December 29, 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 29, 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 29,2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver Members: Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer Absent: Member: Bob Vrbka

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 Schmieding to approve the minutes of December 22, 2020.

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

During public official's time on the agenda, Sheriff Vance reported the roads are very bad at the current time.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she sat in on the Veteran's Service Officer interviews and helped with the Planning & Zoning Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended two Zoom meetings with Four Corners Health Dist. and received a constituent request about roads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported that SENDD is helping with a broadband issue and received a question about masks in the courthouse.

Commissioner Paulsen reported she also participated in a Zoom meeting with BRIDGES.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the following "Agenda Request" form effective 1/1/2021:

AGENDA REQUEST

Return to:

TODAY'S DATE:	Seward County Clerk Phone: 402-643-2883
Your Name:	email: sschweitzer@co.seward.ne.us
Telephone:	-
COMMISSIONER MEETING DATE:	
If you want a specific time, indicate below and a time will be	assigned to you
Yes I want a time assigned No, I don't need a time assigned	
MEETING SUBJECT: According to Nebraska Law the item shall be <i>sufficiently descriptive</i> to give the public reasonable notice of the matter to be considered at the meeting	
Discuss/Action	
 PLEASE NOTE: 1. If you want to put an item on the agenda requesting the E document approved by the County Attorney BEFORE an 	Board's signature, please have the
2. You MUST provide the document at the time the request	is submitted.
Agenda requests can be submitted no later than 24 hours before the meeting in which the subject of the request is to be discussed.	
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Paulsen, Culve	er Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:12 a.m. The Commissioners re-convened at 9:16 a.m.

Chairman Culver presented awards to employees with many years of service with Seward County.

Those receiving the certificates were: Timothy E. Huntington – 10 years Jeffrey M. Baker – 15 years Craig James Stava – 15 Years Tanya Woolsey – 20 years Deanna Boyer – 25 years

Those retiring in 2020 and receiving a cedar box engraved with a picture of the Seward courthouse were Barb Liska, Dave Pankoke, Rick Bell, and Mike Janssen.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:21 a.m. The Commissioners re-convened at 9:30 a.m.

Marilyn Hladky, County Assessor, led discussion on the awarding of bids for Ortho and Digital Oblique Imagery and Software. She recommended taking the one bid submitted from Eagleview. The bid was for \$172,783.78 and was for a period of 6 years.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Paulsen to accept the bid from Eagleview for \$172,783.78 for Ortho and Digital Oblique Imagery and Software. Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Paulsen, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Sheriff Mike Vance was present to discuss the Volunteer Community Liaison for the Sheriff's Office. He said he has been thinking about appointing a Volunteer Community Liaison for the Sheriff's Office for quite a while. Vance said this person would be a

liaison between community clubs/associations. He has appointed Sharon Dickinson, who was in attendance at said meeting, and introduced her to the Board.

The lease agreement for the Task Force Building will be put on a future meeting agenda as it was not ready to be discussed.

He also reported on a Deputy Sheriff who is in the hospital with COVID-19. He asks for prayers.

Jeff Baker, Veteran's Service Officer/Public Transit Director, was present to discuss restructuring his position. Baker, who is resigning effective 12/31/2020, stated he would like to see the Veteran's Officer Position as a full-time position. He gave a history of his position in the last 10 years. Chairman Culver stated he would like to keep the position as it currently is, especially since it is mid-year in the budget. After lengthy discussion, it was decided to leave the position of the Veteran's Service Officer/Public Transit Director/ General Assistance Director/Fleet Director as is.

The Commissioners then discussed appointing a new Veteran's Service Officer. After information given by Baker pertaining to the interviews, he informed the Commissioners that the Veteran's Service Committee recommended Matthew Starkey with a starting wage of \$47,000.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Paulsen to appoint Matthew Starkey as the Veteran's Service Officer/Public Transit Director/ General Assistance Director/Fleet Director. Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Paulsen, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation Agreement for Scheduling Software Project Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 5, 2021 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

- 1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Discuss/Action Public/Officials/Boards
- 4. Discuss/Action Approve minutes of December 29, 2020

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

- 5. Commissioners Reports
- 6. Discuss/Action Agenda for January 12, 2021

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 11:02 a.m. Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Schmieding, 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 5th day of January 2021.