

# January 2, 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 January 2, 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 January 2, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP), updated the Commissioners on activities of his organization.

Those officials updating the Commissioners on activities of their office/departments were Ann Dobesh, Jon Regnier and Sherry Schweitzer.

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, was present to give Sherry Schweitzer a Certificate of Recognition for 45 years of service to Seward County.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of December 26, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Hain, Zabrocki, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the claims for the period through December 22, 2023.

### SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH DECEMBER 22, 2023

ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	TAMORA VOL FIRE DEPT	SE	\$679.19
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,714.05	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	EQ	\$1,142.91
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$171.04	UNL AEM BUSINESS CENTER	SE	\$10,514.67
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$19.51	VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES	UT	\$902.47
ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	UT	\$1,568.78	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$36.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$20,687.23	VISA	FE	\$934.79
A1 COMPLETE SERVICES	SE	\$2,000.00	VOLZKE FUNERAL HOME	SE	\$800.00
BERN'S BODY SHOP	EQ	\$1,000.00	WELLS FARGO FINAN LEAS	EQ	\$230.66
BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY	SE	\$1,990.00	YORK COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$18.50
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	YUMA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SE	\$38.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SE	\$39.14	911 CUSTOM	SE	\$140.00
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$4,956.97	BAUER BUILT INC	EQ	\$3,935.82
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	TR	\$404.85	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,373.48
CUMMINS SALES	EQ	\$1,592.56	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$23,872.48
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$211.37	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$75.65
GALLS LLC	SE	\$340.25	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$82,252.80
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$74.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES INC	SU	\$35.00
GBE CPA	SE	\$6,279.00	MIDWEST PETROLEUM EQUIP	EQ	\$113.44
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$2,138.74	NEWMAN SIGNS, INC	SU	\$1,389.05
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$393.00	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$21,690.00

HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	EQ	\$704.42	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$57.68
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$476.12	OLD COTTONWOOD ANTIQUES	FE	\$1,000.00
IDEMIA IDENTITY	SE	\$1,869.00	MILFORD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$126.70
INSIGHT PUB SECT SLED	EQ	\$313.30	SEWARD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$504.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,658.78	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$200.20
DAVID KIMBLE	SE	\$216.00	ALLISON SOMMERFELD	SE	\$627.57
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	EQ	\$262.96	MORGAN CAMPBELL	SE	\$102.94
MCHENRY, HASZARD	SE	\$500.00	AWARDS UNLIMITED, INC	SU	\$407.80
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$135.00	ELITE VEHICLE OUTFITTERS	EQ	\$11,997.30
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$1,142.20	GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN NORTH	EQ	\$868.84
MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$79.90	HIRERIGHT LLC	SE	\$45.50
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	SE	\$2,535.15	HITZ TOWING INC	SE	\$319.56
MIPS INC	SE	\$570.44	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$752.43
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$90.00	RELENTLESS MERCH	SU	\$604.00
NE WATER FUTURES	FE	\$3,000.00	ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTNG	SE	\$738.50
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$38.11	TIMECLOCK PLUS, LLC	SE	\$1,386.00
PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	SE	\$211.20	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$285.83
POLLACK AND BALL LLC	SE	\$1,098.50	DELL MARKETING L P	SE	\$161.19
QUADIANT FINANCE USA	EQ	\$242.00	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNICATE	SE	\$150.00
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$70.49	PHILIP CARKOSKI CONSTR	SE	\$119,261.21
RIXSTINE TROPHY CO	SU	\$27.09	CENTURYLINK	FE	\$9,189.33
SEWARD CO CHAMBER	FE	\$110.00	NATL EMERGENCY # ASSN	SE	\$1,075.00
SEWARD CO ROAD FUND	FE	\$650,000.00	SALARIES		
SEWARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	SE	\$67.32	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$413.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$1,382.40	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
ST OF NE DEPT OF CORR.SERV	SE	\$6,469.93	DELTA DENTAL		
STEPHENSON TRUCK REPAIR	SE	\$1,000.00	VSP VISION		
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$7,844.45	WADDELL & REED		
SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$800.00			

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the new County Court Clerk Magistrate ceremony and worked on matters with the E911 Dept. and Building & Grounds Dept.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will attend the Extension Meeting, Visitors Committee Meeting and Region V meetings in the near future.

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with various county communications.

Commissioner Hain reported she followed up with reports of road matters, worked with Four Corners Health Dept. on a class that will be offered at the Detention Center, and is working with the HR Office on vehicle logos.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked with Allo on internet and phone system changes, spent time in the Public Defender's Office, visited with another entity about gaming taxes, and gave updated information about the Safe Streets and Roads Grant.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:13 a.m.

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

Laura McDougal and Katherine Seufferlein of the Four Corners Health District were present to update the Commissioners on activities of their organization. They stated the Health District was awarded a grant called Healthy Families of America program for young children. They also gave information about other programs they currently work with.

Sheriff Mike Vance was present to give an update with staffing at the Sheriff's Office and Detention Center. He stated things are running smoothly and there has been no reduction in services. They have received various applications for the Detention Center Director and other staff openings. He said an application was received from a previous employee.



Marilyn Hladky, Assessor, was present to discuss a new job description in her office, Administrative Clerk III. The Deputy Assessor recently resigned, and Hladky is replacing the deputy position with a current employee that has different duties than the previous deputy. The new job description of Administrative Clerk III involves the work done previously by her deputy. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, asked that if the value of the duties of the previous deputy was met, why not keep the deputy's duties the same. Commissioner Zabrocki said he was not in favor of creating a job for the person and modifying duties to fit a person. Hladky stated she had looked at other county's wages to get information for an appropriate wage but was unable to find an exact match and said she is in a time crunch and needs to hire someone. Commissioner Ahmic asked the HR Dept. to conduct an analysis of nearby counties and find out what the deputy assessor's duties are. No decision was made at this time.

Eric Hofer, Building & Grounds Supt., was present to request approval of the contracts for Campbell Cleaning for the Courthouse, Justice Center and West Wing.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract renewals for Campbell Cleaning.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to go into Executive Session for strategy at 11:23 a.m.

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

The Chairman stated the Executive Session was for a strategy.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to close the Executive Session at 11:59 a.m.

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

The Chairman stated no decisions were made.

The Commissioners recessed at 12:03 p.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 12:06 p.m.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the appointment of a Highway Supt. item on the agenda.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to, pending his acceptance, appoint Jon Regnier as the permanent Highway Supt. and set the wage at \$75,650 effective today, January 2, 2024.

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

Mr. Regnier was in attendance and accepted the appointment.

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on January 9, 2024 are as follows:**

**8:30 a.m. Reorganizational Meeting**

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 26, 2023
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 9, 2024 are as follows:**

**9:00 a.m. Reorganizational Meeting**

6. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
7. Pledge of Allegiance

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

- 8. Discuss/Action – Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
- 9. Discuss/Action – Appoint Office Liaisons, Make Committee Appointments, Select Depositories, Newspapers, Set Wages of Deputy Officials and other Reorganizational Meeting Responsibilities
- 10. Approve Minutes of January 2, 2024
- 11. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
- 12. Commissioners Reports
- 13. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
- 14. Discuss/Action – Agenda for January 16, 2024

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn the Seward County Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson