

January 3, 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 8:30 a.m. on January 3, 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 December 3, 2023 at 8:30 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.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) updated the Commissioners on activities of his organization. He introduced a new employee, Joni Brecka, who is the new marketing director for SCCDP.

Lauri Sherman, Executive Director of BRIDGES, updated the Commissioners on activities of the organization.

Those officials present for their monthly meeting with the Commissioners were Gary Petersen, Ann Dobesh, Emily Manning and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of December 27, 2022.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the claims for the period through December 23, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 2022

ADP LLC	SE	\$2,607.05	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$3,136.50
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$38.90	BAUER BUILT INC	EQ	\$14,175.52
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$18,718.61	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,899.62
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$480.00	CENTRAL STATES HYDRAULIC	EQ	\$584.06
BOB BARKER COMPANY	SE	\$353.20	DALE JOHNSON ENT, INC	SU	\$38,764.88
BRENNAN, NIELSEN...LAW	SE	\$1,123.25	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$30,873.85
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$46.39	LANCASTER CO ENGINEERING	SE	\$36,587.40
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES INC	SU	\$105.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$33.99	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO INC	SE	\$119.28
CATTLE BANK & TRUST	SE	\$38.80	RUBBER INC	SU	\$1,087.78
DES MOINES STAMP MFG	SU	\$74.15	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	SE	\$616.57
E 911	SE	\$37,100.67	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$55.76
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$2,611.54	WALNUT CREEK REPAIR	SE	\$85.00
FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS	SU	\$1,250.00	GEHRING CONST & READY MIX	SU	\$18,966.59
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$1,649.70	SHARON HAMBEEK	SE	\$525.16
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$315.25	MERLES FLOWER SHOP INC	SE	\$95.53
GALLS LLC	SE	\$118.07	NE NAT GUARD MUSEUM	FE	\$86.00
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$28.00	NE RURAL RADIO ASSOC	FE	\$130.00

GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,488.85	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$1,322.31
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$561.00	CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY	FE	\$500.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$881.86	EAST HILLS INN & SUITES	TR	\$3,500.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,995.54	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$4,046.80
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$6,585.41	KIDWELL INC	EQ	\$1,935.00
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$43,134.53	STALKER RA	SE	\$148.00
NE ASSN EMERG MGMT	FE	\$50.00	AWARDS UNLIMITED, INC	SU	\$150.60
NE STATE BAR ASSOC	FE	\$301.50	GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	EQ	\$519.68
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$138.56	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$199.99
ORKIN LLC	SE	\$147.00	JONES BANK	SE	\$50.00
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$1,021.25	LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$343.04
SEWARD CO CHAMBER	FE	\$606.00	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$336.27
SEW CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$97,934.96	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$126.00
SEWARD CO TREASURER	SE	\$80.00	DEPT HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$4,433.60
SPORTS EXPRESS INC	SU	\$5.50	ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTNG	SE	\$115.00
ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$1,152.00	SALARIES		\$273,148.85
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,232.77	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$360.07	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
TWIN RIVERS HEALTH CARE	SE	\$90.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$1,123.88	DELTA DENTAL		
VISA	FE	\$2,472.36	VSP VISION		
VOSS LIGHTING	SU	\$388.30	WADDELL & REED		

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with the Jana Hughes, newly elected State Senator for the 24th District on issues involving the county, attended the Four Corners Health District meeting, met with Matt Starkey about the county fleet vehicles, worked with HR on a personnel issue and checked with villages about funds available from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Commissioner Vrbka had no report but thanked the members of the Board during his tenure on the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Culver thanked Commissioner Vrbka for his work on the Board and reported he worked on a Seward/Saline Solid Waste issue, received comments about road issues, and met with Jana Hughes on legislative issues.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he didn't have any meeting this week but the organizations he represents are preparing for the 2023 year.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he will attend the Seward City Council meeting this coming week.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to accept the 2nd quarter Investment Report from the Seward County Treasurer.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3726 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to pledge additional securities.

Resolution No. 3726 of the Seward County Board of Commissioners

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

DESCRIP	CUSIP#	MARKET VALUE
SARPY CNTY NE SAN &IMPT	80377XDE1	\$ 150,000.00

Whereas: County deposits must be protected at all times.

Therefore, this County Board accepts the above security pledging by the Jones Bank as of 12/29/2022.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Zabrocki Dated: 01/03/2023
Ayes: Darrell Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Robert Vrbka,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the resignation of Tera Koetter who was elected Clerk of the District Court for the 2023-2026 term.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to appoint Sheila Lueders as Clerk of the District Court for the 2023-2026 term.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on infrastructure grants. She and Terry Wicht, Seward County Highway Supt., are meeting with an engineering firm to discuss infrastructure grants applicable for Seward County.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:10 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:15 a.m.

In regard to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds item on the agenda, Chris Shipley, representing the Village of Bee, was present to explain a lift station project for the Village of Bee. He stated the village is requesting County ARPA funds. Commissioner Ahmic asked several questions about the projects that Bee had mentioned previously. Shipley stated that the Village of Bee is willing to use their ARPA Funds for this project.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve ARPA funds \$133,861.21 for the Village of Bee for their Lift Station Renovation Project.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was in attendance to ask the Commissioners to approve a Task Order Agreement for a project near Beaver Crossing.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3727 in regard to approving a Task Order Agreement for Project BRO-7080(55) Beaver Crossing Southeast.

RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT –
BK2271

Seward County
Resolution No. 3727

Whereas: Seward County is developing a transportation project for which it intends to obtain Federal funds; and

Whereas: Seward County as a sub-recipient of Federal-Aid funding is charged with the responsibility of expending said funds in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project; and

Whereas: Seward County and Olsson, Inc. wish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to provide Environmental Services for the Federal-aid project.

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

John Culver, Chair of the Seward County Board of Commissioners, is hereby authorized to sign the attached Environmental Services agreement between Seward County, Nebraska and Olsson, Inc.

NDOT Project Number: BRO-7080(55)
NDOT Control Number: 13521
NDOT Project Description: Beaver Crossing Southeast

Adopted this 3rd day of January 2023 at Seward Nebraska.

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

Board/Council Member Zabrocki
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Ahmic Seconded the Motion
Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as adopted

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

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

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director was present to inform the Commissioners that the City of Milford would like to be included in the Interlocal for the Zuercher program. Because the Zuercher program is run via an interlocal, the Commissioners and other stakeholders will have to sign to approve it. Hatfield stated there would be no costs to the other stakeholders of the Interlocal and that the City of Milford would incur all costs associated with having the Zuercher program.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign Addendum # 1 adding the City of Milford as a party to the Interlocal Agreement for a Cooperative Public Safety Computer Program with Butler, Saline and York Counties and the Cities of Seward and York.

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

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, and Wicht were present to discuss a wage for a former employee who applied for a current job opening in the Road Dept. Sanchez said the person had voluntarily resigned in July of 2022.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to hire a former employee and to start at the last hourly wage of \$20.29, which was the wage he was earning when he left.

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

During the ARPA Funds item on the agenda, Ahmic led discussion and reported that she was asked questions by the county auditor about ARPA expenditures and recited some updates from the villages of Pleasant Dale, Utica, and Staplehurst. The County Attorney's Office is looking through the RFP for broadband for Seward County, but Ahmic suggested to have someone look through it that is familiar with Broadband issues. She stated that ARPA funds can be used to pay for this service.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on January 10, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

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 January 3, 2023
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

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9:00 a.m.

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2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
4. Discuss/Action – Appoint Office Liaisons, Make Committee Appointments, and Set Officials’ Deputies’ Wages
5. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of January 3, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
7. Discuss/Action - Commissioners Reports
8. Expenditure Intention for Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
10. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
11. Discuss/Action – Agenda for January 17, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Appoint Spirited Member for Seward County on the Four Corners Health District Board

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – 2022/2023 Yearly Reports for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture from the Seward County Weed Control Superintendent

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:24 a.m.

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

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 10th of January 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson