

December 15, 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 9:00 a.m. on December 15, 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 15, 2020 at 9:00 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.

Sherry Schweitzer updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of December 8, 2020.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she visited with various officials the past week and received a call about the road conditions because of the snow storm.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he met with the Sheriff's Office about the recent audit.

Commissioner Culver reported he was included in the audit exit interview, attended Four Corners Health Dept. and the NACO Business meetings via Zoom, and checked on roads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he received calls from constituents and attended the SENDD meeting via Zoom.

Commissioner Paulsen reported she attended the BRIDGES meeting via Zoom and attended the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership meeting. She also had meetings in regard to a Wetland Mitigation Project.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to issue a refund of Inheritance Tax overpayment on 11/9/2018 for the Barbara Ann Swanson Estate PR-24 in the amount of \$5,992.72.

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

Eric Hofer, Building and Grounds Superintendent, was present to ask the Commissioners to sign an agreement for the Justice Center HVAC.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Paulsen to authorize the Chairman to sign the Engineer Controls Renewal Agreement for 3 years.

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

The Commissioners then discussed getting bids for the painting of the courthouse dome. Discussion included sandblasting, color and funding.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Building and Grounds Supt. to advertise for bids for painting of the courthouse dome.

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

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Sheriff Fee and Mileage report for October 2020 in the amount of \$1,663.00 and \$929.07 respectively.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to clarify the closing of county offices on December 24, 2020 as a holiday.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Seward Grocery LLC d/b/a Pac N Save for an event on December 31, 2020.

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

Commissioner Paulsen removed herself from the Board at 9:30 a.m.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to open the public hearing at 9:30 a.m. in regard to a request to Re-zone land from A-1 District to TA-1 District located in J Precinct in the NW ¼ of Section 33 Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Paulsen gave a synopsis of the Planning and Zoning Commission's action and the vote of 6 For, and 1 Against, when this item was considered at their meeting.

Mitch Springer spoke in favor of said re-zone request.

Jim Dawes also spoke in favor of said re-zone request.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to close the public hearing at 9:36 a.m.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3552 in regard to approving the request to Re-zone land from A-1 District to TA-1 District located in J Precinct in the NW ¼ of Section 33 Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION No. 3552 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mitch Springer has applied for a Zoning District change for a quarter section of land from A-1 Agricultural Preservation District to TA-1 Transitional Agriculture, and

WHEREAS, the land is described as a tract in the North West 1/4 of, Precinct J. Section 33, Township 10N, Range 3E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, the owner of record is Mitch Springer/Vernon Curtis, and

WHEREAS, Notice of Public Hearing by the Seward County Planning Commission was published in the Seward County Independent, and was posted on the property, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Zoning District change on November 16th, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission had a recommendation to Deny with a vote of 6 in favor, 1 against, and 3 absent and not voting

WHEREAS, The Seward County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the Zoning Change on December 15th, 2020, and

WHEREAS, Notice of Public Hearing by the Seward County Board of Commissioners was published in the Seward County Independent, the Milford Times, and was posted on the property, and

WHEREAS, X No one appeared to oppose said amendment

Individuals appeared to oppose said amendment

No one appeared to support said amendment

X Individuals appeared to support said amendment

X Individuals appeared without commitment, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby adopt Resolution 3552 to approve X , deny the Zoning District Change from A-1 to TA-1.

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

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic 12/15/2020

Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding

John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Paulsen then re-joined the Board at 9:39 a.m.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:39 a.m.

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

Ryan Hamburger from South Central EMS, LLC was present to introduce the company to the Commissioners and give the Board information about the service they can provide. He stated the company has 3 stations – one in Hastings, Geneva and now Seward. They can provide transports to hospitals, hospital appointments or can help when city/village volunteer fire departments are busy or cannot respond. He stated that the purpose of his service is to not infringe on local departments, but help if they are not able to respond to the level of care needed.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to submit a lease for the Commissioners consideration for a skidloader.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign a One Year Lease with Nebraska Machinery Co. for a skidloader in the amount of \$6,300.00

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

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 18, 2020 are as follows:

8:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through December 11, 2020

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on December 22, 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 December 8, 2020
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 22, 2020 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

4. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
5. Pledge of Allegiance
6. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 15, 2020
7. Discuss/Action – Approve minutes of December 18, 2020

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

8. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
9. Commissioners Reports
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for December 29, 2020

9:05 a.m. Discuss/Action – Appoint Extension Board Member

9:15 a.m. Public Hearing – Biennial Review of the Seward County General Assistance Guidelines

Discuss/Action -Res. – Adoption of the Seward County General Assistance Guidelines

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open RFP’s for Assessor’s Orthophotography and Digital Oblique Aerial Imagery and Software Project

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 10:15 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Vrbka, 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 22nd day of December 2020.

County Clerk

Chairperson