

March 17, 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 9:00 a.m. on March 17, 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 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of March 10, 2020.

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

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to approve the claims through March 6, 2020.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MARCH 6, 2020

ADAMS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$6.50	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,530.19
ADVANCED CORR TL HLTHCR	SE	\$4,315.93	OFFICE DEPOT	SU	\$82.99
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$609.12	OFFICENET	SE	\$103.65
AFFORDABLE INTERNET SOL	UT	\$74.99	ONESOURCE	SE	\$148.00
AGING PARTNERS	SE	\$98.86	OREILLY AUTOM	SE	\$501.38
AMERICAN INST FOR JUSTICE	FE	\$1,300.00	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$182.76
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$15,876.43	PANKOKE, DAVID	SE	\$131.00
ANDERSON AUTO GRP	SE	\$139.59	PAPER TIGER SHRED	SE	\$30.00
BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$211.17	PARAMOUNT UNIF RENT	SE	\$57.24
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$629.46	PEREZ INTERPRET	SE	\$500.00
CATERPILLAR FINAN SERV	FE	\$6,300.00	PETERSEN, C, JO	SE	\$506.40
CATTLE BANK & TRUST	FE	\$138,271.81	POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$622.25
CENTRAL SAND GRAVEL CO	SU	\$942.03	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$111.57
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$5,221.48	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$115.40
CLERK OF DIST CRT SEW	FE	\$357.00	QUADIENT LEASING	SE	\$81.98
CLIA LAB PROGRAM	SE	\$180.00	QUILL CORPORATION	SU	\$214.90
CST TO CST COMP PROD	SE	\$94.99	RAY ALLEN MFG	SU	\$336.93
CORNHUSKER INTL	EQ	\$445.56	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	SE	\$1,908.34
CO VETERANS SERV ASSN	FE	\$60.00	REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$178.04
CULLIGAN	SE	\$21.50	REGION FIVE SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58
DAMMAN, GREGORY	SE	\$1,021.25	REGION FIVE SYSTEMS	SE	\$1,926.00
DAWSON CO COURT	SE	\$8.75	ROSE EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$6,051.50
DELL MARKETING L P	SE	\$496.28	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$56.16
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,156.57	SEWARD COUNTY CRT	SE	\$551.00
EHLERS ELECTRONICS	SE	\$137.50	SEW CO HLTH CLM FUND	FE	\$84,614.47
FAIRFIELD INN AND SUITES	TR	\$329.85	SEW CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,456.53
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$7,448.88	SEW CO PUB TRANSIT	SE	\$72.00
FILLMAN LAW OFFICE	SE	\$505.50	SEWARD CO SHERIFF	FE	\$18.50

FRONTIER COOP CO	SU	\$16,643.70	SEW CO SHRFF UNCOLL	FE	\$408.00
GALLS LLC	SE	\$107.92	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$12.17
HELMINK PRINTING	SE	\$225.00	SPEECE LEWIS	SE	\$14,408.41
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$16.10	STANDARD DIGITAL IMAG	SE	\$17.03
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$492.93	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCT	SE	\$1,152.00
INDOFF INCORPORATED	SU	\$49.95	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$4,469.80
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	FE	\$597.79	TELMATE LLC	SE	\$112.00
JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$36,983.08	TROYER, DANNY	SU	\$300.00
JONES AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$20.55	TRU-BUILT CONSTR	SE	\$6,948.31
JONES BANK	FE	\$138,447.08	US POST OFFICE MILFORD	SU	\$55.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$15,990.52	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	FE	\$30.00
KERFORD LIMESTONE CO	SU	\$2,491.57	UNIV OF NE LINCOLN	FE	\$354.36
KONICA MINOLTA BUS SOL	SU	\$24.35	UNIV OF NE-LINCOLN	FE	\$1,200.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$131.48	VARIDSK LLC	SU	\$1,285.00
LANCASTER CO ENG DEPT	SE	\$1,522.00	VERIZON CONNECT	SU	\$103.75
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$97.62	VERIZON WIRELESS	UT	\$1,932.32
LEES REFRIGERATION	SE	\$144.20	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	FE	\$50.12
MCKENZIE, SUSAN	SE	\$284.00	VILLAGE OF UTICA	FE	\$55.16
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$171.12	VISA	FE	\$974.90
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00	VOGTSCAPES, INC	SE	\$163,067.36
MEM HLTH CR SYS HOSP	SE	\$37.50	VOLZKE FUNERAL	SE	\$600.00
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$123.25	WELLS FARGO	FE	\$242.40
MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$1,076.57	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$111.77
MIDWEST GANG INVSTGTRS	SE	\$301.78	WILLIAMS, ERIC,J	SE	\$532.00
MIDWEST OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$68.44	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$5,504.35
MIDWEST SERVICE SALES	SE	\$205.00	WOODS AND AITEKN LLP	SE	\$1,904.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$1,326.91	SALARIES		\$232,606.03
NEB ASSN OF CO EXTE	FE	\$100.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
NEB PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$229.14	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
NEB WEED CONTROL ASSN	FE	\$125.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
NEBRASKA.GOV	FE	\$16.00	DELTA DENTAL		
NMC, INC	FE	\$5,056.24	VSP VISION		
			WADDELL & REED		

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the Southeast District NACO meeting and received calls about roads.

Commissioner Culver reported he also received calls about roads. He stated he participated in a town hall meeting with Congressman Fortenberry and Senator Fischer and did some research on the coronavirus and checked on several roads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he received calls about roads and attended the Southeast NACO Meeting.

Commissioner Paulsen had no report.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3507 in regard to accept Treasurer's Certificate of Tax Sale held March 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION # 3507 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Resolution # **3507** of the Seward County board of Commissioners.
WHEREAS: WE THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HAVE EXAMINED THE RETURN, CERTIFICATION, AS SUBMITTED TO US
BY THE SEWARD COUNTY TREASURER.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, THAT THIS COUNTY BOARD ACCEPTS THE
RETURN OF CERTIFICATION, AS GIVEN TO THE SEWARD COUNTY
CLERK, FOR THE PUBLIC SALE HELD THIS PAST MARCH 2, 2020

FURTHER, LET IT BE RESOLVED, ACCEPTANCE OF THE RETURN MARKS
THE END OF THE PUBLIC SALE AND THE START OF THE PRIVATE SALE.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, UNSOLD TAXES WILL BE WRITTEN IN THE NAME OF THE COUNTY THE MIDDLE OF APRIL 2020.

THE AMOUNT OF TAXES SOLD WAS 102,774.54 AND THE AMOUNT UNSOLD WAS 5,839.58

Dated this 17TH day of March, 2020

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Schmieding Absent: Mundhenke
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Culver

Motion Carried

Culver led discussion on the coronavirus with Dept. Heads and how it would affect the employees of Seward County. He stated he had received comments from personnel of the Justice Center that they may need to be open for emergency situations for court. Culver did not think the courthouse should be closed. Sheriff Vance said the visitation at the jail is video visitation only and that would not be compromised. He was more worried about the courthouse since there is not glass between the staff and public. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, said she was worried about a false sense of security. Culver said he would like to have a plan in place. Eric Hofer, Building and Grounds Supt., suggested limiting the number of hours the courthouse is open. Marilyn Hladky, Assessor, said they are currently signing up residents for the Homestead Exemption Program, of which most applicants are elderly. Jeff Baker, Veteran's Service Officer/Public Transit Director, said his office is implementing their Pandemic Plan for Public Transit. Vehicles are being disinfected currently and face masks are being utilized. Bob Dahms, Treasurer, stated that he does quite a bit of business that requires signatures. His thoughts are that closing the courthouse would make it difficult for residents to license vehicles. Brea Ehmen, HR Director, also gave information on the FMLA expansion which may be passed at the Federal level soon. There was discussion of when an employee may be mandated to be quarantined or those that need to self-quarantine. Ehmen said there are policies that need to be looked at in regard to a pandemic issue. Tom Nielsen of Soarin' said that he has received requests from Supervisors for employees wanting to work from home, stating internet bandwidth may need to be increased. Kathy Ruzicka, Aging Services Director, gave information about the various Senior Center closures in the county. Discussion was held on the question if staff needs to stay home with the closing of schools and daycare. At the end of discussion, it was decided that departments will disinfect their offices as previously instructed and county facilities will remain open. A notice will be put in the newspaper asking residents to limit visits to the courthouse. The Board will wait for federal action on the issue of employee leave.

Commissioner Paulsen is absent at 10:34 a.m.
Commissioner Paulsen is present at 10:36 a.m.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to ask for funds for employee retirement events and permission to purchase two pickups.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:50 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:55 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve funds for non-alcoholic refreshments for Road Dept. employees' retirement recognition event not to exceed \$150.00.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Highway Supt. to purchase two pickups utilizing the State of Nebraska bid contracts.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to request the Chairman sign an Interlocal with Jefferson County for inmate housing.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign the Interlocal with Jefferson County to house inmates in the Detention Center.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to approve the jail bond information that will be posted on the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board website.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 24, 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 March 10, 2020
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 24, 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 17, 2020

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Agenda for March 31, 2020

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – General Discussion on corona virus with Dept. Heads

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Public Hearing – New Liquor License for JUNTO LLC for a Craft Brewery License

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open bids for the Mowing of Abandoned Cemeteries

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 11:28 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Vrbka, 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 24th day of March 2020.

County Clerk

Chairperson