

May 2, 2023

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 May 2, 2023 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 May 2, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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.

Those officials present during their monthly meeting with the Commissioners were: Carrie Gottschalk, Kathy Ruzicka, Marilyn Hladky, Roxanne Knutson, John Regnier and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of April 25, 2023.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended a meeting with Windstream and was contacted by Kidwell both in regard to a new phone system for Seward County. She reported she met with the Zoning Administrator and participated in a call with two members of the Planning Commission. She met with the Hwy Supt. on a road issue, attended the SCCDP meeting, worked with IT personnel in regard to voice recordings of Commissioner meetings and worked on various zoning issues. She also reported she submitted the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) report and gave recognition to Brandy Johnson, Deputy County Clerk, for helping with it.

Commissioner Hain reported she worked on a letter of support for the Village of Beaver Crossing in regard to a grant, shared information about a grant for dust control, worked with HR on personnel items and the uniform amendment, updated the invoice, met with an Aging Service Board member, looking into the podium placements, attended Road Dept. foremen meeting, talked to Sharon Powell of Utica, met with Hwy Supt. and attended Staplehurst Village Board meeting.

Commissioner Culver attended the Seward County Safety Committee meeting, participated in an Arbor Day celebration last week, and received calls dealing with road matters.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he and Commissioner Culver have a meeting in regard to the Public Defender vacancy, attended the Seward Chamber of Commerce business luncheon, the Seward Arbor Day celebration and will have a Region V meeting and an Extension Office meeting. He will also attend a fundraiser in the coming week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (NIRMA) Safety Commissioner meeting, a SENDD meeting, will attend a meeting with the area funeral directors in regard to the General Assistance Policy update and talked with constituents about a road issue.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:26 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:30 a.m.

Zoning Administrator, Becky Paulsen presented a short form plat for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3752 in regard to approving the Suhr 2023 Subdivision short form plat in the W 1/2 of Section 4 Township 11 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO 3752 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS Trustees Gale L. Suhr, and Carol G Ochsner have applied for a Short Form Plat, and is described as a tract of land in the West 1/2 of, Section 4, Township 11N, Range 2E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called the SUHR 2023 SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission held a public meeting to consider the application at a regular meeting April 17, 2023, and

WHEREAS notice of the public meeting was published in the Seward County Independent, and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission recommended Approval of the Short Form Plat as presented, with a vote of 8 In Favor, 0 Against, and 1 Absent not voting, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Board of Commissioners held a public meeting to consider the application at a regular meeting May 2nd, 2023, and

WHEREAS notice of the public meeting was published in the Seward County Independent, and

WHEREAS No one appeared to oppose said Conditional Use
 Individuals appeared to oppose said Conditional Use
 No one appeared to support said Conditional Use
 Individuals appeared to support said Conditional Use
 Individuals appeared without commitment, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve or Deny the SUHR 2023 SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3752.

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Hain May 2nd 2023
Ayes: Darrel J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners discussed setting terms for members of the Planning Commission. Currently, there are no terms for the members of this volunteer board. Ahmic presented a sample application that would need to be completed if someone wanted to be on the Planning Commission and the suggested terms.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to go ahead and set the Planning Commission member terms for 3 years.

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

Ahmic then led discussion on setting the By-Laws for the Planning Commission. She presented a suggested set of by-laws and asked the Board to look over them but not make a decision at this time. Ahmic would like the current Planning Commission members to take a look at them also.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3753 which allows the County Treasurer to allow Jones Bank to pledge additional securities.

**RESOLUTION NO 3753 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS the Jones Bank & Trust desires to pledge the following securities:

DESCRIP	CUSIP#	MARKET VALUE
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK	3130AQWS8	\$1,000,000.00
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK	3130AQZG1	\$1,000,000.00
BELLEVUE NE COPS	079222BM6	\$ 470,000.00
DOUGLAS CNTY NE SAN & IMPT DIS	25933AGK6	\$ 300,000.00

WHEREAS the County Deposits must be protected at all times.

LET IT BE RESOLVED that this County Board accepts the above security pledging by the Jones Bank as of 05/02/2023.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2023.

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

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

Commissioner Hain led discussion that the Village of Beaver Crossing is applying for a grant for rehabilitation of homes. They have asked the Board of Commissioners to sign a letter of support for this grant.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki for the Board to sign the letter of support for the Village of Beaver Crossing to obtain funding for an Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Grant through the NE Dept. of Economic Development.

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

The Commissioners discussed safety apparel for the Road Dept. which will be paid for with ARPA funds. The updated quote from Middle Creek Printing/Sports Express is for five shirts and one jacket for each road dept. employee.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the ARPA funds for the road dept safety apparel in the amount of \$4,123.50.

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

During the infrastructure related grants item on the agenda, Commissioner Ahmic stated she is not able to get in contact with Mainelli Wagner Engineering to get information from them for the grant for which Seward County wants to apply. After she gets this information, she can complete the grant.

The Commissioners discussed the State of Nebraska Road Project along Highway 15. The State of Nebraska has asked that the County sign documents for this project.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman sign the documents provided by the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation for Project 15-2(117) US 34 North and South.

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

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on May 9, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 25, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on May 9, 2023 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of May 2, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through April 28, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

1. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
2. Commissioners Reports
3. Discuss/Action – Nomination for the 2023 NE Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors
4. Discuss/Action – Setting By-Laws for Planning Commission
5. Discuss/Action – Audit for Seward County for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year
6. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for May 16, 2023

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Proposed General Assistance Guidelines for 2023
Discuss/Action – Res. – Proposed 2023 General Assistance Guidelines

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the May 2, 2023 Seward County Commissioners meeting.

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

Motion Carried

Time of adjournment: 10:16 a.m.

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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 9th day of May 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson