

January 5, 2021

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 5, 2021 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 5, 2021 at 8:30 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.

Those officials at the meeting updating the Commissioners on activities of their offices were: Gary Petersen, Marilyn Hladky, Maria Hatfield, Andrew Matney and Sherry Schweitzer.

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

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Ahmic to approve the claims for the period through December 28, 2020.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH DECEMBER 28, 2020

ADP LLC	SE	\$2,598.35	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$856.03
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$242.49	CHEMSEARCH	SE	\$1,168.85
AGING PARTNERS	SE	\$39,474.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SE	\$8,897.71
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$18,759.30	FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$17,554.76
BEAR GRAPHICS INC	SE	\$274.00	KERFORD LIMESTONE CO	SU	\$14,740.26
BIG TINTS & ACC	SE	\$180.00	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOC	SU	\$5,645.30
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$2,255.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES INC	SU	\$35.00
CAPITAL BUS SYS	SU	\$25.00	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES	SE	\$98.00
CASA	SE	\$37,500.00	NE EQUIPMENT INC	SU	\$85.37
E 911	SE	\$36,687.33	POWERPLAN	SE	\$940.30
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$202.20	SEWARD CO TREASURER	FE	\$15.00
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$465.00	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE	SE	\$97.56
FRYE FRAZEY & ASSOC	SE	\$4,230.00	VILLAGE OF GOEHNER	FE	\$399.00
GALLS LLC	SE	\$1,114.76	VILLAGE OF UTICA	FE	\$53.48
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,283.95	DRAGON PALACE	FE	\$2,500.00
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$267.00	DELTA DENTAL OF NE	SE	\$88.31
EMILY HEMPHILL	SE	\$15.53	TRITECH SOFTWARE SYS	SU	\$4,483.80
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$266.73	BAUDVILLE	SE	\$1,440.62
INDOFF INC	SU	\$531.76	ART WEARS LINCOLN	SU	\$1,249.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,300.43	ATLAS BUSINESS SOL	SU	\$918.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$684.00	BIZCO INC	SE	\$251.71
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$1,418.16	CULLIGAN	SE	\$24.75
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	SE	\$35,417.39	DELL MARKETING L P	SE	\$1,230.02
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$1,228.50	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$503.45
MIDWEST TOWING	SE	\$85.44	MID STATES ORGAN CRIME	SE	\$150.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$75.00	MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$323.94

NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$90.00	SHINETECH SOFTWARE	SU	\$6,492.50
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$26.75	THE EMBLEM AUTHORITY	SU	\$791.50
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$17.00	WATCH GUARD VIDEO	SE	\$135.00
REDWOOD TOXCLGY LAB	SE	\$72.00	911 CUSTOM	SE	\$936.37
ROPER & SONS FUNERAL	SE	\$1,340.00	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNICATE	SE	\$150.00
SEW CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$198,773.80	YORK COUNTY EMA	SE	\$10,936.34
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$54.53	CENTENNIAL TEAMMATES	SE	\$234.00
SEWARD CO ROAD FND	FE	\$500,000.00	NIRMA	FE	\$10,000.00
SEW CO SHRFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$136.00	NAT EMERGENCY # ASSN	FE	\$142.00
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	SE	\$436.05	ADVANCED CORRCTL HLTHCR	SE	\$166.00
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$231.84	ENCARTELE INC	SE	\$3,560.37
SPORTS EXPRESS INC	SU	\$2,499.85	SALARIES		\$273,883.54
ST OF NE DAS COMMUN	FE	\$1,152.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
ST OF NE DEPT OF CORR.SERV	SE	\$1,518.17	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$4,362.76	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SU	\$55.29	DELTA DENTAL		
VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,434.53	VSP VISION		
VISA	FE	\$397.06	WADDELL & REED		

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Paulsen to approve the minutes of December 28, 2020.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended a Planning & Zoning meeting.

Commissioner Culver reported he had phone calls and worked on the Human Resource Director vacancy.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended an open house at the Sheriff's new training center, worked with the Extension Office on a project, and checked the new bridge on South 2nd street.

Commissioner Paulsen reported that she worked on transferring emails to the new incoming Commissioner.

Commissioner Paulsen removed herself from the Board at 8:58 a.m.

Becky Paulsen, Weed and Zoning Administrator, brought a Short Form Plat for the Commissioner's consideration. It is named Highland Acres, located in F Precinct, in the East 1/2 NW 1/4 of Section 22 Township 11 North Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3554 in regard to approving the Highland Acres Short Form Plat located in F Precinct in the East 1/2 NW 1/4 of Section 22 Township 11 North Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION No. 3554 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Owner Tim Meinberg has applied for a Short Form Plat Subdivision described as a tract of land in the East 1/2 of the North West 1/4 of, Section 22, Township 11N, Range 2E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, the subdivision shall be called HIGHLAND ACRES SHORT FORM PLAT, and

WHEREAS, The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on December 29th, 2020 to consider the Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the HIGHLAND ACRES Short Form Plat with a vote of 6 For, 0 against, and 2 Absent and Not Voting, and

WHEREAS, X No one appeared to oppose the subdivision

Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision
 No one appeared to support the subdivision

Individuals appeared to support the subdivision
 Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve , Deny the HIGHLAND ACRES Short Form Plat with Resolution NO: 3554.

Paulsen was removed from the Board at the time this Resolution was passed.

Moved by: Schmieding Seconded by: Ahmic 01/05/2021
Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

Commissioner Paulsen returned to the Board at 9:01 a.m.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:02 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:05 p.m.

Jeff Baker, former Public Transit Director, brought a new job description to the Commissioners in regard to helping with the transition to the newly hired Veteran's Service Officer/Public Transit Director. Questions arose about the time this person would need to need to dedicate to this position.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Paulsen to approve the Temporary Part Time Job Position Public Transit Grant Administrator.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Paulsen, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

In regard to the Update Bank Signature Card item on the agenda, because Baker has left employment, bank account signature cards need to be updated.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Schmieding to update the Veterans Relief Fund Bank Account Signature Card to Matthew Starkey and Dan Kovar and for the Public Transit Signature Bank Account Signature Card to Matthew Starkey and Denise Carr.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:29 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, led discussion on COVID Leave after expiration of the Cares Relief Provisions. She explained that since the federal provisions expired, the Board should decide if they would want to continue on with the provisions relating to the COVID illness. She stated the current sick leave policy does not include Cares Act provisions. She said the Commissioners may want to change the sick leave policy to allow for sick leave due to the COVID illness or having to quarantine because of the COVID illness.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Schmieding to extend the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act of the Cares Relief Provisions Act effective retroactively to January 4, 2021.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on January 12, 2021 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 December 22, 2020
5. Discuss/Action – Tax List Corrections 325-20R, 326-20R and 327-20R
6. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 12, 2021 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Re-Organizational Meeting
4. Discuss/Action – Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
5. Discuss/Action – Appoint Office Liaisons, Make Committee Appointments, Appoint County Newspapers, Depositories, Coroner’s Physician, Highway Supt., Budget Making Authority & Set Officials’ Deputies’ Wages
6. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of January 5, 2021

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

7. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
8. Commissioners Reports
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for January 19, 2021

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 10:01 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Schmieding, Paulsen, Culver

Motion Carried

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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 12th day of January 2021.

County Clerk

Chairperson