

June 7, 2022

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 June 7, 2022 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 June 7, 2022 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, updated the Commissioners on activities of his organization.

Harrison Helmer, Executive Director of BRIDGES, updated the Commissioners on activities of his organization.

Those officials present for their monthly meeting with the Commissioners were Marilyn Hladky and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of May 31, 2022.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve claims through the period of May 27, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MAY 27, 2022

ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	SID DILLON	SE	\$82.26
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,573.95	SIGNS NOW	SU	\$808.50
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$3,828.01	SMPC, LLC	SE	\$1,865.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$351.73	ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$1,152.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$1,287.63	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$7,381.56
AMERICAN JAIL ASSOC	FE	\$100.00	TELMATE LLC	SE	\$50.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$18,213.22	THE CHANGE CO	SE	\$739.06
ASHI & 24-7 EMS REMIT	SE	\$366.48	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR	SE	\$5,591.23
ASI SIGNAGE INNOVATIONS	SU	\$158.00	TWIN RIVERS HLTH CR	SE	\$25.00
AUTOMON LLC	EQ	\$2,969.38	UNL PRINT AND COPY	SU	\$164.89
BLACK DIAMOND AUTO DETAIL	SE	\$150.00	USPS	SU	\$10,000.00
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC LLC	SE	\$730.69	VERIZON WIRELESS	UT	\$2,569.19
BOB BARKER COMPANY	SU	\$4,738.12	VISA	FE	\$802.34
BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$30.80	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$870.30
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,380.00	WOODS & AITKEN	SE	\$440.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$29.87	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$322.74
CHARM-TEX	SU	\$94.90	CENTRAL SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$54,888.84
LINC LANC CO CHILD AD CENTE	SE	\$4,900.00	CENTRAL STATES HYDR	EQ	\$1,768.94
CO VETERANS SERV OFFICRS	FE	\$120.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$15,406.58
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	TR	\$286.20	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$43.27
CUMMINS SALES AND SERV	EQ	\$1,491.71	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$652.70

GREGORY C. DAMMAN	SE	\$380.00	MATHESON TRI-GAS	SU	\$2,266.87
DELL MARKETING L P	EQ	\$562.90	MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$104.49
E 911	FE	\$34,051.95	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$56.99
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,195.63	OSCEOLA IMPLEMENT	SE	\$42.68
EGAN SUPPLY CO	SU	\$5,176.79	POWERPLAN	SE	\$339.74
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$2,182.64	REED ELECTRIC	SE	\$247.18
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$18.75	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$35.16
GALLS LLC	SE	\$569.17	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$31,704.00
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$5.00	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$55.64
GRNUP, LLC	SE	\$700.00	KOLTERMAN, CLARK	SE	\$386.88
GUARDIAN RFID	SE	\$16.54	NE TRAVEL ASSOC	FE	\$250.00
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$752.00	SEWARD CO CHAMBER	SE	\$515.82
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$1,205.52	SEWARD TECHNOLOGY SERV	SE	\$414.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$459.09	LORI ANDERSON	SE	\$304.70
INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR SLED	SE	\$2,664.06	DELTA DENTAL OF NE	FE	\$29.97
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,415.10	VISION SERVICE PLAN INS	FE	\$23.29
DAVID KIMBLE	SE	\$486.00	AGING PARTNERS	SE	\$176.93
KONICA MINOLTA	SE	\$131.48	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$92.80
LA QUINTA INN & SUITES	TR	\$238.00	PETERS, BRIAN	SE	\$53.24
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$27.70	FORREST SIEBKEN	SE	\$1,259.92
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$22.13	CATTLE BANK & TRUST	SE	\$58.61
REBECCA MCKAY	SE	\$35.10	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$492.75
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$388.68	FEHLHAFERS INC	SE	\$15.00
MERLES GARDEN CENTER	SU	\$20.48	GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	EQ	\$575.60
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$119.00	GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$605.00
MID-AMERICAN INS	FE	\$47,132.14	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$175.99
MIDWEST CRT REPORTING	SE	\$75.00	HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$769.63
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$814.50	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$689.22
MILLS & REITER	SU	\$451.25	JONES BANK	SE	\$100.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$4,536.58	MIDWEST OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$39.99
NE ASSN CO CLERKS	FE	\$125.00	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$49,852.29
NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$2,660.20	NE LAW ENFORC TRAIN CT	FE	\$360.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$4,041.97	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$271.80
QUADIENT LEASING USA	SE	\$81.98	SECURITY EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$221.70
QUILL CORPORATION	SU	\$311.91	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$167.99
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$58.64	CEDARS	SE	\$520.00
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$370.00	SALARIES		\$267,485.07
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$699.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$148,311.77	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$148.24	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO SINKING FND	FE	\$800.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD CO TREASURER	FE	\$312.38	VSP VISION		
SEWARD VISION CLINIC	SE	\$150.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she has been reviewing the suggested update of the Planning & Zoning Comp Plan/Zoning regulations, received calls about Zoning, announced there are Weed/Zoning webpage updates coming soon, worked with the Madison County Clerk on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) reporting and received word from the Village of Garland in regard to an ARPA project.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he worked on road conditions that need to be fixed and checked on some things for the Assessor.

Commissioner Culver reported he received correspondence, worked with Seward/Saline Solid Waste Management Agency, drug court contracts, and checked roads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will have a Region V meeting and a 4th of July event the next week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the 4th of July kickoff event, had a NIRMA roundtable meeting, had a meeting with the Sheriff, Public Transit Director and Highway Supt. about insurance claims, and attended the Village of Utica meeting.

The Commissioners discussed the renewal for liability insurance. Annually, the County can change the deductible if they choose. During discussion, Zabrocki mentioned that claims submittance and risk management needs to be addressed. Rates for the next year have gone up 21% and Seward County was at the high end of increases for all counties insured by NIRMA. Culver also said training needs to be implemented for those operating a vehicle and for all employees about Workers Comp reporting.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to leave the deductible at \$500 for liability insurance through the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for May 2022 in the amount of \$26,514.68.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk's Fee Report for May 2022 in the amount of \$28,529.00
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Surplus Property Disposal Request for the Assessor's Office.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:11 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:15 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to open bids at 9:15 a.m. for a pickup and a sign truck for the Road Dept.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Bids were received from Meyer Automotive, Inc. and RDO Truck Center.

The bids will be looked at by the Highway Supt. who will report back at 10:00 a.m. with his recommendation.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:22 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:30 a.m.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to open the Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. for a request to re-zone property from A-1 District to TA-1 District in I Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 7 Township 10 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator, gave information about the request and reported the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission who voted to recommend denying the request with 8 voting for the denial, 1 voting against the denial and 0 not voting.

Jacob Hanseling testified as a proponent of said request.

Bill Kuhlman asked questions about the zoning regulations in the water conservation district and also spoke in favor of said request.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to close the Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3686 in regard to denying the request to re-zone property from A-1 District to TA-1 District in I Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 7 Township 10 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO 3686 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Arlyn Hanseling has applied for a Zoning District change for a quarter section of land from A-1 Agricultural Preservation District to TA-1 Transitional Agriculture, and

WHEREAS the land is described as a tract in the Southeast ¼ of, Precinct I. Section 7, Township 10N, Range4E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, the owner of record is Arlyn Hanseling, and

WHEREAS Notice of Public Hearing by the Seward County Planning Commission was published in the Seward County Independent, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Zoning District change on May 16th, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission had a recommendation to Deny with a vote of 8 in favor, 0 against, and 1 absent and not voting.

WHEREAS The Seward County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the Zoning Change on June 7th, 2022, and

WHEREAS Notice of Public Hearing by the Seward County Board of Commissioners was published in the Seward County Independent and

WHEREAS X No one appeared to oppose said amendment

Individuals appeared to oppose said amendment

No one appeared to support said amendment

X Individuals appeared to support said amendment

Individuals appeared without commitment, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby adopt Resolution 3686 to approve , deny X the Zoning District Change from A-1 Agricultural Preservation District to TA-1 Transitional Agriculture.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by Zabrocki 06/07/2022

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, 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 Vrbka to open the Public Hearing at 9:49 a.m. for a request to re-zone property from A-1 District to TA-1 District in P Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 26 Township 9 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator, gave information about the request and reported the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission who voted to recommend denying the request with 8 voting for the denial, 0 voting against the denial and 0 not voting.

Paulsen submitted a letter from Miriam and Maryleah Canarsky and a letter from Jim and Mary Canarsky, both in favor of said request.

Gerald Vlasin spoke against said request.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to close the public hearing at 10:01 a.m.

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

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, and Roxanne Knutson, Asst. HR Director, were present to discuss anniversary increases for employees who will reach their 1 year anniversary in position/employment hiring the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. She stated that previously, wages for employees who were employed more than 1 year were already decided. They recommended giving those employees who are in difficult to fill position 2% and other employees who have been with Seward County \$2.00 all on their anniversary date. This is similar to those raises that were already given. Maria Hatfield, Detention Director brought up two positions in her dept. that need to be dealt with at budget time.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki for fiscal year 2022-2023, employees who will reach 1 year of employment or position who are in positions affected by "difficult to fill" wages will receive a 2% increase, all other remaining full-time employees will receive a \$2 increase and part-time employees will receive a pro-rated increase based on a 40-hour workweek.

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

Casey Tieman of the County Attorney's Office was present to request their credit card limit be increased to \$5,000.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to approve the request to raise the credit card limit to \$5,000 for the County Attorney's Office from June 1 to Dec 1, 2022.

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

Sheriff Vance spoke to the Board about vehicle accidents that his office has incurred. He stated his deputies drive many hours each day with their vehicles. He stated his employees have to take a defensive driving course and address problems when needed.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on June 14, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of May 24, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Assessor to send out Change of Value Notices
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

8:35 a.m. Hearing – Review Exemption Status for the Growing Place, Inc. on Real Estate described as Part of the SE ¼ of Section 33 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Exempt Status for the Growing Place, Inc. on Real Estate described as Part of the SE ¼ of Section 33 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Hearing – Review Exemption Status for the Blue Heron INIPI on Real Estate described as Part of the SE ¼ of Section 33 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Exempt Status for the Blue Heron INIPI on Real Estate described as Part of the SE ¼ of Section 33 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on June 14, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of June 7, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
 5. Commissioners Reports
 6. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
 7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for June 21, 2022
- 9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Carrie Sermeno/Dist. Judge Office – Request Probation
Cost item to be removed from their budget
- 9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Sheri Wertz Miller/Blue Valley Community action – Annual
Report and request for Contribution for Next Fiscal Year
- 9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Cindy Wolverton – Abandoned Cemetery Improvements

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:57 a.m.

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

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 14th day of June 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson