

# October 18, 2022

## 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 18, 2022 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 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, 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 Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022.  
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver      Motion Carried

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Bob Dahms, County Treasurer, was present to give information about the Certification of Distress Warrants.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to accept the County Treasurer's Certificate of Distress Warrants to be collected by the Seward County Sheriff.

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

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Road Dept. team building event, received constituent calls about dumping and also about a vacant property, attended the Planning Commission meeting and attended the tree planting at the Nebraska National Guard Museum by the NRD and Nebraska Arbor Assn.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the Ag Society meeting and received correspondence from a constituent.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Flag Raising of Beck's Seed Company, attended the going away event for the former Clerk of the District Court, the swearing in of the new Clerk of the District Clerk, received various correspondences, and looked for on-line grants.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the tree planting at the Nebraska National Guard Museum, attended the Extension Board meeting and will attend the Visitors Committee meeting soon.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Beaver Crossing Board of Trustees meeting, the Flag Raising of Becks Seed Company project, a Road Dept. Team Building

event, the Swearing-In of the new Clerk of the District Court, the Broadband Task Force meeting, the tree planting at the Nebraska National Guard Museum, a Broadband Task Force meeting, met with BRIDGES personnel, and will attend the Seward City Council tonight.

Ann Dobesh, Extension Agent, was present to give information for a replacement vehicle for the Extension Office. Their previous vehicle was damaged by the June 2022 hailstorm. She is utilizing the University of Nebraska bidding process and had two vehicles in mind that would work for their use.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford Explorer at a cost of \$37,647.00.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:28 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:30 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open the bids at 9:30 a.m. for the Seward County Courthouse elevator upgrade.

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

One bid was received from TK Elevator.

The awarding of the bid will be on next week's agenda.

The Commissioners discussed infrastructure related grants. Discussion centered around broadband grants and if a company is willing to run fiber into a residence.

There was a short discussion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:43 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Sheriff Mike Vance was present to talk to the Board about purchasing a property for the Homeland Security Investigations Criminal Interdiction Task Force West for \$806,000.00. He supplied an agreement signed by the seller and a title insurance certificate.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Culver to authorize the purchase of the Homeland Security Investigations Criminal Interdiction Task Force West Property for \$806,000.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign the documents.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Culver, Ahmic, Schmieding

Voting No: Zabrocki

Motion Carried

Sheriff Vance also stated that the City of Milford has only one police officer at the current time.

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on October 25, 2022 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 11, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 25, 2022 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 18, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through October 14, 2022

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

- 5. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
- 6. Commissioners Reports
- 7. Discuss/Action – Res. – Allow Jones Bank to withdraw Pledged Securities
- 8. Discuss/Action – Accept Zoning Dept. Fee Report for Aug. 2022-\$2,400
- 9. Discuss/Action – Accept Zoning Dept. Fee Report for Sept. 2022-\$1,425
- 10. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
- 11. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
- 12. Discuss/Action – Agenda for November 1, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award Courthouse Elevator Upgrade Bid

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:07 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson