

December 21, 2021

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 21, 2021 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 21, 2021 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 Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of December 14, 2021.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the claims through the period of December 10, 2021.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Vrbka, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH DECEMBER 10, 2021

ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$8,717.30	SHARILYN K STEUBE	SE	\$190.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$106.70	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$6,382.47
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$31.77	TELMATE LLC	SE	\$50.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$159.35	ULINE	SE	\$172.10
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$16,561.04	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$5,137.50
B & P CASINO PARTIES	SE	\$985.00	THE VERDIN COMPANY	SE	\$1,405.00
BI	SE	\$68.00	DR CARROLL VERHAGE	SE	\$285.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$3,050.38	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	UT	\$818.50
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$487.50	VISA	FE	\$5,472.94
BLUESTEM NETWORK	UT	\$110.00	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	SE	\$198.15
BOBS MOBIL	SE	\$193.70	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,690.27
JENNIFER CIMPL BOHN	SE	\$213.75	SUE WURM, CRT REPORTER	SE	\$125.00
BRENNAN LAW OFFICES	SE	\$13,021.15	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$4,438.50
BUTLER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$34.77	KENNETH PANKOKE	SE	\$147.22
CATTLE BANK & TRUST	SE	\$55.90	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$47,669.27
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$5,848.99	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$66.59
CLERK OF DIST CRT ASSOC	FE	\$50.00	FREDS AUTO ELECTRIC	SE	\$133.70
CLERK OF THE DIST CRT	SE	\$602.00	G & P DEVEL LANDFILL	SU	\$39.66
CULLIGAN	SE	\$292.66	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SE	\$59.55
GREGORY C. DAMMAN	SE	\$665.00	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$49,954.41
DELL MARKETING L P	SE	\$950.00	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SE	\$191.72
E 911	FE	\$30,448.67	MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$80.76
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$868.71	NE EQUIPMENT INC	SE	\$62.21
EHLERS ELECTRONICS	SE	\$4,330.00	NEB STATE FIRE MARSHAL	SE	\$360.00
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	SE	\$192.56	NEWMAN SIGNS, INC	SU	\$778.11
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$15,190.05	NEXTLINK AIS	SE	\$74.99
GALLS LLC	SE	\$99.86	NMC, INC	SE	\$295.79
GENERAL FIRE & SAFETY	SE	\$179.45	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$1,198.00

GRAHAM TIRE	SE	\$1,705.28	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO	SE	\$525.63
GWORKS	SE	\$16,162.50	POWERPLAN	SU	\$2,550.89
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$360.13	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$6,952.58
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$404.26	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE	SE	\$44.82
JONES BANK	SE	\$250.00	UTICA PARTS AND SERV	SE	\$66.70
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$16,597.34	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$483.57
DAVID KIMBLE	SE	\$387.00	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$48.45
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$82.13	GEHRING CONST	SU	\$70,824.07
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$1,088.56	NEB RURAL RADIO ASSOC	SE	\$115.00
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$97.75	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$341.40
MID-AMERICAN INS	FE	\$41,838.77	VALENTINO'S SEWARD	SU	\$163.66
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$3,909.30	DELTA DENTAL OF NE	FE	\$59.94
MILWAUKEE CO CLK CIRCT CRT	SE	\$94.17	VISION SERVICE PLAN INS	FE	\$23.29
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,268.29	MILFORD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$235.20
NE FSMA	FE	\$35.00	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$132.22
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV SYS	SE	\$90.00	SEWARD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$387.80
NEBRASKA STATE BAR ASSOC	FE	\$300.00	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$88.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	FE	\$106.00	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$221.20
ONESOURCE	SE	\$675.30	COAST TO COAST SOLUT	SU	\$1,156.94
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	SU	\$354.22	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$452.29
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$170.00	SCHAEFER CONCRETE	SU	\$600.00
C. JO PETERSEN	SE	\$98.00	SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	SU	\$221.70
PIZZA KITCHEN	SU	\$148.75	STOP STICK LTD	SU	\$1,097.00
POLLACK AND BALL LLC	SE	\$641.25	TRANSUNION RISK	FE	\$303.00
QUADIANT LEASING USA	SU	\$81.98	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SE	\$932.39
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$98.49	VIGILNET	SE	\$27.80
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,724.58	APCO INT'L	SE	\$345.00
RICKY'S CAFE	SU	\$1,137.06	NEMAHA CO SHERIFF	SE	\$1,413.67
SEWARD CO CHAMBER	FE	\$694.00	ENCARTELE INC	SE	\$6,423.02
SEWARD COUNTY COURT	SE	\$679.04	SALARIES		\$240,025.02
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$164,699.08	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$2,810.84	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO ROAD FUND	FE	\$400,000.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEW CO SHERIFF UNCOLLTD FEES	FE	\$351.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$35.20	VSP VISION		
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$7,322.25	WADDELL & REED		
ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTING	SE	\$582.28			

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, updated the Commissioners on activities of his office, including information about the recent wind/tornado storm. Matt Starkey, Veterans Service Officer/Public Transit Director, also updated the Commissioners on activities of his office.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, presented an agreement for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Service Agreement Silver Plan with Accurate Controls for the Security Automation System for the Justice Center.

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

Starkey was present and gave information about surplus property he has in his office.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Surplus Property Disposal Request from the Veterans Service Officer.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:27 a.m.

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

Bob Dahms, County Treasurer, and Sherry Leising, Deputy County Treasurer, were present to discuss interest for real estate taxes paid by Sandra Oswald for 2020 taxes. Leising explained that there was a mix up with a transfer of land and tax statements. Because of this mix-up, she paid taxes on one piece of land and taxes on another piece

of land were not paid. After an explanation, it was decided that no interest should be charged on the land that taxes were not yet paid for.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to approve the forgiveness of interest on the taxes for Sandra Oswald for real described as part of the SE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 6 Township 9 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended a Four Corners meeting, worked on the community premium pay proposal, worked on helping some members of the community with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) applications.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he answered questions about (ARPA) funds and roads.

Commissioner Culver reported he checked roads, attended two 911 meetings and a special meeting with Blue Valley Community Action.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will participate in interviews for the public defender and noted that help may be needed for attaining workforce. He also noted that he and others are going to try to start a project concerning 4-H.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the 911 Board meeting, an EMS meeting with the Emergency Manager, worked with 911 bills, and met with a representative from the City of Seward concerning East Seward Road.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to accept the Zoning Fee Report for November 2021 in the amount of \$900.00.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:43 a.m.

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

Zabrocki led discussion and gave information about the recommendation for a new 911 Director.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to accept the recommendation of the 911 Board and to hire Spencer Conradt as the 911 Director.

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

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, gave information about the wage for the position. She had surveyed several counties and gave information for a higher wage than what the present salary schedule shows. It was the recommendation of the E911 Board to give \$65,000 for the 911 Director. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, suggested that since Seward County has a personnel plan and the wage requested is in conflict with the plan, other offices might have problems with that when they have vacancies. Maria Hatfield and Sherry Schweitzer also questioned it.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to set the Annual Salary for the E911 Director at \$65,000.00.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki

Voting No: Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Fails

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to set the Annual Salary for the E911 Director at \$56,846.40 for the E911 Director.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Voting No: Zabrocki, Vrbka

Motion Carried

Travis Due, of the Village of Cordova, was present to give information about projects for which they would like the Commissioners to consider using County ARPA funds. Applications for three projects were submitted totaling approximately \$82,000.00.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to approve ARPA funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the Cordova Lift Station Project.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to approve ARPA funds in the amount of \$10,150.00 for the Cordova Sewer Project.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The third project did not qualify for the use of ARPA funds.

After general discussion on ARPA funds, as listed on the agenda, it was mentioned that an application for ARPA funds was received from CASA. They asked for \$1,278.99 to help with virtual training.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve ARPA funds in the amount of \$1,278.99 to CASA for virtual training equipment.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on December 28, 2021 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 14, 2021
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 28, 2021 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 21, 2021

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for January 4, 2022

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 11:02 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, 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 28th day of December 2021.

County Clerk

Chairperson