

November 30, 2021
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 30, 2021 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 30, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic (via Zoom), Bob Vrbka, Darrell Zabrocki

Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson

Absent: Member: Schmieding

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.

Commissioner Schmieding was present at 9:01 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve minutes of November 23, 2021.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Terry Wicht, Highway Superintendent, updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she visited with constituents and researched information for the American Rescue Plan Act. (ARPA)

Commissioner Vrbka had nothing to report.

Commissioner Culver dealt with correspondence, worked with various departments, visited with IT support and checked roads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he met with the Visitors Bureau Chairman.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he spent time working on various tasks with the E911 Center.

Kelly Danielson and Jessica Bodfield, G&P Landfill, were present to request adding counties to the jurisdiction of accepting waste at their landfill in Milford. Danielson said they've come to the Board in years past to request expansion into other counties. Now they would like to accept waste from Hall, Merrick, Hamilton, and Adams Counties. Zabrocki asked what prevents those counties from taking waste to their local facilities. He said the waste is usually unique commercial waste. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, asked to have the original host agreement so she can amend the verbiage.

Carina Sanchez, Human Resources Director, was present to request increasing the 2022 medical flexible spending amount. The current 2021 maximum contribution amount is \$2,750.00. She said the IRS set the new 2022 maximum contribution limit amount to \$2,850.00, but the county is not required to change.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to increase the 2022 Medical Flexible Spending Account Amount to the maximum allowed by the IRS, being \$2,850.00.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Sanchez then led the discussion in regard to correcting/changing the starting wage for two E911 Employees to \$17.05/hour. She stated that the previous E911 Director hired a new employee at \$17.05/hour based on experience and staffing demands. Two existing employees with equal experience are making less than that. Culver asked if this will be the new starting wage, and Sanchez said that the starting wage will stay the same. This change is just because of their experience.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the correction/change in starting wage for employee numbers 7058 and 0193 to \$17.05/hour.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Vrbka, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3649 in regard to authorizing the Chairman to sign the Annual Certification of Highway Superintendent.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF THE YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT 2021

Resolution No. 3649

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 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 30th day of November, 2021 at Seward, Nebraska.

County Board Members

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

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

Attest: Brandy M. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

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

In regard to the Disbursement of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds item on the agenda, Ahmic said she has been tracking the activity of the ARPA Funds.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 7, 2021 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 30, 2021
5. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through November 26, 2021

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Business Hours for Christmas Eve
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for December 14, 2021

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Contents of Email Received from Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and Notification of Email Changes from Human Resources

Discuss/Action – Request Email Changes for Treasurer’s & Assessor’s Offices

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit/Development Permit to operate and construct a tower with Industrial Tower West being the contractor and Daehling being the landowner in the NE ¼ of Section 35 Township 12 N, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res./Findings of Facts - Conditional Use Permit/Development Permit to operate and construct a tower with Industrial Tower West being the contractor and Daehling being the landowner in the NE ¼ of Section 35 Township 12 N, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 9:53 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, 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 7th day of December 2021.

County Clerk

Chairperson