

September 3, 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 8:30 a.m. on September 3, 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 August 3, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic

Members: Raegan Hain, John Culver, 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.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP), updated the Commissioners on activities of his organization.

Assessor, Marilyn Hladky and County Clerk, Sherry Schweitzer updated the Commissioners on activities of their offices.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a. Minutes of Augst 27, 2024
- b. Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for June 2024 in the amount of \$1,647.00 and \$1,283.50 respectively.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Culver, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the Road Dept. staff about the tire recycling event in October, reached out to Concordia University for volunteers for the event and about traffic accidents on the rural roads, completed review of a grievance, and received calls about road issues. She also added information about where the Opioid Application information should be on the county webpage.

Commissioner Culver reported he spent time in the HR office working with personnel issues.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with the Public Defender Policy Board, attended the Beacon GIS meeting and met with them about a possible extra program with them, completed the inventory for the Public Defenders Office, submitted the Safe Streets and Road Grant, talked to a staff member of Senator Hughes' office about a legislative idea, worked on the County Safety Action Plan, met with the Chair of the Planning Commission about the new draft of Zoning Regulations, received email from constituents and shared that she likes the officials written reports submitted. She also added that she attended the official's luncheon.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Apace Open house for their new facilities, received comments about Matzke Highway, and received comments from various constituents.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he participated in the 6 Regions 1 Nebraska Zoom call, attended a SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) meeting, the Dept. Head Appreciation luncheon, attended the Beacon GIS meeting, gave information about a 911 monitor malfunction and checked the abandoned cemeteries.

In regard to the budget item on the agenda, Schweitzer stated she has sent the budget notice to the newspaper and gave information about the series of hearings that will happen next week.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:06 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:15 a.m.

Zoning Administrator, Marissa Pfile was present to give the board information about a program through Schneider Geospatial LLC that would benefit her office. She stated many calls received in her office from constituents are in regard to housing density. The Seward County Zoning Regulations have a housing cap for each quarter section. This program would help with being able to put the information about density on the county GIS page. Pfile also gave information on an "add-on" to the program that would enable offices such as the Zoning or Road to load up documents to the GIS site such as a building permit, driveway permit, etc. She also stated she was not aware of the extra program so she did not include this in her budget request. The Commissioners asked her to contact the Highway Supt. and Assessor to see if they would share in the cost.

Jon Cannon, Executive Director of Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), was present to update the Commissioners about legislation, both in the last Spring session and the recent special session. He also gave information about the interim hearings coming up and the resources available through NACO. Also attending was Jana Hughes, State Senator of the 24th District which includes Seward County, who also made comments about hearing from the constituents of the district on any matters.

U.S. Congressman Mike Flood was present to give information about his work in the U.S. Congress. Flood had put in for \$1,000,000 in appropriations for 420th Road in Seward County. He also gave information on the need for affordable housing and the future bills that are in Congress right now. Flood asked if there are any matters which the Board would like him to know about. Commissioner Culver suggested that he look into getting funding for 154th Road North of the Interstate. Commissioner Ahmic stated that the Nebraska Dept. of Roads is using Matzke Highway as an alternate detour while the Interstate is being worked on, constructing a 3rd lane, and it is getting damaged by all the heavy traffic. Commissioner Zabrocki stated that there are many bridges in Seward County that need improving which Commissioner Ahmic reiterated.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chair to sign the Special Designated Liquor License for an event hosted by Red Path Gallery on September 22, 2024 from 2-9 p.m. at 2494 McKelvie Rd., Seward, NE.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Culver, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 10, 2024 are as follows:

8:30 a.m. Public Hearing – Seward County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Upon the adjournment of meeting for the Budget Hearing, known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on September 10, 2024 are as follows:

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 27, 2024
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Upon adjournment of the Board of Equalization, known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 10, 2024 are as follows:

5. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
6. Pledge of Allegiance
7. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of September 3, 2024
8. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through August 30, 2024
9. Public Hearing – Set the Tax Request Different that the Prior Year

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

10. Discuss/Action - Public/Organizations/Officials
11. Commissioners Reports
12. Discuss/Action – Distribute Inventories Received from Offices
13. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 17, 2024
14. Discuss/Action – Res. – Seward County Budget for 2024-2025
15. Discuss/Action – Res. – Set the Tax Request Different than the Prior Year

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 10:24 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Culver, Ahmic 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 10th day of September 2024.

County Clerk

Chairperson