

# Seward County Board of Commissioners

## September 18, 2018

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 on September 18, 2018 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 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Present:	Chairperson:	Roger E. Glawatz
	Members:	John Culver, Whitney Fleischman, Eugene Gausman, Diana Garske
	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.

The Commissioners discussed the past weeks minutes and voiced concerns about them.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Fleischman to approve the minutes of September 11, 2018.

Affirmative Vote: Culver, Fleischman, Garske, Glawatz

Abstain: Gausman as he was not in attendance at said meeting. Motion Carried

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Culver reported he had contact with several officials whom he is liaison to, worked on inventories and a road project.

Commissioner Fleischman reported she met with the County Surveyor about a land question, worked with inventories, addressed road complaints, and went to the Ag Society meeting.

Commissioner Gausman reported he handled emails and various correspondences.

Commissioner Garske reported she completed work on inventories and stated she would like to have her resignation effective Sept. 30, 2018 instead of Oct. 1, 2018.

Commissioner Glawatz reported he visited the Utica shop for hail damage, worked on inventories, worked on the 448<sup>th</sup> road project, and received a call from TransCanada Keystone about pumping station possibly being built in Seward County.

Carrie Rodriguez, Chief Probation Officer of the 5<sup>th</sup> District, Jeff Banholzer, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, and Jo Pokorny, Adult Supervisor were present to give information and statistics about Probation in Seward County.

Joe Yocum, Sheriff introduced 2 new deputies in his Department, Mitchell Meyer and Jonathan Dickman. They took the oath while at the meeting.

Commissioner Culver reported there has been work on the Commissioners table and that it may possibly be installed next week.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Garske to authorize the Chairman to sign a Special Designated Liquor License for Bottle Rocket Brewing Co. LLC for an event on October 19 & 20, 2018.

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

Dave Pankoke, Road Dept., Foreman presented information about a right of way request on the agenda for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Garske and seconded by Culver to approve the right of way request from Jeff Luebbe between Sections 17 & 20 of Township 10 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber Development Partnership gave information about grants for improving the 448<sup>th</sup> Road from Hwy 34 South to BNSF Railroad for the Utica Feed Mill Project. He said he is going to search for 2 grants in order to help pay for the improvement. He stated a recommendation for a possible turning lane would need to be engineered so it can be included in the grant application(s).

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to proceed with grant applications for the 448<sup>th</sup> Road Paving project with a cost not to exceed \$450,000.00

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

Jeff Baker, Public Transit Director presented a new Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy that must be approved for the Public Transit Funds.

Moved by Garske and seconded by Gausman to adopt Resolution No. 3397 in regard to adopting the new Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3397

### SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Seward County Board has determined it is in the best interest of the County of Seward to have a Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for transportation operations for Seward County regarding Federal Transportation Administration and Department of Transportation (FTA/DOT) applicable employees.

WHEREAS, Seward County has previously adopted a Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for FTA/DOT applicable employees by resolution 3190, dated July 7, 2015.

WHEREAS, Seward County is repealing the policy adopted by resolution 3190 in order to comply with changes in the Federal Law.

WHEREAS, the Seward County Personnel Board has approved of the attached updated policy on August 28, 2018 and it is in good form.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the County of Seward hereby adopts the Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy – Substance Abuse Policy for FTA/DOT applicable employees, a copy of the policy is attached to this resolution. The prior policy adopted by resolution 3190 is hereby repealed and shall no longer have any force or affect.

Moved by: Garske Seconded by: Gausman

Ayes: Diana Garske, Eugene Gausman, Whitney Fleischman, John K. Culver, Roger E. Glawatz, Chair of the Board

Adopted 9/18/2018 Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Known items on the agenda for September 25, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. are as follows:

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve Minutes of September 11, 2018
4. Discuss/Action - Assessor Information Update

8:35 a.m. Hearing – Exemption for Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Discuss/Action - Authorize Change of Value Notice

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 25, 2018 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of September 18, 2018
4. Discuss/Action - Claims for September 2018

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

1. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
2. Commissioner’s Reports
3. Discuss/Action - Inventories
4. Discuss/Action - Appointment of Highway Supt.
5. Discuss/Action - Accept Change of Date for Garske resignation
6. Discuss/Action - Commissioner Room Remodel

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Culver to adjourn at 10:05 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Culver, Gausman, Garske, Glawatz 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 September 2018.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson