

July 30, 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 9:00 a.m. on July 30, 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 July 30, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic

Members: Raegan Hain, John Culver, 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.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a. Minutes of July 23, 2024
- b. Utility Permit in the NE ¼ of Section 33 Township 9 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m. for Norris Public Power to bore (from north to south) a minimum of 6 feet under Rokeby Road to provide electric service for a new home

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the claims for the period through July 19, 2024 as follows:

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JULY 19, 2024

ACCURATE CONTROLS	SE	\$1,856.36	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$23.99
ADP INC	SE	\$3,338.60	SARPY CO SHERIFF	SE	\$22.95
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTO	SE	\$305.79	SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$643.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$84.68	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,182.40
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$21,692.45	SEWARD CO PUB TRANSIT	SE	\$106.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$906.90	SEWARD CO SHERIFF	SE	\$62.90
BOB BARKER CO	SU	\$48.66	SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$363.00
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$28.00	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTNG	SE	\$910.50
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$9,250.00	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$7,151.68
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SE	\$39.14	THOMAS & THOMAS CRT RPR	SE	\$171.31
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$333.59	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	EQ	\$1,184.90
CONNER PSYCH SERV	SE	\$850.00	TREGG LUNN LAW	SE	\$1,037.50
CONSOLIDATED MGMT CO	SE	\$68.60	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$167.99
JACK DANIEL	SE	\$77.05	VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES	EQ	\$637.95
DELUXE	SU	\$224.76	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$36.00
DIVERSIFIED DRUG TEST	SE	\$172.00	VISA	FE	\$5,027.55
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$28.20	VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94
JESSICA DREIER	SE	\$849.60	WELLS FARGO FINAN LEAS	EQ	\$230.66
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQ	\$606.23	ACKERMAN ENGINEERING	SE	\$37.20
EGAN SUPPLY CO	SU	\$28.00	BEATRICE CONCRETE	SE	\$15,213.78
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	SE	\$102.90	BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$345.58
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,129.79	CHEMSEARCH	SE	\$1,240.65
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$1,511.92	FASTENAL CO	SU	\$638.90
HIRERIGHT LLC	SE	\$45.50	G & P DEVEL LANDFILL	SU	\$20.14
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$273.26	HOTSY EQUIP	EQ	\$105.00

INDOFF INC	SU	\$549.89	INLAND TRUCK PARTS	EQ	\$5,312.86
JONES BANK	SE	\$122.26	J R WELDING	SE	\$63.04
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$21,329.06	JOHN DEERE FINAN	EQ	\$59.83
KONICA MINOLTA PRE FIN	EQ	\$131.48	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$280.00
RYAN KRENK	SE	\$36.18	MILLER SEED	SU	\$378.00
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$127.00	NMC	EQ	\$6,600.00
LIFEGUARD MD	SE	\$199.00	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$1,631.11
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$175.09	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$17,685.69
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$684.09	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$13,111.23
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$354.82	CHAPTERS BOOKS	SU	\$135.05
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$2,416.37	AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$267.04
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$408.45	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$133,434.28
NE DEPT OF LABOR	SE	\$4,194.00	HERPOLSHEIMERS	EQ	\$667.46
NE DHHS	SE	\$90.00	AXON ENTERPRISES	EQ	\$19,958.12
NE LAW ENF TRAIN CT	FE	\$555.00	KIRKHAM, MICHAEL	SE	\$30,516.00
DALE NIEMANN	SE	\$34.84	DOUG'S HEATING & AIR	SE	\$1,212.50
OREILLY AUTOM	SU	\$223.30	ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$1,689.60
SCOTT PEKAREK	SE	\$34.84	CENTURYLINK	SE	\$1,568.81
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$476.44	LANGUAGE LINE SERV	SE	\$3.54
PIONEER AMBULANCE	SE	\$566.95	SALARIES		\$302,139.01
PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	SE	\$667.92	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
PLATTE CO SHERIFF	SE	\$20.10	AMERITAS DENTAL		
POLARIS LAW	SE	\$1,562.50	AMERITAS VISION		
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$1,050.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
QUADIENT FINANCE USA	EQ	\$260.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
RADIOLOGY ASSOC	SE	\$405.99	POINT C FSA		
ZOE RICHERT	SE	\$53.60	WADDELL & REED		

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

Emma Johnson and Katlynn Dewey of Nebraska Southeast Collaborative were present and introduced themselves to the Board.

Jon Regnier, Highway Supt., informed the Board that all the numbered road signs on 420th Road, North of Highway 34 have been stolen. These numbered signs get stolen often, he stated. He does not know about the signs south of Highway 34. Each sign is approximately \$40 and there are 32 signs. The Commissioners discussed what could be done to stop the thefts of these signs. Sheriff Vance was present and said his office has trail cameras and they could be used to try and catch the culprit.

Brandy Hafer, Public Transit Director, informed the Board that cameras have been installed in the Transit vehicles and the fleet vehicles.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he went to Alliance for the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) meeting, to the 4th of July meeting and a Housing meeting.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Visitors Committee meeting, gave information about an opening of a RV Park, will attend the County Fair next week to help the Visitors Committee booth and received calls about road concerns.

Ray Foreman, Veteran's Service Officer, was present for the Veteran of the Month presentation.

Lisa Borges, a Seward County Deputy Sheriff, is the Veteran of the Month. She gave information about her time that she was in the services. She said she spent two tours overseas and was in the services over 13 years.

Commissioners Reports: (cont.)

Commissioner Ahmic reported she participated in a Zoom with the Highway Supt. and NE District Road Engineer, had a meeting with the Public Transit Director, had a meeting with a representative of the Daughters of the American Revolution, meeting with the Road Dept. about road projects and grants, met with the Public Defender Policy Board, met with a Marvin Planning representative, had a Southeast District

Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) planning meeting and submitted testimony for LB 1 of the Special Session in the Legislature.

Commissioner Culver reported he met with a constituent on road issues and is listening to the Legislature in the Special Session.

Commissioner Hain reported she participated in a Zoom with the Highway Supt. and NE Road District Engineer, met with the Highway Supt. and their staff about road projects and the tire recycling event, had a meeting with a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, worked on a grant application, met with staff of Blue Valley Behavioral Health, and met for the Juvenile Justice Plan.

Donna Hendrickson of the Seward Chamber was present to request use of the lawn to help promote "5th Saturday Shop Local Event." She asked that the lawn be available to host games by the area businesses.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Seward Chamber's request to use of the Courthouse Lawn on August 31, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to support the "5th Saturday of the Month Event."

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:37 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:40 a.m.

Marilyn Hladky, Assessor, presented two agreements for the Commissioners' consideration.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chair to sign the Personal Property License & Service Contract with Vanguard for the Assessor's office.

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

The Commissioners had questions about the 2nd agreement on the agenda involving the Digital Map Products for Seward County and Lower Platte South NRD, and so the agreement was not acted on at this time.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:57 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:58 a.m.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve an annual Region V agreement with Seward County.

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

The Commissioners discussed budgets of several offices. First on the callback schedule was the Veterans Service budget and the Public Transit office. It was decided both offices would use the copy machine that was formerly used in the Public Defender's Office.

The Commissioners discussed grants. Hain led discussion on the meeting with a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This group could possibly help with abandoned cemetery repairs/cleanup. The grant available for this is a matching grant. Hain said the 4-H Clubs that have currently adopted a cemetery will be asked for information to help with the grant. In-kind contributions can be used for our part of the match for the grant. There was discussion about repairs and signage of the cemeteries.

Ann Dobesh, Extension Educator, and Jill Payne, Office Manager, were present for the Extension Office budget call back.

The Commissioners recessed at 11:06 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 11:11 a.m.

The next budget meeting was for the Jail budget and for the Sheriff budget.

The last budget call back was for Road. Jon Regneir and Heidi Fleishman were present to discuss changes.

The Board discussed the revenue received during last year's budget and the anticipated revenue for the next year.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on August 6, 2024 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Public/Organizations/Officials
4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of July 30, 2024

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Consider Increasing Insurance for Historic Reproduction Costs for the Seward County Courthouse
7. Discuss/Action – Increase Restricted Funds 1% for the 2024-2025 Seward County Budget
8. Discuss/Action – Grant Funds being Sought by Seward County
9. Budget Discussion for the 2024-2025 Budget
10. Discuss/Action – Executive Session -Personnel
11. Discuss/Action – Agenda for August 13, 2024

9:15 a.m. Public Hearing – Hearing - Conditional Use Permit
Discuss/Action – Res. Conditional Use Permit

9:30 a.m. Public Hearing – Hearing – Zoning Overlay
Discuss/Action – Res. – Zoning Overlay

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 1:16 p.m.

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

State of Nebraska)
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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 6th day of August 2024.

County Clerk

Chairperson