

October 15, 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 October 15, 2024 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 October 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic
Members: John Culver, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson
Absent: Member: Raegan Hain

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 minutes of October 8, 2024.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Abstain: Culver, as he was not present at said meeting

Motion Carried

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he worked at the scrap tire event on Saturday and completed the performance evaluation for the E911 Director.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended an Extension Board meeting and received a few phone calls from constituents.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the legislative conference in Ogallala, helped at the scrap tire event and thanked everyone for their assistance, thanked the road department for their work on Denton Road, attended a meeting with Senator Jana Hughes and others, met with the policy board in regards to the Public Defender position, reviewed the RFP for a grant writer position and reminded the board that performance evaluations need to be done for Zoning, Public Transit, Jail & the Veteran Service Officer.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting in York and helped with the scrap tire event.

Ahmic led discussion on the agenda item of purchasing two chairs for the commissioner meeting room. The two chairs that are currently at the table where people sit to speak to the Commissioners are on wheels and could potentially pose a safety risk. After checking the county's surplus property and checking with different vendors, she was able to find chairs from Eakes for around \$450 per chair. Discussion was held regarding the budget that would be used to purchase the chairs.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Culver to purchase two chairs for the Commissioner meeting room with the expenditure not to exceed \$1000 from the Commissioner Sinking Fund.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Culver, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed sending a letter to all villages and cities in the county regarding budget deadlines. This letter will serve as a reminder of budget deadlines as well as provide information as to what supporting documents are required along with each budget, per state statute.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Culver to approve the letter to villages and cities about budget deadlines.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Culver, Zabrocki, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Zoe Richert was present to discuss her resignation from the Planning Commission. Her term is coming to an end in January, and at that time, she will have served on the board for 38 years. The Commissioners thanked Zoe for her time spent on the Planning Commission and presented her with a certificate.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Culver to accept Zoe Richert's resignation from the Planning Commission effective in January of 2025.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Culver, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:25 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Jon Regnier, Highway Superintendent, led the discussion regarding a proposed name change for 420th Road due to the ongoing vandalism and theft of the road signs. He presented the Commissioners with four potential names to use instead of 420th Road. The first option is "Greene" Road, as Seward County was originally named Greene County after General Greene. Another option is "Gale" Road after Robert Gale, who filed the first homestead in Seward County. Next is "Morgan" Road after Daniel Morgan, who was one of the first settlers in Seward County. The last potential road name is "Soldier" Road as there have been numerous residents of Seward County who have served and are currently serving. Ahmic stated if the name is changed to a name rather than a number, it would be less of a re-addressing burden for the people who reside along the road. Culver suggested taking a poll amongst the people who live along the road and let them decide between the proposed names. Ahmic suggested the Road Department advertise the potential name change, as well as the potential new names, on their social media. It will also be published in the local newspaper. Regnier stated he would draft a letter to all the people who live and/or own land along 420th Road to inform them.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on October 22, 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 October 8, 2024
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 22, 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 October 15, 2024
8. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through October 11, 2024

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

9. Discuss/Action - Public/Organizations/Officials

10. Commissioners Reports
11. Discuss/Action – Agenda for October 29, 2024

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Culver to adjourn at 9:42 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Culver, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

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I, Brandy Johnson, the undersigned Deputy 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 22nd day of October 2024.

Deputy County Clerk

Chairperson