

November 1, 2022

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 November 1, 2022 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 November 1, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, 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 from the public making comments to the Commissioners were Raegan Hain, Harrison Helmer, Executive Director of BRIDGES and Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP).

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of October 25, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked on the Genealogical Society grant, worked with Matt Starkey on a project, went to a sub-committee meeting for SCCDP, and received calls about the possible ordinance involving engine braking.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he received calls about engine braking.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a 911 Board meeting, received phone calls about engine braking, road problems and culverts, and worked on a Veteran's Office Project.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he received phone calls about engine braking and roads conditions. He said he has an Extension Board meeting this coming week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he participated in a leadership training, attended the 911 Board meeting and will have a Seward City Council meeting tonight. He also received emails about engine braking.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Buildings and Grounds Supt. to sign the Modernization Proposal and Work by Others Proposal with TK Elevator for the Courthouse elevator upgrade.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3718 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to pledge additional securities.

Resolution No. 3718 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank desires to pledge the following security:

Description	CUSIP Number	Market Value
DOUGLAS CO SID	25934JBC9	\$315,000.00

Whereas, County deposits must be protected at all times,

Therefore, this County Board accepts the above security pledging by the Jones Bank as of 10/26/22.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Schmieding
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Resolution #3718
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk
Dated this 1st Day of NOVEMBER, 2022

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3719 in regard to authorizing the Chairman to sign the Year End Certification of the Highway Supt.

RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE
YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF
COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
2022

Resolution No. 3719

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2501 through 39-2505 detail the requirements that must be met in order for a county to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and

Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each county must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment(s) of the County Highway Superintendent(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form; and

Whereas: The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the county highway superintendent's appointment, i.e., meeting minutes showing the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable) and Class of License (if applicable), the type of appointment, i.e., employed or under contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another county and/or incorporated municipality), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

Whereas: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the County Board authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form by the County Board Chairperson.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Seward County is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form(s).

Adopted this 1st day of November, 2022 at Seward, Nebraska.

County Board Members

Ayes: John K. Culver, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell J. Zabrocki

County Board Member Schmieding
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Ahmic Seconded the Motion
Roll Call 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as adopted

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

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

The Commissioners discussed the "No Engine Braking on the County Roads" item on the agenda. They noted that all Commissioners received some type of correspondence against adopting an ordinance for this. Zabrocki said that he had received a complaint about it and said he was just bringing it to the Board. Ahmic stated she felt that if somebody has an idea about something, having a conversation about it and dealing with the individuals involved with the issue is a way to solve it. Both Commissioners Schmieding and Vrbka said they would not be in favor of a county-wide ordinance on the issue.

The Commissioners briefly talked about infrastructure related grants, specifically those grants for Broadband.

The Commissioners discussed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Culver stated he was going to go to the Village of Bee, Garland and Pleasant Dale meetings to talk to them about any County ARPA funds they will request to pay for their projects.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to give information about a Surplus Property Disposal Request he submitted for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Surplus Property Disposal Request for the Road Dept.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:25 a.m.

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

Matt Starkey, Public Transit Director/Veterans Service Officer, was present to give information about a project honoring veterans. November 7–13 is "Light Up the County in Green to Honor Veterans" week. He stated that the Nebraska Association of County Officials has highlighted and promoted the project. Commissioner Ahmic said that she thought this was a great opportunity to showcase and honor veterans. She talked to someone who would light up the civil war statute in front of the courthouse in green and suggested other places/villages that could also participate. She would be willing to reach out to the various villages and the National Guard Museum and see if they would help illuminate areas with Green to promote this.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve "Light up the County in Green to Honor Veterans."

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on November 8, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of October 25, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

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9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 1, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through October 28, 2022

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 9:43 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, 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 8th day November 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson