

May 5, 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 May 5, 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 May 5, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Mike Mundhenke, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding,
Becky Paulsen
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 reporting during Public/Officials/Boards time on the agenda were Ann Dobesh, Gary Petersen, Jeff Baker, Brea Ehmen & Sherry Schweitzer.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of April 28, 2020.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Mundhenke, Culver

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Mundhenke reported he checked roads.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he had no meetings but followed up many emails, checked roads and cemeteries.

Commissioner Culver reported he checked on roads, worked on a road issue, and participated in 4 virtual meetings.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he has 2 meetings coming up: a Region V meeting and a Visitors Committee meeting. He also worked on an issue concerning signs.

Commissioner Paulsen reported she had also worked on the sign issue, and worked with the Road Dept. for the Waverly Road Project.

Discussion was held on the coronavirus issue with the Department Heads. Chairman Culver stated that he would like to get signage on the floors of the courthouse and possibly open the courthouse on Election Day. He is going to have a meeting with 2 judges in regard to opening up the courthouse. He said every case of coronavirus in Seward County has stemmed from the person working in another county.

During discussion, Marilyn Hladky stated that she would like to be able to furnish masks for those who want to come in. She also suggested that signage could be placed that "asks" customers use a mask.

Eric Hofer, Building and Grounds Supt., said we currently have no masks. He has applied to DHHS for them but hasn't heard back.

Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, said homemade masks could possibly be used.

Sherry Leising, Deputy County Treasurer, said that they would possibly get many customers on the first day and said that Lancaster County residents would possibly come and use Seward County facilities.

Schweitzer stated that she would not open up on Election Day. She stated she knows that in time, we will have to open up, but not on Election Day.

Bob Dahms said Hitchcock County is the only courthouse open.

Schmieding stated he feels that it's a bit premature to open the courthouse.

Sheriff Vance said he has limited his title inspections and gun permits to only Seward County residents. He suggested that a deputy be located at the front door to help control the flow of people into the courthouse when we do open.

Jeff Baker suggested creating a task force for implementation of opening of County facilities.

Maria Hatfield said she has found a vendor to get masks from. She ordered the fifty KN95 at \$5.49 each. She stated the standard masks she ordered are .99 each if ordered in quantities.

It was suggested that 2,000 to 3,000 masks should be ordered so that we have them in supply when we open facilities. Hofer will also look at ordering hand sanitizer/dispensers.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:03 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:10 a.m.

Commissioner Paulsen removed herself from the Board at 10:10 a.m.

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator presented 2 Short Form Plats for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Mundhenke to adopt Resolution No.3511 in regard to approving the Short Form Plat Subdivision to create the Gehl Addition in Precinct F, located in the W ¼ SW ¼ of Section 12, Township 11 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO 3511 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Donna Settle, James Settle Jeremy Settle, and Sonya Garcia are Life Use trustees and have applied for a Short Form Plat Subdivision of 5.40 acres from 130.0 acres, and is described as a tract of land in the West 1/2 of the South West ¼ of, Section 12, Township 11N, Range 2E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, the subdivision shall be called GEHLE ADDITION SHORT FORM PLAT, and

WHEREAS, The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on April 20th, 2020 to consider the Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the GEHLE ADDITION Short Form Plat with a vote of 6 For, 0 against, and 2 Absent and Not Voting, and

WHEREAS, No one appeared to oppose the subdivision

Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision

No one appeared to support the subdivision

Individuals appeared to support the subdivision

Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve , Deny the GEHLE ADDITION Short Form Plat with Resolution NO: 3511.

Paulsen was removed from the Board at the time this Resolution was passed.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Mundhenke 05/05/20

Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Mike Mundhenke, Ken Schmieding,
Chair of the Board, John K. Culver

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3512 in regard to approving the Short Form Plat Subdivision to create the Justin Addition in Precinct E, located in the W ¼ SE ¼ of Section 6, Township 11 North, Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO 3512 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Brett and Ruth Borchers are trustees of the Brett L. Borchers Revocable Trust and have applied for a Short Form Plat Subdivision of 6.17 acres of land from 80.0 acres, and described as a tract of land in the West 1/2 of the South East ¼ of, Section 6, Township 11N, Range 1E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, the subdivision shall be called JUSTIN ADDITION SHORT FORM PLAT, and

WHEREAS, The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on April 20th, 2020 to consider the Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the JUSTIN ADDITION Short Form Plat with a vote of 6 For, 0 against, and 2 Absent and Not Voting, **and**

WHEREAS, No one appeared to oppose the subdivision

Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision

No one appeared to support the subdivision

Individuals appeared to support the subdivision

Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve , Deny the JUSTIN ADDITION Short Form Plat with Resolution NO: 3512.

Paulsen was removed from the Board at the time this Resolution was passed.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Schmieding 05/05/20

Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Mike Mundhenke
Chair of the Board, John K. Culver

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Mundhenke, Culver

Motion Carried

Commissioner Paulsen joined the Board at 10:15 a.m.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on May 12, 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 April 28, 2020
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

8:35 a.m. Discuss/Action – Hearings – Permissive Exemption Applications
Discuss/Action – Decision on Permissive Exemption Applications

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on May 12, 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 May 5, 2020
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through May 1, 2020

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Mundhenke to adjourn at 10:16

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen Mundhenke Schmieding Vrbka Culver

State of Nebraska)
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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 12th day of May 2020.

County Clerk

Chairperson