

September 17, 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 September 17, 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 September 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic
Members: Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Absent: Member: John Culver

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 Hain to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a. Minutes of the Budget meeting of September 10, 2024
- b. Minutes of the Regular meeting of September 10, 2024
- c. Utility Permit for Windstream to replace temporary facilities at 294th and Bluff Road that were put in place during the recent bridge replacement
- d. Utility Permit for Windstream Nebraska Inc to replace a broken fiber on McKelvie Road between 154th and 168th Roads

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Hain reported she received comments about road conditions, met with Hwy Supt. staff about equipment use, attended the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Southeast District meeting, submitted information for new logos to be made, attended the Four Corners Health District budget hearing and meeting and the Ag Society meeting.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with Hwy Supt. staff about equipment use, reported on information about the Community Safety Action Plan, attended the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Southeast District meeting, met with Sunflower Grant Writers, reported on a comment received from a surveyor about a road in Seward County, and attended the Planning Commission meeting last night.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will have a Visitors Committee meeting later today. He also received comments about Waverly Road.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Southeast District meeting, working on a Public Transit Dept. issue, and attended the Planning Commission meeting. He also received a comment about East Seward St. and will attend the City of Seward Council meeting this evening.

Gary Peterson, Seward/York Emergency Manager, was present to give information about an item on the agenda in regard to a grant.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Emergency Manager to apply for the 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant, submit reimbursements and submit quarterly reports.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Brandon Noordhoek, Detention Center Director, was present to give information about a Jail Medical Staffing Contract with Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. for medical services for the inmates. There were a number of questions about the contract. Noordhoek will look into these and give the information to the Commissioners at a later date.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to sign the jail medical staffing contract with Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed a 9:21 a.m.

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

Marcus Kallhoff, Seward County Weed Supt., was present to discuss control force on property in Seward County, specifically Parcel Numbers 800020871, 800020960, 800021029, 800021037, 800021045, 800021053, 800021193, 800021282, 800099567 & 80002091 owned by Terry Vaverka. The area in question is over 1000 acres. Kallhoff stated he has mailed required notifications and was in contact with the owner of the property and was told he would try to control the noxious weeds as best as he could. Kallhoff said he has received complaints about this from neighboring landowners. There were comments about the type of thistle on the property and that one type of thistle is not noxious. There was a suggestion that there be given a time limit for the owner to eradicate and if noxious weeds are not taken care of, take action to force control of the areas mentioned above.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to provide direction to the Seward County Weed Supt. to send a letter to the landowner of Parcel Numbers 800020871, 800020960, 800021029, 800021037, 800021045, 800021053, 800021193, 800021282, 800099567 & 80002091 outlining a specific date of December 1, 2024 whereby he must prove that he has acknowledged our request for eradication and provide proof of the eradication being done by that date and in the absence, will address the issue in the spring with a forced weed control.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on September 24, 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 September 10, 2024
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 24, 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 September 17, 2024
8. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through September 13, 2024

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

9. Discuss/Action - Public/Organizations/Officials
10. Commissioners Reports

- 11. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chair to sign the Amended and Restated Agreement for the Formation of the Region V Community Human Services Program and Apace
- 12. Discuss/Action - Authorize the Chair to sign the Amended and Restated Agreement for the Formation of the Region V Community Human Services Program and Region 5 Systems
- 13. Discuss/Action – Survey of Johnson Dam Road through Parcel #800023439
- 14. Discuss/Action – Meeting for November 5, 2024 (Election Day)
- 15. Discuss/Action – Agenda for October 1, 2024
- 9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Consideration of Step Plan FY26 Wage Analysis Data
- 9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Update from Wellbeing Initiative and Goals to Expand Services in Seward County
- 9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Request Opioid Settlement Funding for Conference Costs for RISE25 National Conference for Treatment Court for Seward Problem Solving Court

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain at 9:59 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, 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 24th day of September 2024.

County Clerk

Chairperson