

December 6, 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 8:30 a.m. on December 6, 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 December 6, 2022 at 8:30 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.

Harrison Helmer, Executive Director of BRIDGES, updated the Commissioners on activities of his organization and also Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP). Lori Sherman was also in attendance as the new director of BRIDGES and gave a brief introduction off herself.

Marilyn Hladky and Sherry Schweitzer updated the Commissioners on activities of their offices.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of November 29, 2022.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Abstain: Ahmic

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the claims for the period through November 25, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH NOVEMBER 25, 2022

ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$37.28	RIXSTINE TROPHY	SU	\$22.80
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$19,889.77	BRENT SCHLUCKEBIER	SE	\$1.88
ASSN FLOODPLAIN MGRS	FE	\$80.00	SECRETARY OF STATE	SU	\$60.00
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	UT	\$120.00	SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$48.75
BOB BARKER CO	SU	\$152.09	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$348,275.89
BUTLER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.00	SEWARD CO SHERIFF	SE	\$8.50
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	SE DIST ASSESSOR ASSOC	FE	\$50.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$33.99	ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$1,152.00
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$407.13	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$6,910.04
JACK DANIEL	SE	\$10.00	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR	SE	\$2,562.66
DHHS	SE	\$200.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	SE	\$1,775.20
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$21.96	VISA	FE	\$4,696.97
E 911	FE	\$37,100.67	WELLS FARGO FINAN LEAS	SE	\$198.15
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$461.92	CANDICE C WOOSTER LAW	SE	\$1,784.25
ELECTION WORKERS	SE	\$144.00	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG	EQ	\$1,675.83
ENGINEERED CONTROLS	SE	\$75.00	BAUER BUILT INC	SE	\$1,232.48
FIRST WIRELESS	UT	\$4,591.35	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$885.05
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$30.00	FEHLHAFERS INC	SE	\$85.00
GRAYBAR ELECTRIC CO	SE	\$2,786.40	HEARTLAND TIRES & TREADS	EQ	\$7,892.48

GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,488.85	INTERSTATE POWER SYS	EQ	\$7,562.30
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	TR	\$294.00	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$38,595.03
HSI EMERG CARE SOL	SU	\$37.50	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$54.08
INTL ASSOC ASSESS OFCRS	FE	\$240.00	MUELLER, KALEIGH	SE	\$765.00
J S WURM & ASSOC	SE	\$150.00	OLDE GLORY THEATRE	FE	\$450.00
JEO CONSULTING	SE	\$2,164.37	AWARDS UNLIMITED	SU	\$184.80
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,268.05	RELENTLESS LLC	SE	\$1,875.00
KIRBY ROTH INSURANCE	FE	\$100.00	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$134.99
RYAN KRENK	SE	\$8.13	HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$217.06
STEPHANIE LUEBBE	SE	\$5.63	HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$524.96
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$442.56	HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$81.84
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$165.83	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$7,920.80
MID-AMERICAN INS	FE	\$44,519.44	JONES BANK	FE	\$50.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,329.68	MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$352.57
NE FSMA	FE	\$35.00	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$600.40
NEBR PUB HLTH ENV LB	SE	\$105.00	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,652.38
NEBRASKA SNOW EQUIP	EQ	\$6,450.76	POLICE OFFICERS ASSOC. NE	FE	\$264.00
NEXTLINK AIS	SE	\$110.00	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$114.01
DALE NIEMANN	SE	\$6.25	RADAR ROAD TEC	EQ	\$700.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$19.98	SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$126.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$105.00	ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCT	SE	\$623.00
SCOTT PEKAREK	SE	\$6.88	STREET COP TRAINING	FE	\$225.00
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$160.00	US BANK EQUIP FIN	EQ	\$167.99
REGION V SERVICES	FE	\$9,938.32	US TREASURY/AMENTUM SERV	SE	\$3,449.59
ZOE RICHERT	SE	\$8.75			

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic received calls about zoning, phones and internet. She also said she had discussed some America Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) with the Village of Cordova.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he researched road issues.

Commissioner Culver reported he was contacted by a Kinetic representative, performed an evaluation of an appointed official and other employees, and attended the Employee Appreciation Party. He applauded the committee who planned the event.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Appreciation Party and had a Visitors Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported on an event at the Seward National Guard Museum, attended the HR roundtable via Zoom, attended the orientation for the new BRIDGES director, attended the Employee Appreciation party and checked on some roads. He also attended the Utica Village Board meeting and will have a Seward City Council meeting and a NIRMA meeting this coming week.

The Commissioners discussed the abandonment of Sunrise Road (minimum maintenance portion only) in Section 3 Township 9 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m. item on the agenda. Both Culver and Vrbka have researched the issue and said it has always been a minimum maintenance road. Culver stated that the road cannot be abandoned/closed due to adjacent land being landlocked. The Road Dept. has graded it now and will maintain it twice a year and correct signs will be posted.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3723 in regard to allowing Farmers and Merchants Bank to substitute pledged securities.

RESOLUTION NO. 3723 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Farmers & Merchants Bank desires to make the following security substitution:

	Replacing
Description	Amount
FNMA #3136GO5K3	\$2,000,000.00
	With
FED. FARM CRED BANKS 3133EMSA1	\$1,500,000.00

WHEREAS: County deposits still will be fully insured.

Therefore, let it be resolved, the above substitution by the Farmers & Merchants Bank be approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Adopted: 12/6/2022
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners discussed contracting for the Surveyor position. Currently, a new surveyor was not elected for the term starting January 5, 2023 and the County will need to contract for the position.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Sheriff Fee and Mileage report for September 2022 in the amount of \$1,356.00 and \$736.20 respectively.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for November 2022 in the amount of \$34,282.56

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

The Commissioners briefly discussed Infrastructure Related grants and ARPA disbursements request. Ahmic stated that Cordova questioned the amount we paid using our ARPA funds for their project. She stated costs for the project that Cordova was doing increased and so they will need to come back to the County to ask for additional funds. The Village of Pleasant Dale will also be coming with their application for ARPA funds in the next few weeks.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 9:25 a.m. to discuss a review of Mid-American Benefits Inquiry.

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

Chairman Culver restated the reason for Executive Session was to review a Mid-American Benefits inquiry.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to go out of Executive Session at 9:41 a.m.

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

Chairman Culver stated that while in Executive Session, guidance was provided but no decisions were made.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on December 13, 2022 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 22, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 13, 2022 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 6, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Accept the Clerk of the Dist. Court Fee Report for November 2022- \$6,293.97
7. Discuss/Action – Authorize the County Clerk to advertise for bids for County Surveyor
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for December 20, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Update on IT Systems outages at West Wing and request Liaison be Appointed to Work with Providers and Schedule Necessary Work

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 9:47 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, 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 13th day of December 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson