

Seward County Board of Commissioners

November 17, 2015

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 17, 2015 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 17, 2015 at 9:00a.m.

Present:	Chairman:	Roger E. Glawatz
	Members:	Mike Luebbe, Diana Garske, Gene Gausman, Whitney Fleischman
	County Clerk:	Sherry Schweitzer

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 Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to approve the minutes of November 10, 2015.

Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Gausman, Garske, Luebbe, Glawatz Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Luebbe reported he attended the Employee Appreciation Dinner and visited some project sites.

Commissioner Garske reported she handled some constituent responses, went to an Economic Development meeting and appreciation dinner.

Commissioner Gausman attended the annual appreciation dinner, a Firespring meeting, and worked on an abandoned cemetery situation.

Commissioner Fleischman reported she attended the appreciation dinner, a Fair Board meeting, sent information on GA issues for a State Committee focusing on GA issues, met with HR on personnel issues and talked with offices about IT concerns.

Commissioner Glawatz attended the employee appreciation dinner, the County Vision Committee, attended the Economic Development meeting, met with auditors, and worked on different issues with officers.

Jeff Fleischman, Road Shop Foreman brought information about a request for a new dump truck. The Commissioners told him to prepare specifications to go out for bids.

Barb Liska, 911 Director led discussion on the phone equipment for the Southeast Region Interlocal Agreement. She stated that the 14 counties in the region, with additional counties interested, have looked over the Interlocal. She also said that most of the planning for servers, etc. is ready.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to approve the nomination of Becky Paulsen for the Vice President of the Nebraska Weed Control Assn.

Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Gausman, Luebbe, Garske, Glawatz Motion Carried

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to open bids at 9:30 for the Staplehurst Road Shop Bathroom Project.

Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Luebbe, Garske, Gausman, Glawatz Motion Carried

Bids were received from Lenz Construction and Duane Broeker. The awarding of the bid will be on next week's agenda.

Commissioner Fleischman reported on the Justice Center update. She stated that things were on schedule and that cement was to be poured this week so natural gas service needed to be hooked up.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:35 am

The Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

Commissioner Garske led discussion on the IT items on the agenda. She reported she talked to a few offices and said that maybe taking small steps would be best when trying to get everybody on the same page about using Firespring and their services for security on our computers. Michaela Tuttle, HR Director said that the first step would be to be able to put an "agent" on each County computer. Not having this agent on each computer would put the other computers at risk. Commissioner Fleischman stated that she felt the tax payers would want their information secured and having one system would provide that.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to allow Firespring to manage all County IT devices, servers and networks.

Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Luebbe, Garske, Gausman, Glawatz Motion Carried

The next item on the agenda was in regard to using the common email domain. Tuttle stated that when an employee signs up for employment, they are given a county email with the domain of co.seward.ne.us. She said there are considerations to consider for some offices that have contracted with Microsoft 365 and google apps to create sewardcountyne.com. Jeff Baker, Veteran's Service Officer stated they are under a contract for a year and will renew in May and January. He stated that the contracts will come for renewal for the Road Dept. in May, Veteran's/Public Transit this coming January. Google apps allow calendars to be synced with other offices he stated. Some officials have a nebraska.gov email address because of their office work dealing with state offices. Tuttle stated that those officials who must have other email addresses because of their offices can have their co.seward.ne.us address combined in their .gov address.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to require all county employees to use the domain name co.seward.ne.us for all county business.

Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Luebbe, Garske, Gausman, Glawatz Motion Carried

John Owens of Edward Jones was present to discuss additional financing of the jail. He announced that the company of Edward Jones has decided to not be involved in municipal financing effective December 31, 2015. He stated that Edward Jones cannot help with additional financing, but the county would not be precluded from finding another firm to process a bond. He stated that local funding can also be considered in providing funding. It was stated that the levy that is allowed, commonly called the nickel tax, be used to pay back local financing. Commissioner Luebbe suggested discussing it at a future meeting. It was suggested that the Inheritance Fund, along with possible loan proceeds be used to help finance the rest of the Justice Center.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on November 24, 2015 are as follows:

8:30 a.m. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law

Pledge of Allegiance

Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 10, 2015

Discuss/Action - Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on November 24, 2015 are as follows:

9:00 a.m. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law

Pledge of Allegiance

Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 17, 2015

Discuss/Action – Claims for November 2015

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards

Commissioners Reports

Right of Way Request(s): None

Discuss/Action – Justice Center Update

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award bid for the Staplehurst Road Shop Bathroom Project

9:30 a.m. Public Hearing – Rezone from A-1 District to TA-1 District located in Precinct H in the NW ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 34, T11N R4E

Discuss/Action - Res. - Rezone from A-1 District to TA-1 District located in Precinct H in the NW ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 34, T11N R4E

9:35 a.m. Public Hearing – Rezone from A-1 District to TA-1 District located in Precinct H in the S ½ of NW ¼ of Section 34, T11N R4E

Discuss/Action - Res. - Rezone from A-1 District to TA-1 District located in Precinct H in the S ½ of NW ¼ of Section 34, T11N R4E

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Luebbe, Garske, Gausman, 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 24th day of November 2015.

County Clerk

Chairman

