



Jon & Bonnie Kruse, Wayne Jensen, Ron Nissen were in attendance to determine and ask for approval of a location for the William Seward Statue on the Courthouse lawn. Jensen was the Chairman of the committee in Alaska that erected a statue of "Seward." Alaska also had a sesquicentennial this past year and erected a statue that was part of their celebration. The statue in Seward will not be exactly like the one in Alaska, but will be similar. Ron Nissen, Seward County Surveyor provided a topographical map of the courthouse lawn. He had marked easements and some of the underground sprinklers on his map. Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of SCCDP and Seward City Mayor Josh Eickmeier both remarked that the statue would be a good addition to the courthouse lawn. Eickmeier also stated the City Revitalization Project is being planned and suggested it could be placed to have a "plaza type" atmosphere. At 9:45 a.m. the Commissioners went to the lawn to choose a spot for the statue by marking it with several small flags.

Georgia Stockley, Highway Supt. brought a lease agreement for 2 motor graders for the Commissioners consideration from Caterpillar Financial Services.

Pat Kelly with Murphy Tractor was in attendance to ask that his company be given a chance to lease motor graders. The State bid for motor graders is given for a caterpillar product *and* a John Deere Project. Each were awarded bids based on different specifications. Fleischman noted we purchased John Deere motor graders last time.

Travis Boyle of Nebraska Caterpillar also spoke about the specifications of the Caterpillar product.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Culver to authorize the Chairman to sign the Finance Proposal and Sales Agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services Co. for the lease of 2 motor graders through the state bid from Nebraska Machinery Company per the recommendation of the Highway Supt.

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

Moved by Garske and seconded by Culver to authorize Chairman to sign the Scope and Fee Proposal from Speece Lewis Engineers for channel repair project for structure No. C008014605 on Yankee Hill Road.

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

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to authorize the Chairman to sign the Right of Way Certification for Federal Aid Project No. HRRR-STWD (116) at various Railroad Crossings.

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

Moved by Garske and seconded by Gausman to authorize the Chairman to sign the Credit Application from RDO Truck Leasing LLC to demonstrate a Mack Truck.

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

Purchasing used pickups at the state auction was discussed.

Moved by Garske and seconded by Gausman to purchase used pickup trucks at the State auction not to exceed \$6,000 or the trade in value according to Kelly Blue Book.

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

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to open the bids for Seward County Project No., Culver-80(617) Structure No. C008003805P Sunrise Road Project.

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

Bids were received from:

ME Collins, K2 Construction, Van Kirk Bros. Contracting, High Plains Enterprises & Vogtscapes, Inc.

The awarding of the bid is on the agenda next week.

Wendy Elston, Seward County Attorney presented an interlocal for the Commissioners consideration. The interlocal would be between the Village of Utica and Seward County for prosecuting their village ordinances.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to authorize the Chairman to sign the Interlocal with the Village of Utica for prosecuting services.

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

Pat Coldiron of SCCDP informed the Commissioners about replacing the tree in the front of the courthouse. She had talked to Matt French, a certified arborist, about the cost of renting a machine to take the tree out and putting a new tree in. She said the cost may be in the \$600-\$800 range with \$200 already having been raised. She will get back with the Commissioners with the final details. She also talked about seating in the Courthouse for the Christmas festival. Commissioner Glawatz will host the event and Janssen will have chairs set up in the east and south areas of the lower floor.

Commissioner Fleischman led discussion on the selling of surplus items of the county due to building the Justice Center. She suggested that a sealed bid auction should be considered. She said there are many items to sell, but too few items for an auction. Where, when, and how to have a silent auction and who would move the various items to the area of the auction was discussed. The item will be on the agenda next week.

Moved by Garske and seconded by Gausman to accept the County Treasurer's First Quarter Investment Report.

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

The Commissioners discussed a letter received from the City of Milford requesting their share of the payback for the new 911 equipment be remitted to the County in 5 annual payments.

Moved by Garske and seconded by Fleischman to allow the City of Milford to pay back their portion on the 911 radio system over a 5 year period of time in the amount of \$2,528.20 annually for a total of \$12,641.36 and due December 1 of each year which funds will be deposited back in the Seward County Inheritance Fund.

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

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to authorize the Chairman to sign the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts agreement.

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

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to authorize the Chairman to sign the Cost Allocation Plan as submitted by Maximus.

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

Moved by Garske and seconded by Fleischman to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for September 2017 in the amount of \$2,685.07.

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

An "Open House" was discussed for the Justice Center. Commissioner Garske stated that County Court and Probation are in charge of the event which will be on November 21, 2017 at 2 p.m. She stated that all the offices have been notified of it although not all offices may participate.

During the Justice Center Update, various items concerning the building were discussed.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on October 24, 2017 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 10, 2017
4. Discuss/Action - Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 24, 2017 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of October 17, 2017

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

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioner’s Reports
6. Plans for Selling Surplus Items
7. Discuss/Action - Justice Center Update

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action - Authorize Chairman to sign hazard Mitigation Interlocal Agreement

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action - Award bid for Seward County Project C-80(617) Structure No. C008003805P for Sunrise Road Project

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 27, 2017 are as follows:

8:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Approve Claims for October, 2017

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to adjourn at 11:38 a.m.  
Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Gausman, Garske, Culver, Glawatz 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

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County Clerk

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Chairman