

February 21, 2023

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 February 21, 2023 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 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

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

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 Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of February 14, 2023.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Seward County Broadband meeting and a meeting with CASA, helped the Treasurer's office with their Sam.gov account, talked with a Universal Broadband Consulting representative, and attended an SCCDP meeting via Zoom.

Commissioner Culver reported on the closure of county offices last week due to the snowstorm, talked to the District Court Bailiff about a door to her office, attended the NACO County Board Chair workshop, attended the Safety Committee meeting, and will attend a Blue Valley Community Action meeting in Geneva tonight.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended an Extension Board meeting and has a Visitors Committee meeting this week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Broadband meeting, had a meeting with the Highway Supt., and had meetings rescheduled because of the storm.

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, was present to discuss the emergency safe room built at the West Wing building. He said there will need to be some caulking done but overall, it is complete. Atlas Safe Rooms Inc. constructed it at a cost of \$46,980.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the invoice from Atlas Safe Rooms in the amount of \$46,980 with funding to come out of County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3738 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to pledge additional securities.

**Resolution No. 3738 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners**

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank desires to pledge the following security:

Description	CUSIP Number	Market Value
SARPY CNTY NE SAN & IMPT DIST	80376MBJ7	\$360,000.00
DOUGLAS CNTY NE SAN & IMPT DIS	25940CCZ4	\$285,000.00

Whereas, County deposits must be protected at all times,

Therefore, this County Board accepts the above security pledging by the Jones Bank as of 02/21/23.

Moved by: Schmieding Seconded by: Zabrocki 02/21/2023

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic,

John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3739 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to withdraw pledged securities.

**Resolution No. 3739 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners**

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank desires to withdraw the following security:

Description	CUSIP Number	Market Value
SARPY CNTY NE SAN & IMPT DIST	80388AAY7	\$150,000.00
SARPY CNTY NE SAN & IMPT DIS	80377XDE1	\$150,000.00
FN MA4268	31418DW65	\$953,879.43
FN MA4288	31418DXS6	\$937,445.14

Whereas, County will still be fully protected at all times,

Therefore, Let it be resolved, the above withdrawal by the Jones Bank is approved by this County Board as of 01/17/23.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Schmieding 02/21/2023

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic,

John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Wicht, along with Adam Mace of Mainelli Wagner & Associates Engineering Firm was present to give his recommendations for the awarding of bids for two road projects.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to award the bid for Paving Project C-80 (687) South of Goehner on 364th Road for 400 feet to Gehring Construction for \$136,200.10.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to award the bid for Paving Project C-80 (676) South of Milford on 238th Road to the County line to Ten Point Construction for \$447,379.60.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3740 in regard to the County Bridge Match Agreement with the NE Dept. of Transportation for Bridge Project C008001405 in the amount of \$624,102.00.

RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT – BL2348

SEWARD COUNTY
RESOLUTION No. 3740

Whereas: Seward County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain County Bridge Match funds; and

Whereas: Seward County understands that it must strictly follow all State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the project; and

Whereas: Seward County and Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County that:

Chair of the Seward County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between Seward County and the NDOT.

Seward County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement.

NDOT Project Number: STWD-CBMP(7)
NDOT Control Number: 00974F
NDOT Project Name: County Bridge Match Program

Adopted this 21st day of February 2023 at Seward Nebraska.

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Board/Council Member Zabrocki
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Schmieding seconded the motion
Roll Call: 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk
*Agreement is attached and filed with Resolution.

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

Emily Manning of the Extension Office was present to give information for the Board to choose a new member of the Extension Board of Directors.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to appoint Christine Haney to the Seward County Extension Board of Directors representing District 5 for a term starting 1/1/2023 to 1/1/2025.

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

The fee reports for Zoning will be postponed until the week of Feb 28.

The Commissioners discussed Legislative Resolution 1CA that deals with unfunded mandates. It was introduced in the legislature stating no new state law can be passed without the state funding it. Commissioner Ahmic led discussion that attending the hearing for this is showing support. Commissioners Schmieding and Zabrocki indicated they would be able to attend along with Commissioner Ahmic.

The Commissioners also discussed signing a letter of support for a grant application for Southeast Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve a letter of support for a Southeast NE CASA grant application.

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

Dave Kendle representing the Libertarian Party requested a Special Designated Liquor Permit for a fundraising event.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Special Designated Liquor Permit for the Seward County Libertarian Party for a fundraiser to be held on June 3, 2023 at 1699 Bluff Rd., Garland, NE.

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

In regard to the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Commissioner Culver stated the subject was discussed at a workshop he recently attended. He stated that Jefferson County had applied for a grant and was turned down. The Commissioners discussed the need for help for the villages, cities and counties with the process to apply for grants.

The Commissioners discussed an invoice from the Village of Cordova for a project to be paid by the County ARPA funds. The Commissioners will let them know more information needs to be submitted in order for it to be paid.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:13 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:15 a.m.

Jake Hill and Leroy Trease representing the Village of Pleasant Dale were present to give information about a drinking water project for which they would like to have County ARPA funding.

Moved to Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request from the Village of Pleasant Dale for County ARPA funding for a drinking water project in the amount of \$171,766.54.

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

David Avery of Windstream spoke to the board about Windstream's broadband applications for grants.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on February 28, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of February 14, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on February 28, 2023 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of February 21, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through February 17, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Accept the Zoning Administrator’s Fee Report for December 2022- \$1,175.00
8. Discuss/Action – Accept the Zoning Administrator’s Fee Report for January 2023 – \$1,125.00
9. Discuss/Action – Public Defender Vacancy
10. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
11. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
12. Discuss/Action – Agenda for March 7, 2023

9:30 a.m. Hearing – Public Transit Fees
Discuss/Action – Res. – Public Transit Fees

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Todd Francisco/ALLO – Phone System Demonstration and Present Proposal

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 10:31 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, 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 February 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson