

# February 6, 2024

## 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 February 6, 2024 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 February 6, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic  
Members: Raegan Hain, John Culver, Darrell Zabrocki  
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer  
Absent: Member: Ken Schmieding

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.

Jacob Jennings representing the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) updated the Commissioners on the organization's activities.

Those officials present for their monthly updates to the Commissioners were Jon Regnier, Tim Huntington and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the minutes of January 30, 2024.  
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Culver, Ahmic Motion Carried

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he participated in a Zoom meeting with the Emergency Manager and also with the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA), worked with the auditor on their billing, worked with the County Clerk about the incidents reported to insurance.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended a meeting with Allo, went to the Capital to talk to Senators about legislative bills pertinent to County business, attended the Beaver Crossing Trustee meeting, worked on legislative issues, and met with a constituent about assessment matters. She also reported she received letters of support for the Road Dept. and Detention Center staff during the storm in January.

Commissioner Culver reported he also met with Senators and Commissioner Ahmic on county matters, checked roads, and is keeping up on legislative matters concerning county business.

Commissioner Hain reported she received letters of support for grants, met with the Highway Supt. on engineering plans for a project, met with a few constituents, checked roads, went to the Utica Senior Center and introduced the new County Aging Services Director, sent letters to State Senators, plans to attend a legislative hearing Thursday and reported on the Detention Center Applications.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:14 a.m.  
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:15 a.m.

Jake Zlatkovsky, County Treasurer, was present to give information about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to accept the Seward County Treasurer's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Culver, Zabrocki, Ahmic

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed the renewal of the Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Zabrocki to request an increase of insurance from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 for Cyber Liability Insurance Coverage.

Affirmative Vote: Culver, Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Culver to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for January 2024 in the amount of \$25,943.30.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Culver, Hain, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for January 2024 in the amount of \$10,484.21

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Culver, Zabrocki, Ahmic

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed street names and address updates for 911 purposes. The zoning regulations, in regard to names for shared private driveways are of issue. Currently, houses on a shared driveway have addresses with a Lot number. The regulations now say that these residences can have a named road for an address instead of a unit number. Ahmic stated last fall, she and the 911 Director visited each site where driveways led to multiple housing and then letters were sent out to the owners giving them options of new addresses. Some replied, some did not and some did not follow directions as to what they would like to have their address changed to. Ahmic asked for direction from the Board about going forward with this plan. It was decided the Zoning Director should send a 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to those who did not respond to give them another chance to choose a name for their driveway. Discussion will continue in two weeks when the Zoning Administrator can attend the hearing.

Regnier was present to ask the Commissioners approve a lease for a skid loader.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Culver to authorize the Chairperson to sign a one-year lease with Nebraska Machinery Company for a skid loader in the amount of \$8,150.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Culver, Hain, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Sheriff Mike Vance was present to ask the Commissioners to consider a contract with the Village of Beaver Crossing for law enforcement services. He gave information on previous contracts with the village.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to authorize the Chairperson to sign an agreement with the Village of Beaver Crossing for law enforcement services.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Culver, Zabrocki, Ahmic

Motion Carried

The Board considered adopting a consent agenda item for the Board of Commissioners. Questions arose from the discussion last week. It was decided approving minutes and fee reports could be items on the agenda.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to adopt a consent agenda for the Seward County Board of Commissioners agenda and that it consist of minutes and fee reports.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Culver, Zabrocki, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 10:14 to discuss strategy.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Culver, Ahmic

Motion Carried

The Chairperson re-stated that the Executive Session is for strategy.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to go out of Executive Session at 11:01 a.m.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Culver, Ahmic Motion Carried

Chair Ahmic stated no action was taken during Executive Session and only strategy was discussed.

Chairperson Ahmic led discussion on the legislative update item on the agenda. She gave information about hearings going on and stated she had let Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) know that the Seward County Board will be submitting opposing comments for LB 1067. Commissioner Culver said he was specifically going to the hearing for LB 1097. He will also try to be at the hearing for LB 1375. Commissioner Hain spoke about a bill in regard to the opioid funds that have been awarded through the various opioid court cases.

Commissioner Hain updated the Board about an engineering study for a road project on 420<sup>th</sup> Road. An engineering study had already been done on this road, but the study is years old. This project would be funded from a grant she is involved with attaining. Commissioner Ahmic will also be doing a Webex with representatives of the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) in regard to the Safe Street and Roads Grants that are available. Hain also said she has been communicating with a Utica Village Trustee about the county hiring a grant writer. Ahmic stated she knows a person that works as a grant writer. Discussion was held in regard to costs to hire a grant writer, sharing the cost with other entities, what kind of grants could be applied for, etc.

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on February 13, 2024 are as follows:**

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of January 23, 2024
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on February 13, 2024 are as follows:**

9:00 a.m.

5. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
6. Pledge of Allegiance
7. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of February 6, 2024
8. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through Feb 2, 2024

**Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows**

9. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
10. Commissioners Reports
11. Discuss/Action – Accident Claim Review
12. Discuss/Action – Grant Funds being Sought by Seward County
13. Discuss/Action – Legislative Update
14. Discuss/Action – Agenda for February 20, 2024

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res. – Authorize the Chairman sign the contract with Midwest Infrastructure Inc for Project BRO-7748(1) Beaver Crossing South

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 11:47 a.m.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Culver, Ahmic 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson