

June 18, 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 June 18, 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 June 18, 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. the minutes of June 11, 2024

b. Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for April 2024 in the amount of \$2,306.00 and \$1,822.00 respectively.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Culver and seconded by Schmieding to approve claims for the period through June 7, 2024, as follows:

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JUNE 7, 2024

NICHOLAS BLAKE	SE	\$2,500.00	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$2,286.10
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	EQ	\$131.19	SEWARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	SE	\$44.70
ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	UT	\$5,927.91	SEW SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$132.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EQ	\$1,996.95	SEWARD CO SINKING FUND	FE	\$5,500.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$21,700.75	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$38.59
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	SID DILLON	EQ	\$103,284.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$821.60	SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	SE	\$382.33
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$360.00	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$9,638.00
BOB BARKER CO	SE	\$2,110.19	NE DAS STATE ACCNTG	SE	\$172.00
BURESH LAWN CARE	SE	\$700.00	NE DEPT CORR.SERV	SE	\$271.05
BUTLER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$6.84	STEPHANIE FLYNN LAW	SE	\$1,851.00
CATALIS COURTS & LAND	SE	\$3,150.22	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$8,873.71
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$11,405.42	SUNSET LAW ENFORCE	SE	\$2,038.20
CLERK OF THE DIST COURT	SE	\$397.00	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$2,012.50
CONSOLIDATED MGMT CO	SE	\$11.35	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	SE	\$1,184.90
CONTINUUM	SE	\$525.00	TREGG LUNN LAW OFFICE	SE	\$5,887.50
CULLIGAN	SE	\$28.00	UNL AEM BUSINESS CENTER	SE	\$10,597.62
DEBT SERVICE JUSTICE CTR	SE	\$101,905.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$1,656.80
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$15.00	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$36.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQ	\$7,101.20	VISA	FE	\$6,183.12
EGAN SUPPLY CO	SU	\$702.29	VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE/TALX	EQ	\$214.80	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	EQ	\$230.66
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$18,098.97	CANDICE C WOOSTER LAW	SE	\$3,769.90
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$19,356.96	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$6,179.50
GALLS LLC	SE	\$1,190.27	911 CUSTOM	SE	\$15,600.00
GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM	SE	\$2,131.06	BARCO MUNICIPAL PROD	SU	\$2,356.75
HACKBART WOODWORKING	SE	\$1,437.77	BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$37.93
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$196.00	CATHER & SONS CONST	SE	\$2,327.55
HERPOLSHEIMERS	EQ	\$418.91	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$11,985.23
INN AT CHERRY HILLS	TR	\$115.00	HAMILTON EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$250.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$149.50	HEARTLAND TIRES	SU	\$1,048.50
JENNIFER JOAKIM	SE	\$150.00	HYDRAULIC EQUIP SERV	SE	\$507.88

JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$457.53	INLAND TRUCK PARTS	SU	\$87.81
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$22,025.80	J R WELDING INC	SE	\$45.49
KOTIK & MCCLURE, ATTY	SE	\$794.39	JOHNSON SAND AND GRAVEL	SU	\$5,871.11
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$44.10	MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$135.00
LANGUAGE LINE SERV	SE	\$36.86	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$1,308.97
LANGUAGELINC INTERPRET	SE	\$46.20	MIDWEST PETROLEUM EQUIP	EQ	\$1,195.33
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$604.61	NE EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$27.22
LESS LETHAL LLC	EQ	\$2,563.00	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$71.36
RELX INC	SE	\$222.00	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$47.95
EMILY MANNING	SE	\$125.00	NIOBRARA LODGE	TR	\$447.00
MAXIMUS INC	SE	\$2,600.00	NMC, INC	SE	\$5,668.66
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$13,901.52	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$1,133.10
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$46,516.74	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$229.44
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$1,811.40	POWERPLAN	SE	\$332.52
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,238.73	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$5,717.72
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$1,920.53	SPECIAL ROAD FUND	FE	\$909,245.00
NIRMA	FE	\$350,165.00	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$699.35
NATL ASSN EXTENS 4H YOUTH	FE	\$495.00	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$67.74
NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$2,825.20	BIZCO TECHNOLOGIES	EQ	\$9,149.94
NEB ASSN CO TREASURERS	FE	\$50.00	SEWARD 4 JULY COMMITTEE	SE	\$5,000.00
NE ASSN OF TRANS PROVIDERS	FE	\$85.00	AGING PARTNERS	SE	\$59.39
NE CO ATTORNEYS ASSN	FE	\$2,200.00	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$142.10
NEBRASKA.GOV	FE	\$40.50	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$386.40
ONESOURCE	SE	\$200.00	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$192.50
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$456.51	ART ON DISPLAY	SE	\$195.00
ORKIN LLC	SE	\$147.00	AXON ENTERPRISES	SE	\$889.46
OVERHEAD DOOR CO	SE	\$185.00	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$58.25
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$670.30	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$145.83
PATHOLOGY MEDICAL SERV	SE	\$32.00	NE LAW ENFORCE TRAIN	FE	\$800.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$30.00	TRANSUNION RISK	FE	\$436.00
PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$3,246.00	WESTERN OIL II	SU	\$144.76
PLATTE CO DETENTION	SE	\$175.00	BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$5,002.00
PLATTE CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.70	SARGENT DRILLING	SE	\$49,530.53
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNIC	FE	\$2,500.00	KIRKHAM, MICHAEL & ASSOC	SE	\$50,860.00
POLK COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$22.36	CENTURYLINK	SE	\$1,485.69
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$4,125.00	DOUG'S HEATING & AIR	SE	\$1,212.50
POSTMASTER	SU	\$376.00	CLEAR CHOICE HEADSETS	SU	\$906.78
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$67.50	CIDNET	SE	\$2,712.57
POWERDMS	EQ	\$14,633.65	SALARIES		\$311,179.63
PPG ARCHITECTURAL FINISHES	SE	\$106.20	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
QUILL CORPORATION	SU	\$104.05	AMERITAS DENTAL		
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$271.25	AMERITAS VISION		
REED ELECTRIC	SE	\$576.45	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL	SE	\$16,320.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
ASSESSOR REAPPRAISAL FND	FE	\$20,000.00	POINT C FSA		
SEWARD CO CLERK	SE	\$52.00	WADDELL & REED		
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$112,799.53			

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

Jon Regier, Highway Supt., updated the Commissioners of the activities of his department. Also present was Marcus Kallhoff, who is an employee in the Road Dept. He gave information about the certifications he is obtaining to be the Weed Supt. for Seward County.

Shari Weber, Chief Executive Director of Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA), and Administrative Director, Heather Lytle were present to update the Commissioners on activities of the organization and give the funding request for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Carrie Rodriguez, Chief Probation Officer for District 5, along with Jeff Banholzer, Chief Deputy Probation Officer, updated the Commissioners on the activities of the office and their budget needs for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP), and Patrick Kelley, Chairman of the Board for SCCDP, updated the Commissioners on activities of the organization and gave the request for funding for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to open the Public Hearing at 10:35 a.m. to amend the Seward County Budget for Fiscal Years 2023-2024.

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

Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Budget Making Authority, gave information for the need to amend the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget.

There was no member of the public that made comments.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Zabrocki to close the public hearing at 10:37 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Culver, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Culver and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3810 in regard to approving the Amended Seward County Budget for 2023-2024.

**RESOLUTION #3810 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 as prepared by Sherry Schweitzer, Budget Making Authority, was adopted on September 26, 2023 by Resolution # 3781, and

WHEREAS the Seward County Board of Commissioners desire to amend the budget due to insufficient funds in Fund 2412 – Sheriff Federal Drug Law Enforcement Fund – Treasury. No additional tax monies are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

by the Board of Commissioners of Seward, County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is amended as the Budget for Seward County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

Dated this 18th day of June 2024.

Moved by: Culver Seconded by: Hain
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Raegan Hain, John K. Culver,
Misty Ahmic, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:43 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:45 a.m.

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, presented various information for the Commissioners to consider.

The first item was to review the Emergency Operation Center Procedure. Commissioner Hain stated she felt the review is needed annually and had questions concerning the procedure. There was discussion about Safety Action Plans of the various offices of Seward County. There were only a few offices that responded to a request to update their plan. Petersen will reach out to those departments to complete their plan for the Safety Committee to review and ultimately come to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

Petersen also submitted an application for Norris Public Power to have electrical service for a tornado siren located at 923 280th Rd., Seward, NE.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chair to sign an application with Norris Public Power for electrical service for a siren located at 923 280th Rd., Seward, NE.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Voting No: Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to accept the bid from Reed Electric to bury the electrical service for a siren located at 923 280th Rd., Seward, NE in the amount of \$2,235.00.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic

Voting No: Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to go into Executive Session at 11:05 to discuss personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

Motion Carried

The chair re-stated it was for personnel.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to go out of Executive Session at 11:06 a.m.

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

Motion Carried

No discussion was held.

The Commissioners recessed at 11:07 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 11:13 a.m.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 11:13 a.m. for personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

Motion Carried

The Chair re-stated the reason for Executive Session was for personnel.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Culver to go out of Executive Session at 11:41 a.m.

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

Motion Carried

The Chair stated that personnel was discussed and no decisions were made.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a Suicide Prevention meeting, two BRIDGES meetings and attended the County Board workshop in Kearney.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will have a Visitors Committee meeting later today, looked over the abandoned cemeteries and checked roads. He also stated he volunteered for a food drive.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she followed up with Allo on internet access, attended the County Board Workshop in Kearney, the Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP) meeting, had a Safe Streets and Roads Grant debriefing, received calls about a CO2 pipeline regulation, worked with HR Director on various matters, worked with Detention Center Director in regard to the cost of meals for the inmates, did try to make contact for a Community Projects Fund (CPF) award, worked with Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) on railroad crossing matters and checked abandoned cemeteries.

Commissioner Culver reported he talked to officials in regard to budget questions, and also received constituent questions about roads and has a Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) meeting tonight.

Commissioner Hain reported she attended the County Board workshop in Kearney, completed a County Board Certification for Level 1, participated in the Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP) meeting and the Safe Streets and Road Grant debriefing,

noted Seward County received our first disbursement from the Opioid Settlement Fund, received notification that the tonnage overage for the recent tire recycling event will be paid for from the State, and is working on a resolution for a food vendor for meals at the Detention Center.

In discussion about grants for Seward County, Commissioner Ahmic stated that Seward County can apply again in October for the Safe Streets and Roads Grant. She stated she received a comment from a constituent about a USDA grant involving composting and will forward that information to the Extension Office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on June 25, 2024 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of June 11, 2024
4. Discuss/Action – Motor Vehicle Exemption Request from St. Gregory the Great for a 2018 Grand Caravan
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

8:30 a.m.

- Discuss/Action - Protest Hearings
Discuss/Action – Decisions on Protest Hearings

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on June 25, 2024 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

6. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
7. Pledge of Allegiance
8. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of June 18, 2024

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

9. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
10. Commissioners Reports
11. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of Opioid Funds within Seward County
12. Discuss/Action – Allow Commissioner Hain to sign the Amended Agreement with Nebraska Dept. Environmental & Energy for the Waste Tire Grant
13. Discuss/Action – Conditions and Possible Repairs for Abandoned Cemeteries for 2024-2025 Budget
14. Discuss/Action – Grant Funds being Sought by Seward County
15. Discuss/Action – Agenda for July 2, 2024

9:15 a.m.

- Discuss/Action – 911 Budget Hearing

9:30 a.m.

- Discuss/Action – Open Bids for Gravel
Discuss/Action – Award Bids for Gravel

10:15 a.m.

- Discuss/Action – Southeast Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) 2023-2024 Achievements and request for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Contribution

10:30 a.m.

- Discuss/Action – Tom Nielsen/Soarin’- Possible Secondary Internet Circuit for the Justice Center to Mitigate any outages or Potential Downtime brought on by a Single Carrier

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 12:14 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver, Ahmic 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 25th day of June 2024.

County Clerk

Chairperson