

Seward County Board of Commissioners

March 21, 2017

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 21, 2017 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 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

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| Present: | Chairman: | Roger E. Glawatz |
| | Members: | John Culver, Eugene Gausman, Diana Garske |
| | County Clerk: | Sherry Schweitzer |
| Absent: | Member: | Whitney Fleischman |

The Chairman 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 Garske and seconded by Gausman to approve the minutes of March 14, 2017.

Affirmative Vote: Garske, Gausman, Culver, Glawatz Motion Carried

Mike Janssen, Supt. of Buildings and Grounds updated the Commissioners on issues with the Justice Center that were reported last week. He stated that the furnace problems are being worked on and asked for information about landscaping around the building.

Sheila Beins, County Court Clerk Magistrate asked about moving the equipment/furniture of her office to the Justice Center. She asked if each office was responsible to get a moving company. Commissioner Garske stated that after looking into the subject, it was not financially advantageous to get one mover for all the offices so each will get their own. Beins also stated they are not getting a response from GGA about furniture, finishes, etc. Beins said they need to have everything confirmed by April 11, 2017 in order for the courts to have things lined up so they can move. Commissioner Garske will look into it.

Jacque Stewart, Clerk of the District Court said her office was disposing of items that can be disposed of so they don't have to move it into the new Justice Center.

Jon and Bonnie Kruse, members of the Seward County Groundwater Guardian Team were present to talk about the TransCanada XL Pipeline. They stated the Public Service Commission has requested views submitted in regard to the routes/alternate routes. The Kruse's proposed a draft letter they would like the Commissioners to send in response to the request, stating that the alternate route which goes around the City of Seward Wellhead Protection Area is preferred.

Moved by Garske and seconded by Gausman to authorize legal counsel to draft a letter to the Public Service Commission concerning TransCanada XL Pipeline and the Seward Wellhead Protection Area.

Affirmative Vote: Garske, Gausman, Culver, Glawatz

Motion Carried

The Kruse's were also requesting use the Courthouse Square to display the William Henry Seward statue sponsored by the Seward Rotary Club. Jon Kruse said that the Rotary of Seward, Alaska has commissioned a statue to be built and explained a route in which it is being shown to the public. It will be in Seward Nebraska May 19-21, 2017 and Kruse asked if it can be placed on the courthouse lawn.

Moved by Garske and seconded by Gausman to approve the request to display the statue of William Henry Seward on May 19-21, 2017 on the Courthouse Square.

Affirmative Vote: Garske, Gausman, Culver, Glawatz

Motion Carried

Chairman Glawatz led discussion about the agenda item "Salary Changes for Fiscal Year 2017-2018." He stated that the information is requested because the 911 budget needs to be prepared earlier than other offices. Barb Liska, 911 Director said she needs to have the information so that she can prepare her budget and have it to the 911 Board for their May meeting. She then has to give the approved budget to the council of the Cities of Seward and Milford in addition to the County Commissioners. Commissioner Culver asked what the current cost of living is. Schweitzer said she had looked at it quite some time ago, but at that time, she had averaged the past 12 months and it was just under 1%. Chairman Glawatz stated that a new salary study was not going to be completed and that the committee of himself, Commissioner Garske, Sheriff Joe Yocum and County Attorney Wendy Elston would look into the salary change recommendations for 2017-2018. The item will again be on the agenda at a later date.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Culver reported he met with a Road Foreman and the Highway Supt about road items. He also attended the Seward/Saline Solid Waste Meeting.

Commissioner Gausman reported he also met with a Road Foreman & Highway Supt., attended the Computer Same Page Meeting, the Planning & Zoning meeting, and checked conditions of roads.

Commissioner Garske reported she worked on Seward County Chamber Development & Partnership items and attended their Board.

Commissioner Glawatz reported he dealt with various correspondences, and attended the SENDD meeting.

Moved by Garske and seconded by Gausman to open the Rental Rate Bids.

Affirmative Vote: Garske, Gausman, Culver, Glawatz

Motion Carried

Bids were received from: Titan Machinery, Murphy Tractor, Scott Van Keppel, and NMC Rental Services.

Moved by Garske and seconded by Gausman to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for the mowing of Abandoned Cemeteries.

Affirmative Vote: Garske, Gausman, Culver, Glawatz

Motion Carried

Moved by Garske and seconded by Culver to approve the Surplus Property Disposal Request for the County Assessor's Office.

Affirmative Vote: Garske, Culver, Gausman, Glawatz

Motion Carried

Moved by Garske and seconded by Gausman to approve the Surplus Property Disposal Request for the County Clerk's Office.

Affirmative Vote: Garske, Gausman, Culver, Glawatz Motion Carried

Moved by Garske and seconded by Gausman to approve the Clerk of the District Court Surplus Property Request.

Affirmative Vote: Garske, Gausman, Culver, Glawatz Motion Carried

Chairman Glawatz led discussion on the Commissioner's Action Plan. He stated it was made last year and he wanted other members of the Board to make sure and read it so that current members of the Board need to know what to do in case of an emergency.

Moved by Gausman and seconded by Culver to open Culvert Bids.

Affirmative Vote: Gausman, Culver, Garske, Glawatz Motion Carried

Bids were received from: Ace Irrigation and Mfg. Co., Midwest Service & Sales, Metal Culverts Inc., and Contech Engineering Solutions.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director led discussion requesting the Detention Center to hire part time staff. She stated that they have not been able to hire 2 full time staff members, but has had some people show interest in a part time job rather than full time. She said the same job description would be used and the positions would be a 20 hour/week position.

Moved by Garske and seconded by Gausman to approve hiring part time staff for the Detention Center instead of full time.

Affirmative Vote: Garske, Gausman, Culver, Glawatz Motion Carried

During the Justice Center Update item on the agenda, Commissioner Garske said concrete is being laid for the parking lot at the Justice Center.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 28, 2017 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 14, 2017
4. Discuss/Action - Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 28, 2017 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 21, 2017
4. Discuss/Action - Claims for March 2017

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioner's Reports
7. Discuss/Action - Justice Center Update

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Matt Wullenwaber/Mid-American Benefits – Health Insurance Renewal

Moved by Culver and seconded by Gausman to adjourn at 11:07 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Culver, Gausman, Garske, Glawatz 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 28th day of March 2017.

County Clerk

Chairman