

March 3, 2020

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 March 3, 2020 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 March 3, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Absent: Mike Mundhenke

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 present for their monthly meeting with the Commissioners were: Terry Wicht, Kathy Ruzicka, Barb Liska, Becky Paulsen, & Sherry Schweitzer.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of February 25, 2020.

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

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to approve the claims for the period through February 21, 2020 as follows:

CLAIMS THROUGH FEBRUARY 21, 2020					
ADP	SE	\$3,757.91	NE ASSN OF CO ENGINEERS	FE	\$160.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$34.49	NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$93.00
ALL ROAD BARRICADES	AU	\$152.95	NE PUB HLTH ENV LB	SE	\$105.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$17,065.24	NEBRASKA SECR OF STATE	FE	\$30.00
AWARDS PLUS	SU	\$42.00	NE WEED CONTROL ASSN	FE	\$120.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,860.66	NMC, INC	FE	\$1,533.63
BLUESTEM FIBER LLC	UT	\$110.00	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	SE	\$26.47
BOB BARKER COMPANY	SU	\$154.43	PARAMOUNT LAUNDRY	SE	\$110.91
CARD SERVICES	FE	\$179.00	PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$2,786.85
CENTRAL SAND & GRAV	SU	\$11,432.52	PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$250.00
CENTRAL STATES HYDRAULIC	SE	\$724.43	PLAN ON IT CONFERENCE	FE	\$375.00
CLEAN PROCARPET CARE	SE	\$1,600.00	PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	UT	\$70.40
CONSOLIDATED MGMT	SE	\$3.94	POWERPLAN	SE	\$2,453.94
DELL MARKETING L P	SE	\$2,735.54	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	SE	\$2,590.82
DELTA DENTAL OF NEB	FE	\$58.34	REDWOOD TOXICLGY LAB	SE	\$25.00
DOUGLAS CO COURT	FE	\$4.75	SCHAEFER CONCRETE LLC	SE	\$1,050.00
E 911	SE	\$35,685.58	SECR OF ST - ELECT	FE	\$20.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$279.41	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$322.70
EQUIFAX /TALX CORP	SE	\$222.15	SEW CO HLTH CLM FUND	FE	\$325,029.01
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$2,748.08	SEWARD CO PUB TRANS	SE	\$60.00
FAST MART INC	SU	\$13.74	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$528.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$51.07	SMPC, LLC	SE	\$4,505.50

FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$1,513.75	SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$194.85
ELAINE FORTIK	SE	\$400.00	SPARETIME	SE	\$486.24
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$13.00	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	FE	\$275.00
GEOCOMM INC	UT	\$1,127.00	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCOUNT	FE	\$675.28
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,080.95	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$4,528.81
HEARTFELT INC	FE	\$2,500.00	THE CHANGE CO	SE	\$556.31
HELMINK PRINTING	SE	\$906.00	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SU	\$584.05
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$149.31	THOMSON REUTERS-W PMT CTR	FE	\$353.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$74.35	TRANSUNION RISK & ALT	FE	\$150.00
HYDRAULIC EQUIP SERV	SU	\$2.56	TRUCK CENTER CO	SE	\$89.64
INDOFF INC	SU	\$2,241.23	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$200.90
JANA S WURM	SE	\$200.00	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	FE	\$3,187.50
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	FE	\$31.93	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	UT	\$830.75
JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$12,647.49	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$709.07
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$17,409.78	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$54.80
JUSTICE DATA SOL	FE	\$250.00	VISA	FE	\$376.03
KERFORD LIMESTONE CO	SU	\$15,403.50	VISION SERVICE PLAN INS	FE	\$23.29
KINER SUPPLY COMPANY	SU	\$542.06	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$168.57
LINCOLN HR MGMT	FE	\$15.00	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$6,006.20
LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$532.38	YORK COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$19.31
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$194.67	SALARIES		\$250,838.29
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$92.28	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$3,548.38	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$299.90	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$38,418.36	DELTA DENTAL		
MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$147.70	VSP VISION		
NATL CURRIC & TRN INST	FE	\$828.96	WADDELL & REED		

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Vrbka reported he received constituent concerns about roads.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Safety Committee meeting, the 911 Board meeting, met with the Highway Supt. and the HR Director, checked roads and dealt with various correspondence.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will be attending the Region V meeting this coming week. He has also received constituent concerns about roads.

Commissioner Paulsen stated there was an open house at Mustang Graphics in Seward and attended the BRIDGES meeting last week.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for bids for the mowing of abandoned cemeteries.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:04 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:17 a.m.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to discuss the possible purchase of 2 motor graders and the disposal of 2 motor graders we currently own.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Paulsen to authorize the Highway Supt. to advertise for 2 motor graders with the bids to be opened March 31, 2020.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Paulsen, Vrbka, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:17 a.m.

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

Brea Ehmen, HR Director, was present and stated that she is looking at the Seward County Personnel Policy and updating policies within it and is requesting approval of the suggested changes.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Culver to approve the following policy updates:

Employment of Relative and Domestic Partners, Military Leave, Equal Opportunity Employer & Immigration Law Applicable to All Employees, Drug Free Workplace, and Definition of Employee.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

The item involving 'Tom Nielsen/Soarin' – Update on Zuercher Project' was cancelled for this meeting. The item will appear on a future agenda.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 10, 2020 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of February 25, 2020
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 10, 2020 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 3, 2020

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
 5. Commissioners Reports
 6. Discuss/Action – Select an Auditor for Seward County for 2020, 2021 & 2022
 7. Discuss/Action – Proclamation naming March 22-28, 2020 as Agriculture Week
 8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for March 17, 2020
- 9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Laura McDougall/Four Corners Health Dept. – Quarterly Update
Discuss/Action – Appoint Seward County Member to the Four Corners Health Dept.
- 9:30 a.m. Hearing – 1 & 6 Year Road Plan for Seward County
Discuss/Action – Resolution – 1 & 6 Year Road Plan for Seward County
- 10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Tom Nielsen/Soarin' – Update on Zuercher Project

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 9:56 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Culver

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 10th day of March 2020.

County Clerk

Chairperson