

October 20, 2020

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 20, 2020 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 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen
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 Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020.
Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the Ag Society meeting and received a comment about road repairs needed.

Commissioner Culver reported he worked with Dept. heads on several items of county business and attended a Planning & Zoning Meeting.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will attend the Visitors Committee meeting today and Ag Recognition event at the Harvest Hall later in the evening. He also stated he will go to SENDD meeting on Thursday.

Commissioner Paulsen reported she attended a Seward County Chamber Development and Partnership meeting the past week.

The Commissioners discussed the different committees and officials in which they are liaison to. Since Commissioner Mundhenke has passed away, temporary committee assignments were assigned until a new Commissioner is appointed.

The Commissioners talked about recommitting to the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA). NIRMA is a pool of 80+ counties that provides liability and workers compensation insurance. Seward County has been asked to decide if it would like to re-commit. After a short discussion, it was decided to re-commit for 3 additional years. A resolution will be put on the agenda next week for action on the item.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to accept the 1st Quarter Investment Report as submitted by the Seward County Treasurer.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Paulsen, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to adopt Resolution No. 3543 in regard to allowing Farmers and Merchants bank to substitute pledged securities.

Resolution No. 3543 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Farmers & Merchants Bank desires to make the following security substitution:

	Replacing	
Description		Amount
Cedar Bluffs Neb rec #15005WAL6	500,000.00	
	With	
Bellevue Neb #0792124x1		1,025,000.00

Whereas: County deposits would be fully insured

Therefore, let it be resolved, the above substitution by the Farmers & Merchants Bank be approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Paulsen Adopted: 10/20/2020
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Paulsen, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for September 2020 in the amount of \$5,015.81.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:20 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:30 a.m.

Ryan Poots of Eagle View Pictometry gave a demonstration of how pictometry works and how it could benefit Seward County. Marilyn Hladky, Assessor, stated that she had asked Mr. Poots to come and provide information on the subject.

The next item discussed by the Commissioners was road improvements on Yankee Hill and 280th Road for the KXL Pump Station that will include a 72-inch culvert. Dan Forbes representing TC Energy discussed needing a culvert for a route needed when the Transcanada pipeline is constructed. He stated the culvert is partially rusted out and is requesting it be replaced. Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., said it was planned to be replaced. Forbes said that his company would pay for the replacement. He also mentioned the roads in the area would need to be stabilized. The culvert would need to be done this fall and the road work would be done in the spring. Seward County has a haul route agreement with Transcanada. The road improvement would be paid by Transcanada and would be a 2-million-dollar improvement.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Schmieding to allow road improvements on Yankee Hill and 280th Road for the KXL Pump Station that will include a 72-inch culvert and road surface upgrades.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on October 27, 2020 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 13, 2020
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

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9:00 a.m.

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4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through October 16, 2020

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Res. – Re-commitment to the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association for Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance
8. Discuss/Action – Res. – Allow Jones Bank to withdraw Pledged Securities
9. Discuss/Action – Authorize Chairman to sign the Seward County Certification of Cost Allocation Plan for Maximus
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for October 27, 2020

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 10:28 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Paulsen, 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 27th day of October 2020.

County Clerk

Chairperson