

# May 7, 2024

## 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 8:33 a.m. on May 7, 2024 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 7, 2024 at 8:33 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic

Members: Raegan Hain, John Culver, 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.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP), introduced the organization's newest employee, Collin Hain. Jank updated the Commissioners on activities of his organization.

Those officials present for their monthly meeting with the Commissioners were: Carrie Gottschalk, Roxanne Knutson and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of:

- a. Minutes of April 30, 2024
- b. County Clerk Fee Report for April 2024 in the amount of \$32,302.25 and
- c. District Court Fee Report for April 2024 in the amount of \$8,057.85.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to approve the claims for the period through April 26, 2024.

### SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH APRIL 26, 2024

ACCURATE CONTROLS	SE	\$1,856.36	ST OF NE DEPT OF CORR.SERV	SE	\$2,800.85
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$283.68	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$3,598.38
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$219.39	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$412.50
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$21,620.23	T SQUARE MOVERS	SE	\$1,506.25
BEL-CON REFUSE	SE	\$4,023.60	THOMAS & THOMAS CRT RPRT	SE	\$392.93
KYLE BILGER	SE	\$7.00	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	EQ	\$1,165.64
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$2,639.40	THYSENKRUPP ELEVATOR	SE	\$848.80
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$1,375.78	US POSTAL SERVICE	SU	\$10,000.00
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,625.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,350.53
CAPITAL BUS SYS	SU	\$39.14	VISA	FE	\$753.48
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	UT	\$350.51	VOSS LIGHTING	SU	\$164.79
CONNER PSYCH SERV	SE	\$1,275.00	BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	SU	\$1,962.00
CONSOLIDATED MGMT CO	SE	\$22.70	BEATRICE CONCRETE	SU	\$36,755.73
E 911	FE	\$44,869.17	DESIGN INDUSTRIAL RADIATORS	SE	\$15.01
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$9,964.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$18,300.40
EATON CORPORATION	SE	\$118.00	EKOS, INC	SU	\$4,973.00
ES&S	SU	\$3,660.37	HEARTLAND TIRES & TREADS	EQ	\$849.00
BRITTNEY EMERSON	SE	\$288.50	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$7,720.55
BRIAN FORAL	SE	\$3,426.41	KERFORD LIMESTONE CO	SU	\$10,213.14

FOXSTER OPCO	FE	\$6,570.00	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOC	SE	\$26,083.15
GALLS LLC	SE	\$505.09	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES INC	SU	\$12.50
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$20.00	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$95.43
GENERAL SURGERY ASSOC	SE	\$1,242.91	ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH	SE	\$1,360.41
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$807.69	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$75.67
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$1,351.00	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$23,219.72
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$157.67	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE CO	SU	\$275.78
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$236.59	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$53.84
INDOFF INC	SU	\$627.81	PAVERS INC	SU	\$126,880.21
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$21,771.79	COMMUNITY PUBLISHERS	SE	\$155.00
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$88.70	SEWARD CO CHAMBER	SE	\$1,987.26
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$1,501.99	ERIC WALLACE	SE	\$169.00
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$38.26	GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SU	\$250.74
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$493.00	MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$350.00
MERLES GARDEN CENTER	SU	\$350.00	NESBITT INVESTIGATIONS	SE	\$17,710.16
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$48,864.24	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$327.13
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$394.05	SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$174.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$250.00	SEWARD COUNTY ROAD	FE	\$2,230.07
NE ASSN OF CO TREASURERS	FE	\$150.00	SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO	SE	\$109.40
NE LAW ENFORC TRAIN CT	FE	\$400.00	TRANSUNION RISK	FE	\$436.00
ORKIN LLC	SE	\$147.00	URIBE REFUSE SERVICES	SE	\$156.00
C. JO PETERSEN	SE	\$1,702.25	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$167.99
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$35.00	CENTURYLINK	EQ	\$1,557.66
PIONEER AMBULANCE	SE	\$558.69	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTNG	SE	\$115.00
CA MARKETING, INC	SU	\$1,006.83	ST OF NE DAS COMMUN	SE	\$844.80
PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	EQ	\$18,965.76	SALARIES		\$307,982.39
QUILL CORPORATION	SU	\$6.39	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$238.00	AMERITAS DENTAL		
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$104,168.46	AMERITAS VISION		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$12.27	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO SHERIFF	SE	\$38.60	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD SMILES	SE	\$760.00	POINT C FSA		
SHERIDAN CO SHERIFF	SE	\$26.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

Motion Carried

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he met with the HR office, participated in interviews for the Zoning Administrator, attended a public transit meeting in regard to driver safety training, a meeting with the Assessor, an employee luncheon, and the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) meeting in Omaha. He also participated in a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) roundtable via Zoom, attended a BRIDGES meeting, a Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) meeting, and will go to a meeting in Nebraska City for a Disaster Management Session.

Commissioner Schmieding thanked those involved in the employee luncheons held last week and reported he visited with the County Treasurer. He attended a groundbreaking at Utica of a new subdivision, and noted information about Apace and Region V.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the employee luncheons, completed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) report and noted information about the ARPA obligations for the village of Pleasant Dale, helped submit a grant request for the Lower Platte Weed Management, worked with a constituent who has some noxious weed challenges in his ditch, attended the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) webinar, met with some veterans, attended the Broadband meeting, attended a Water Leaders Assn. planning session, attended to the Zoning Office, responded to various emails, talked to Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) representatives, and worked on Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP) presentation.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended interviews for the Zoning Administrator, looked at claims, checked in with various offices and will attend three village board meetings this coming week.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with Commissioner Zabrocki, the Assessor and her Deputy about trying to educate residents about the appraisal process, attended employee luncheons, completed evaluations, sent out information about Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP) grant, worked in Community Projects Fund (CPF), met with Jail Director and Asst. Director, will get cookies for the Correctional staff for Correctional Staff Week, meeting with the Well Being Initiative group this coming week, prepared for the Grant Writer meeting, and checked roads.

Brandy Hafer, Public Transit Director, was present to give information about purchasing cameras in the transit vehicles that can be paid for by a reimbursable grant.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve a quote from Safe Fleet for cameras in Public Transit Vehicles in the amount of \$16,218 to be paid initially by the Inheritance Fund and will be applying for a grant which will reimburse the cost of the cameras.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the bid for \$2,848 from Safe Fleet for installation of dash cameras for two fleet vehicles to be paid out of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund.

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

Hafer then provided a letter received from the Seward School Board in regard to information about Public Transit providing services of transporting students to Seward Public Schools. Hafer stated she had tried to get on the Seward School Board agenda and was not able to. She also stated she has been getting more and more requests for student transportation. Commissioner Ahmic stated she has been asked why the service is not being provided in Milford. It was decided to continue the service now until the end of the school year and revisit the subject at a later date.

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, was present to give the recommendation of the hiring committee to offer the job of Zoning Administrator to Marissa Pfile.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Culver to approve the appointment of Marissa Pfile as Zoning Administrator with a starting wage of \$25.76 with the wage increase to \$26.56 on July 1 with her starting day to be May 20, 2024.

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

Jon Regnier, Highway Supt., gave information about two utility permits on the agenda.

Moved by Hain and seconded by to approve the Utility Permit for Elsbury Construction for trenching across Alvo Road south of Utica for a Sewer Main between Section 29 and 32 in Township 11, Range 1 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> p.m.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki approve the Utility Permit for Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to attach a Stream Gauge to Bridge #1115 at the east side of Section 11 and 32 in Township 9 North, Range 1 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> p.m.

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

Commissioner Ahmic stated she worked with a representative of gWorks to obtain the necessary payoff amount needed to end the contracts of various offices due to going with a different vendor for GIS.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain accept the offer from State Farm Insurance in the amount of \$26,670.65 for the loss of a 2023 Chevrolet Equinox and authorize the Chairman to sign documentation of settlement acceptance.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion about a monthly veteran being honored for their service in the military. She had met with representatives of Legion/VFW organizations

in Seward County. It was discussed that a Seward County Veteran be honored each month.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to that the Seward County Board of Commissioners honor a veteran monthly starting May 21, 2024.

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

The Commissioners discussed the grant applied for via the Community Projects Fund (Community Projects Fund (CPF). The grant applied for is for a project on 420<sup>th</sup> Road, commonly known at the Beaver Crossing Road. Discussion about NEPA (National Environmental Protection Agency) work for the grant was held.

The Executive Session on the agenda will take place May 21, 2024.

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on May 14, 2024 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 23, 2024
4. Discuss/Action – Reconsider Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Request
5. Discuss/Action – Partial Permissive Exemptions
6. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on May 14, 2024 are as follows:**

9:00 a.m.

7. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
8. Pledge of Allegiance

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 10:21 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Culver, Schmieding, Ahmic 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson