

**April 14, 2015**  
**Seward County Board of Equalization**

State of Nebraska)  
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on April 14, 2015 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 Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on April 14, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Present:	Chairperson:	Whitney Fleischman
	Members:	Mike Luebbe, Diana Garske, Gene Gausman, Roger E. Glawatz
	County Clerk:	Sherry Schweitzer
	County Assessor:	Marilyn Hladky

The Chairman 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 Luebbe and seconded by Gausman to approve the minutes of March 24, 2015.

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

Hearings were held for the 11 Protests filed by the City of Seward on various properties in the City of Seward in which "Intent to Tax" notices were sent.

Hladky read the legal descriptions of the protests the City of Seward filed.

Kelly Hoffschneider, Attorney for the City and John Hughes, Public Facilities/Capital Improvements & GIS Director gave information for the protests.

No decision was made at this time on the protests filed.

Moved by Luebbe and seconded by Glawatz to approve Tax List Correction 122-14P, 198-14R, and 199-14R.

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for April 28, 2015 are as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 14, 2015
- Discuss/Action - Decisions on "Intent to Tax" Protests
- Discuss/Action - Assessor Information Update

Moved by Luebbe and seconded by Glawatz to adjourn at 9:03 a.m.

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

State of Nebraska)

County of Seward) ss.

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

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County Clerk

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Chairman

**April 14, 2015**  
**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 April 14, 2015 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 April 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Present:	Chairman:	Roger E. Glawatz
	Members:	Mike Luebbe, Diana Garske, Gene Gausman, Whitney Fleischman
	County Clerk:	Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairman 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 Gausman and seconded by Garske to approve the minutes of April 7, 2015.

Affirmative Vote: Gausman, Garske, Glawatz

Abstain: Luebbe Fleischman as they were not in attendance

Motion Carried

Clerk Schweitzer stated that the first item on the agenda has changed and that Mr. Parde, who was scheduled to attend, was advised that the new Trainer Position is on hold.

Commissioner Luebbe stated that he felt that a trainer for motor grader training was needed because of the skill level involved, performance and the consistency of the motor grader operators was needed. Commissioner Garske added that if there are employees that may be retiring, a trainer position would be used for new hires, etc. The new position is on hold until the salary study the County is currently having is completed and finished.

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Garske reported she had received many emails and had various phone calls from constituents involving county business. She also attended an Economic Development event.

Commissioner Gausman reported he attended the 4 Corners Annual Banquet, the NIRMA Employee Practices Seminar, inspected gravel roads, and received a constituent call pertaining to County business.

Commissioner Fleischman reported she attended a BRIDGES meeting, a NIRMA employee Practices Seminar, an Extension Board meeting, a Foreman meeting, went to Peoria, IL to attend a tour at the Caterpillar Training Center, and received constituent calls.

Commissioner Glawatz attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting, a community survey meeting, an Economic Development meeting, a Region V meeting, and received constituent calls.

Commissioner Luebbe reported he met with Mid-American Benefits, Ins. Representatives for a health insurance meeting, attended a road dept. meeting, and went to the Caterpillar Training Center in Illinois. He also contacted Saline County about RC duties.

Commissioner Luebbe led discussion on the Missile Base Silo Demolition Project. Ragnar Emrich of Emrich Excavating, who was contracted to complete the project, was present to discuss the fact that he is over the allotted time for the demolition. He cited personnel and other various reasons for the overage. An amendment for the contract is needed since the original contract was for 12 months and he is over that amount. Emrich will get an amendment to the County Attorney for her approval and it will be presented at a future meeting.

Tim Farmer of Speece Lewis was present to discuss various Seward County road projects and the stages of each project. He also stated that he would recommend using the State Dept. of Roads for an RC, if they have staff for it.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to open the rental rates bids at 9:40 a.m.

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

Bids were received from Scott Van Keppel, Murphy Tractor and Equipment, Rose Equipment and Nebraska Rents.

Jeff Fleischman, Road Shop Foreman was present to talk about possible equipment purchases for the Road Dept. He gave information about a Motor Grader, a Sheep's Foot and a Dump Truck.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:32 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:40 a.m.

John Owens and Brian Coyman of Edward Jones were present to give information about the Bond for the Justice Center and the information for Continuing Disclosure. Since 3 of the members on the Board were new at the beginning of the 2015, a recap of the process was given by Coyman. He also gave information on Continuing Disclosure. He stated that transparency is what Congress has strived for and details about the health of a bond issuer are what Continuing Disclosure would provide. Coyman had received 2 bids for the service of completing Continuing Disclosure for Seward County; one from Union Bank and one from Gilmore and Bell, Attorneys. No decision was made.

Joe Yocum, Sheriff gave information about a suggestion for a Committee for the Justice Center. This suggestion involved forming a committee that would have 5-7 members, hold weekly progress meetings to discuss timeline, schedules, review change orders, bid packages, etc.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to authorize the Chairman sign the Right of Way documents for the Bee Maintenance Project Tract 1, located in the SW ¼ Section 14, Township 12 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Luebbe and seconded by Gausman to authorize the Chairman sign the Right of Way documents for the Bee Maintenance Project Tract 2, located in the NW ¼ Section 23, Township 12 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Gausman and seconded by Fleischman to authorize the Chairman to sign the Right of Way documents for the Staplehurst West Project C-80(257) Tract 15 located in the NW ¼ of Section 31 Township 12 North Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to authorize the Chairman to sign the Right of Way documents for the Staplehurst West Project C-80(530)(531) Tract 12 & 13 located in the NE ¼ of Section 36 Township 12 North Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to approve the Right of Way Request from Mark Slawnyk between the NW ¼ of Section 3, Township 11 North and the SW ¼ of Section 34 of Township 12 North all in Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to approve the Right of Way Request from Lorance & Shannon Newburn in the NE ¼ of Section 30, Township 12 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to accept the bid for an above ground fuel tank in the amount of \$17,296 to Midwest Pump and Equipment Co.

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

Commissioner Fleischman led discussion about fuel usage by the Village of Goehner. She stated that an unwritten policy was that the Village of Goehner could use the County gas for their vehicles. Nobody of the present Board knew of this arrangement. Commissioner Fleischman will look into it.

The Interlocal agreement for a Responsible Charge (RC) was discussed.

Commissioner Luebbe will contact the Dept. of Roads to see if they will be an RC for Seward County road projects.

Moved by Garske and seconded by Gausman to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for March 2015 in the amount of \$7,868.95.

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

Moved by Luebbe and seconded by Garske to accept the County Treasurer's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report.

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

Moved by Garske and seconded by Fleischman to award the mowing of the Abandoned Cemeteries to A.J. Buresh of Express Lawn Care for \$600 per mowing.

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

Moved by Garske and seconded by Fleischman to authorize the Chairman sign the Abandoned Cemetery Mowing Contract with A.J. Buresh D/B/A Express Lawn Care.  
Affirmative Vote: Garske, Fleischman, Gausman, Luebbe, Glawatz Motion Carried

During Justice Center Update, the generator needed for the Justice Center was discussed. Commissioner Luebbe stated that a grant could possibly be used to help pay for the generator.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on April 21, 2015 are as follows:

8:30 a.m. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards  
Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 14, 2015

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

Commissioners Reports  
Discuss/Action - Interlocal agreement for Responsible Charge (RC)  
Discuss/Action – Award Rental Rate Bids  
Discuss/Action – Removal of Underground Storage Tanks in regard to the Atlas Missile Base Silo  
Right of Way Request(s): None  
Discuss/Action – Authorize Chairman to sign contract for Bond  
Continuing Disclosure Requirements

Moved by Garske and seconded by Fleischman at 12:33 p.m.

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

State of Nebraska)  
County of Seward) ss.

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2015.

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County Clerk

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Chairman