

November 19, 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 9:00 a.m. on November 19, 2024 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board, on the Commissioner’s Room door, the Seward County website: sewardcountyne.gov, published in the Seward County Independent and the Milford Times. 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 19, 2024 at 9:00 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.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a. Minutes of November 12, 2024
- b. Affirm Utility Permit for Charger/Spectrum to repair cut fiber line between Sections 7 & 8 of Township 10 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.
- c. Two Applications for members of the Extension Board – Jennifer Nantkes and Richard Newman

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic

Voting Yes: Culver but he abstained from approving the minutes as he was not in attendance. Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to approve claims for the period through November 8, 2024.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH OCTOBER 25, 2024

ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$108.16	VISA	FE	\$2,973.50
ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	UT	\$5,466.07	VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$21,233.07	WATER ENGINEERING	SE	\$210.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$109.22	WELLS FARGO LEASING	EQ	\$230.66
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$360.00	BEATRICE CONCRETE	SU	\$4,907.16
BRYAN MEDICAL CENTER	SE	\$1,377.22	BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$206.44
BURESH LAWN CARE	SE	\$700.00	CENTRAL STATES HYDRAULIC	SU	\$226.41
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,625.00	EHLERS ELECTRONICS	SE	\$95.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$1,381.34	HEARTLAND TIRES & TREADS	EQ	\$12,245.23
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$12,861.94	HYDRAULIC EQUIP SERVICE	SE	\$28.89
CLERK OF DIST COURT	SE	\$148.00	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$12,607.57
CONSOLIDATED MGMT CO	SE	\$68.10	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOC	SE	\$10,266.28
CORI J STAVA	SE	\$300.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	TR	\$371.85	MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$35.00
CULLIGAN	SE	\$119.25	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$626.15
DIAMOND DRUGS	SE	\$2,285.64	MIDWEST PETROLEUM EQUIP	EQ	\$1,696.00
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$20.60	NE EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$168.04
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$237.30	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$58.18
ELECTION WORKERS	SE	\$16,926.15	NEBRASKA TRUCK REPAIR	SE	\$17.10

EQUIFAX WORKFORCE/TALX	SE	\$162.85	NE WEED CONTROL ASSN	FE	\$235.00
KEARNEY HOSPITALITY	TR	\$247.90	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$51.07
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$13,617.26	NMC, INC	EQ	\$6,058.22
BRIAN FORAL	SE	\$4,158.93	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$1,116.12
GBE CPA	SE	\$7,615.00	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$10.64
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$2,168.50	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$218.34
GUARDIAN RFID	SE	\$15.90	POWERPLAN	SE	\$5,333.43
HOBSON AUTO	SE	\$2,068.64	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$3,124.04
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$588.20	ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH	SE	\$224.10
HOPE CRISIS CENTER	SE	\$18,011.00	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$43.52
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SE	\$57.26	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$22,081.69
JONES BANK (FICA)	SE	\$21,471.84	TROYER CONCRETE	SE	\$375.00
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$56.80	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$696.38
LANGUAGE LINE SERV	SE	\$30.29	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$87.13
LEE ENTERPRISES	SE	\$275.00	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$53.60
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$88.92	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$5,590.01
RELX INC	SE	\$444.00	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIP	EQ	\$1,000.00
HOLLY MATZKE	SE	\$180.00	SMALL ENGINE SPECIALISTS	SE	\$6,408.60
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$8,199.64	SOUTHWEST GRAVEL PRODUCT	SU	\$4,725.96
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$4,116.79	CHAPTERS BOOKS	SU	\$85.53
MIDWEST CARD & ID	SE	\$716.38	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING	SU	\$292.50
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,672.46	VALENTINO'S SEWARD	SU	\$464.36
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$562.86	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$92,674.05
NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$4,674.20	BLUE VALLEY PEST CONTROL	SE	\$320.00
NE LAW ENFORC TRAIN	FE	\$800.00	CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING	SE	\$399.86
NE NOTARY ASSOC	FE	\$166.00	GALLS LLC	SE	\$390.79
NEBRASKA.GOV	FE	\$113.50	GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$629.89
ONESOURCE	SE	\$241.00	HERPOLSHEIMERS	EQ	\$199.70
ORKIN LLC	SE	\$147.00	TRANSUNION RISK	FE	\$854.60
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$235.00	UTICA BODY & PAINT	SE	\$400.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$39.60	WESTERN OIL II	SU	\$117.51
PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$600.00	DILLON WILLIAMS	SE	\$750.00
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$50.40	VIGILNET	SE	\$152.90
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$642.00	KIRKHAM, MICHAEL & ASSOC	SE	\$7,629.00
SARPY CO SHERIFF	SE	\$9.32	PICTOMETRY INTL CORP	SE	\$28,744.50
SEWARD CO CHAMBER	SE	\$60,100.00	UPPER BIG BLUE NRD	UT	\$1,565.18
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$3,143.83	UNITE PRIVATE NETWORKS	SE	\$327.00
SEWARD CO PUB TRANSIT	EQ	\$32.00	CIDNET	SE	\$2,300.62
SEWARD CO SHERIFF	SE	\$54.40	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	FE	\$1,000.00
SEWARD SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$270.00	SALARIES		\$303,436.49
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$214.77	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
JOY SHIFFERMILLER	SE	\$831.25	AMERITAS DENTAL		
SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$592.00	AMERITAS VISION		
ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTNG	SE	\$22.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$9,254.43	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SVEHLA LAW	SE	\$650.00	POINT C FSA		
VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$36.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

Motion Carried

John Regnier, Highway Supt., and Trever Trebilcock, Asst Highway Supt., were present to update the Commissioners on activities of the Road Dept. Regnier stated that they have a belly dump trailer that is rusting out and not usable. He said he has a truck and pup that is surplus. He has contacted a dealer that would take the trailer and truck and trade for a new belly dump trailer. Regnier also talked about communication from Lancaster County about a bridge that is on the county line that they want to repair and want Seward County to pay for half. There has been no communication about this previously so that we can budget for it. A meeting with Lancaster County is scheduled for December 9, 2024. Regnier said a door to the Milford Road Shop needs repair. They will call on the company who fixed it last for repair. Also discussed were road conditions after the recent rain.

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, was present to ask the Commissioners to approve a hiring bonus for the Road Dept. positions. They have several positions that have remained vacant for several months.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to approve a Tier 1 hiring bonus for the motor grader operator and heavy-duty equipment positions of the Road Dept. which is \$500 at 90 days of employment, \$500 at 6 months of employment and \$1,000 at 1 year of employment.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Culver, Schmieding, Ahmic

Voting No: Zabrocki

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a City of Seward Planning Commission meeting and a Seward County Planning Commission meeting, a Broadband Task Force Meeting, communicated with the Building & Grounds Supt. about the grounds by the West Wing, and communicated with the city officials about the TIF Report.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he was unable to go to the Visitors Meeting this past week. He commended the Extension Office for helping with an event for the Fairgrounds. He participated in a Zoom meeting with Region 5 and Apace.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended a Broadband Taskforce Meeting, participated in a Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP) review meeting, a Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) meeting, attended the Seward County Planning Commission and dealt with Region V and Apace items. She also noted that Seward County was awarded the Safe Street and Road Grant in the amount of \$400,000 to help with a feasibility study for a bypass corridor near Milford.

Commissioner Culver reported he had a Seward/Saline Solid Waste meeting and visited with two constituents about roads.

Commissioner Hain reported she helped with the Caregivers Retreat planned by the Aging Services Dept., participated in the Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP) review meeting, met with the HR Director, completed two employee evaluations and gave information about the buildings at the main road shop.

The contract for Region 5/Apace that is on the agenda was briefly discussed. Commissioner Schmieding participated in a meeting yesterday with the Region 5/Apace organization and voted yes on the contracts and so the need to vote on the contract was not needed. The issue of Region 5/Apace not updating their bylaws and other paperwork since Apace changed their name was discussed.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Zabrocki to not authorize the Chairman to sign Region 5 and Apace contracts.

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

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on November 26, 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 November 12, 2024
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on November 26, 2024 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

5. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
6. Pledge of Allegiance
7. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 19, 2024

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

8. Discuss/Action - Public/Organizations/Officials
9. Commissioners Reports
10. Discuss/Action – Change Seward County Representative for the

Region 5/Apace Board

11. Executive Session - Personnel

12. Discuss/Action – Agenda for December 3, 2024

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Veteran of the Month

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res. – Vacate Jordan Addition in the SE ¼ of Section 2 Township 10 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Mary Dolan/Daughters of the American Revolution – Update on their work with Seward County Abandoned Cemeteries

10:30 a.m. Executive Session- Personnel

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 10:29 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Culver, 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 26th day of November 2024.

County Clerk

Chairperson