

Seward County Board of Commissioners

July 18, 2017

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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 July 18, 2017 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 July 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairman: Roger E. Glawatz
Members: John Culver, Whitney Fleischman, Eugene Gausman,
Diana Garske
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairman 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 Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to approve the minutes of July 11, 2017.

Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Gausman, Garske, Culver, Glawatz Motion Carried

Sherry Schweitzer updated the Commissioners about budget information.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Culver reported he visited with the Hwy Supt. about road projects, met with constituents about weed issues, and attended the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Fleischman reported she worked with the County IT person about computer concerns.

Commissioner Gausman reported he attended an Extension Office Board meeting, the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, and discussed road conditions with the Hwy Supt.

Commissioner Garske reported she was in contact with the Victim Witness Office, met with Judge Stecker about his courtroom at the Justice Center, and went to a BRDIGES and Seward County Chamber Development & Partnership meeting.

Commissioner Glawatz reported he met with several officials about various county items.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director asked about inventories.

County Judge C. Jo Petersen and District Judge Stecker were present to discuss some concerns at the Justice Center that need to be taken care of before they move. Petersen said that they would like to move August 14, 2017. She asked about the counsel tables, reported the County Courtroom lights are not working, the computer room needs venting, and the storage room needs to be worked on. Fleischman

stated that a restroom in the court area will be modified so that it can be storage. Petersen stated then a modified plan for their court area needs to be sent to the Supreme Court for approval. Petersen also said they cannot move if District Court cannot move.

District Judge Stecker said the juror box in the District Courtroom needs to be worked on. There is not enough room for 13 chairs in the box. It requires a contractor to come in and make changes for the required jurors. Petersen said they would still like to move on Aug 14, so either the work for the juror box needs to be completed prior to Aug 14 or the work is done during off-work hours. If the box cannot be corrected by Aug 14, Petersen said it would be November or December before the courts could move. Stecker also said there is an ADA issue with an area around the corner of the witness box in the District Courtroom. They also need to switch the swivels on the jury box and fix the swinging doors so that they don't hit and rub.

The Commissioners said that they would get these things done so that the courts can schedule the movers for an August 14, 2017 move.

Rehema Kavugha, Director of Student Life at Concordia was present to ask permission to use the Courthouse Lawn for a "Carnival for Cans" Fundraiser. Proceeds would go towards the Lincoln Food Bank and the Blue Valley Community Action. The event would be planned for September 15, 2017. A bounce house, popcorn and snow machines, airbrush painting and yard games would be used.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to allow the fundraiser "Carnival for Cans" by Concordia University on the courthouse lawn on September 15, 2017. Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Gausman, Culver, Garske, Glawatz Motion Carried

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director was present to discuss increased medical needs for the Justice Center. Currently we have a contract with Advanced Correctional Healthcare for medical care. Hatfield said a change in the contract is warranted because of the increase in number of inmates and the mental health increased needs. Changing from an LPN to an RN was also discussed. Culver suggested looking into "Telehealth" which is what the State of Nebraska uses for its prisons. Fleischman stated she also would like to see the advantages of having an RN instead of an LPN, but would like to see if the cost outweighs the benefits. Hatfield will get more information and report back.

Bob Dahms County Treasurer, Susan Blomenberg, Deputy County Treasurer, Sherry Leising, a staff member of the Treasurer's Office and Marilyn Hladky, County Assessor were present to give information about various costs for their moves into different offices of the courthouse. They provided quotes for moving, assembling desks, electrical work, carpeting and some remodeling, etc. Both offices are utilizing some desks that are from other offices. Quotes are approximately \$15,000 for both offices expenses.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Culver to move forward with the relocation of the Assessor's and Treasurer's Offices in the courthouse with the costs to be paid out of the Inheritance Fund.

Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Culver, Gausman, Garske, Glawatz Motion Carried

Georgia Stockley, Highway Supt. was present to give an approximate cost of creating a shoo-fly for the Sunrise Road Project No. C-80 (617). She stated the additional cost would be \$33,000. It will need temporary easements and push back the timeline for completion of the project. Culver said the shoo-fly is important to the people living near the road and that it could be constructed first and then the project completed after that. Gausman also agreed that the shoo-fly is important to landowners and emergency vehicles.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Gausman to go ahead with the addition of a shoo-fly for the Sunrise Road Project.

Affirmative Vote: Culver, Gausman, Garske, Fleischman, Glawatz Motion Carried

Moved by Garske and seconded by Fleischman to approve the Right of Way request for Wayne Reetz in the SE ¼ of Section 27 Township 12 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Garske, Fleischman, Gausman, Culver, Glawatz Motion Carried

Commissioner Glawatz led discussion on property that the county owns near Tamora. Fred Schluckebier would like to cut the trees down. Stockley said that the area is in a protected wetland area and that, after contacting NRCS, he could cut trees down but have to leave the stumps. The NRCS would have to be contacted in order to do it. Glawatz will let Schluckebier know.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for June 2017 in the amount of \$2,200.97.

Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Gausman, Culver, Garske, Glawatz Motion Carried

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Garske to accept the County Treasurer's Distress Warrant Collection Report reconciling with that of the County Sheriff.

Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Garske, Culver, Gausman, Glawatz Motion Carried

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Garske to accept the County Treasurer's 4th Quarter/Annual Report.

Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Garske, Gausman, Culver, Glawatz Motion Carried

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Culver to accept the County Sheriff's Fee and Mileage Report for May 2017 in the amount of \$1,207.00 and \$649.14 respectively.

Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Culver, Garske, Gausman, Glawatz Motion Carried

During Justice Center update, Fleischman asked Joe Dalton, Deputy County Attorney to send a letter to the Supreme Court about the change for the storage area. Hatfield asked about mail at the Center. Garske stated cluster mailboxes have been ordered. Hatfield then asked if an informational board is planned since visitors need to know where to go. She also stated the court elevator is not working. Fleischman stated that she is frustrated with problems occurring at the jail.

Dalton advised the Commissioners of the last details of the contracts of construction of the Justice Center.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on July 25, 2017 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve Minutes of July 11, 2017
4. Discuss/Action - Tax List Correction # 154-16P
5. Discuss/Action - Assessor Information Update

8:35 a.m.

Hearing – Permissive Exemption for Blue River Pet Rescue
Discuss/Action - Decision on Permissive Exemption for Blue River Pet Rescue

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on July 25, 2017 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of July 18, 2017
4. Discuss/Action - Claims for July 2017

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
 6. Commissioner’s Reports
 7. Discuss/Action - Justice Center Update
 - 8.
- 9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action - Carman Hinman/Hope Crisis Center – Annual Report and request for contribution
- 10:15 a.m. Discuss/Action - Budget Meetings with Officials

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to adjourn at 11:30 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Gausman, Culver, Garske, Glawatz 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 25th day of July 2017.

County Clerk

Chairman