

# November 17, 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 9:00 a.m. on November 17, 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 November 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Present:           Chairperson: John Culver  
                      Members: Misty Ahmic, 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.

It was noted that Misty Ahmic, the newly appointed Commissioner to fulfill the term of Mike Mundhenke, is present.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver

Abstain: Paulsen, Ahmic as they were not in attendance at said meeting. Motion Carried

Those officials updating the Commissioners about their offices were Mike Vance, Andrew Matney, and Sherry Schweitzer.

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Ahmic thanked those present for the opportunity to serve as Commissioner.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the Ag Society meeting the previous week.

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with various officials and emails, and attended the Planning & Zoning meeting the previous week.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he was contacted by a constituent about buying Road Dept. surplus items.

Paulsen reported that she has a zoom meeting for Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership. She also went on a bridge inspection with Road Dept. personnel.

Andrew Matney, E911 Director, was present to give information about a Motorola invoice for a radio contract that was not paid in 2019. He stated that an invoice was received for 2019 and 2020 each in amounts over \$30,000. Sheriff Vance was also in

attendance and stated that the costs may be able to be paid from the Sheriff's Drug Fund. Vance will look into it and the item will be on next week's agenda.

Chairman Culver gave information on the Nepotism Policy modification subject on the agenda. He stated that the Nepotism Policy has been questioned many times over the last 4 years. He also stated that in a county the size of Seward County, there are many people related to another which would make it hard for a person to attain employment.

Moved by Culver to approve the "Employment of Relatives and Domestic Partners".

Motion died for lack of a second.

Brea Ehmen, HR Director, was present to give information about a Wellness Challenge for employees. She stated the "Maintain-Don't Gain" was a challenge that was successfully implemented last year and she would like to offer the challenge again.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Wellness Challenge with a budget of \$150.00.

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

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on November 24, 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 November 10, 2020
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on November 24, 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 November 17, 2020

**Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows**

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action - Res. – Authorize the Chairman to sign the Year End Certification for the County Highway Supt.
7. Discuss/Action – Committee Liaisons for new Commissioner
8. Discuss/Action – Repairs for Abandoned Cemeteries
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for December 1, 2020

9:15 a.m.      Discuss/Action - Payment of Motorola Service Agreement for E911

9:45 a.m.      Discuss/Action – Res. – New Snow Removal Policy for rural roads to be effective this winter season

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 10:12 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Ahmic, Culver                      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 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson