seward County has observed the day off when Presidents Reagan and Ford passed away and a National Day of Mourning was held. It was mentioned that the Justice Center would be open and the services such as court security would need to be available.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Paulsen to stay open on December 5, 2018.
Affirmative Vote: Culver, Paulsen, Fleischman Motion Carried

Tom Nielsen of Soarin' was present to give an IT Update. The Justice Center has had several issues lately. He explained that he made a decision to put some equipment in at the Justice Center due to some of the equipment going off-line when the generator starts up.

In regard to the Commissioner Room remodel item on the agenda, Commissioner Culver reported that the electrical outlets have been installed and he is awaiting news on the audio equipment.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:16 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Roger Foster, Mayor of Crete, was present to talk about the legal services which are being rendered by Seward County. He asked if the County is considering changing the Interlocal and said that the current interlocal states that 90-days-notice needs to be given if there are any changes. He asked if the current Commissioners could consider the current interlocal or extending it 6 months. Fleischman stated she has felt the Interlocal has been an asset to Seward County.

Sheila Beins, County Court Clerk Magistrate, said there has been conflict scheduling with the courts. They have had to reschedule cases when the County Attorney's office has had to go to Crete.

The Commissioners will consider this and discuss it at a later meeting.

Casey Keim, Highway Supt. presented a resolution for the Commissioners consideration. He said the auditors brought some concerns forward about fuel purchasing.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Paulsen to adopt Resolution No. 3415 in regard to Fuel Purchasing Authority.
Affirmative Vote: Culver, Paulsen, Fleischman Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION # 3415 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Seward County Road Department is required to purchase petroleum products on a regular basis to run the machinery necessary to complete the essential functions of the Department of Roads.

WHEREAS, the Department of Roads requires a substantial amount of petroleum products on an annual basis.

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent is charged with determining the amount of petroleum products that are necessary in running the Department of Roads and complying with the budget approved each year for said petroleum products.

WHEREAS, the price of the petroleum products varies based on the market. It is in the best interests of the County to have the Highway Superintendent monitor the price and purchase the petroleum products for the most efficient use by the County.

WHEREAS, pursuant to *Nebraska Revised Statutes § 23-3109: (1) Competitive bidding shall not be required when purchasing petroleum products*

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Seward County Highway Superintendent shall be authorized to purchase petroleum products throughout the year in the quantity and price that is the most economical for the tax payer and efficient for the Department of Roads.

Moved by: John K. Culver Seconded by: Becky Paulsen Absent: Glawatz, Gausman
Ayes: John K. Culver, Becky Paulsen, Whitney Fleischman, Vice-Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk Adopted: 12/4/18

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Fleischman to open up the subject of Closing on December 5, 2018 because of new information received.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Fleischman, Culver

Motion Carried

Fleischman stated that the counties of York, Saline and Saunders are closing. The City of Seward and Lancaster County will be open. She also stated that she has read the personnel policy more thoroughly. She suggested closing on December 5, 2018. Elston said the courts will be open.

The Commissioners decided to stay with the original decision to stay open on December 5, 2018.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on December 11, 2018 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 27, 2018
4. Discuss/Action – Vehicle Exemption for Concordia University
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 11, 2018 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 4, 2018
4. Discuss/Action – Special Claims

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action - Christmas Eve Closing Hours
8. Discuss/Action - Commissioner Room Remodel

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res. – Uncollectable Zoning Fees from 7/1/13 to 1/1/14

Discuss/Action – Res. – Short Form Plat for create Bartholomew-Rathje Subdivision in F Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 17 T11N R2E

Discuss/Action – Res. – Short Form Plat for create Riley Addition in N Precinct in the NE ¼ of Section 27 T9N R2E

Moved by Culver and seconded by Paulsen to adjourn at 10:08 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Culver, Paulsen, Fleischman

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 11th day of December 2018.

County Clerk

Chairperson