

Seward County Board of Commissioners

August 4, 2015

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 August 4, 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 August 4, 2015 at 8:30 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.

Those officials present for their monthly discussion were Michaela Tuttle, Jeff Baker, Kathy Ruzicka, Deanna Boyer, Joe Yocum, Sherry Schweitzer, Jacque Stewart, Curt Parrack, Becky Paulsen, Barb Liska and Mike Janssen.

Members of the public at the meeting informing the Commissioners about the activities of their organizations were Wess Robotham, Southeast Nebraska CASA and Jonathan Jank, Director of Seward County Economic Development Corp.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to approve the minutes of July 21, 2015.

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

Moved by Luebbe and seconded by Fleischman to approve the minutes of July 28, 2015.

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

Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Luebbe reported he met with John Hughes in regards to a City of Seward Street Project, received some road concerns, and attended road training for new road dept. employees.

Commissioner Garske attended a Meet and Greet event, a committee meeting for the Justice Center, a Seward City Council meeting, a contractors meeting and pre-construction meeting, and had discussion with the Economic Development Director.

Commissioner Gausman reported he inspected many roads, attended the Upper Big Blue NRD monthly meeting, visited an abandoned cemetery and the Road Dept. office.

Commissioner Fleischman reported she attended a salary study meeting, worked on presentations for the Justice Center, fielded calls from constituents, and worked on the budget.

Commissioner Glawatz reported he reviewed the budget, dealt with personnel issues and phone calls.

Discussion was held regarding a motion made on June 9, 2015, which stated that compensatory time would be paid to essential employees who had compiled over 40 hours. The item was on the agenda so that all departments which had essential employees would know whether the motion was meant to be for a 1-time payout or if employees would continue to be paid for any comp time over 40 hours. Fleischman stated that she believed that it was for a 1-time deal. Sheriff Yocum said that he believes that there still is an issue of staffing and asked that the Commissioners ask the Personnel Board to consider changing the amount of hours an employee may accumulate for comp time. Chairman Glawatz stated that the issue at hand has been decided that the motion was a "1-time payout" and the issue of changing the comp time maximum will be presented at a Personnel Board Meeting.

Jeanne Wiemer of Red Path Gallery was present to ask the Commissioners for the use of the courthouse lawn for a Seward Plein Aire. It is an event which would bring artists to make/display art on the courthouse lawn. Wiemer stated that she would get a Certificate of Insurance for it.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Garske to allow the Plein Aire Event to be on the Seward Courthouse lawn on October 10th & 11th, 2015.

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

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to place all proceeds of surplus Road Dept. items in the Special Road Fund 700.

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

Moved by Garske and seconded by Fleischman to give permission to put a sign advertising the Seward County Fair in the Southwest corner of the Courthouse lawn.

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

During Justice Center update, Commissioner Fleischman stated that most of the footings have been laid. She also noted that there is a live Webcam that updates every 15 minutes and can be accessed by going to: www.workzonecam.com.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to open bids at 9:30 a.m. for the Rolling Packer.

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

One bid was received from Nebraska Machinery Company.

Awarding the bid will be on next week's agenda.

The Commissioners also considered the bids received for the Bee Culvert Project.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to award the Bee Culvert Project to Hartman Construction for \$27,440.37.

Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Luebbe, Garske, Glawatz

Abstain: Gausman due to him being related to the owner of Hartmann Construction

Motion Carried

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to approve the right of way request from Richard Endicott between the NW ¼ of Section 1, Township 9 North and the SW ¼ of Section 36, Township 10 North, all in Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:40 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Michaela Tuttle, HR Director led discussion on the IT Quote from Firespring for IT Services for Seward County. Currently, the various offices in Seward County use different IT companies and having Firespring help with IT services for all offices of Seward County and also in the Justice Center would be a benefit.

Moved by Garske and seconded by Gausman to approve the quote from Firespring for IT Services.

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

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to go into Executive Session at 10:12 a.m. to discuss personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

The Chairman stated that the reason for Executive Session was for personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to go out of Executive Session at 10:34 a.m.

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

The Chairman reiterated that the reason for Executive Session was for personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to sign an insurance agreement with a county employee.

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

The Commissioners discussed changing committee appointments and office liaisons.

Moved by Garske and seconded by Fleischman to have Commissioner Gausman be liaison for the County Attorney's Office.

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

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to appoint Commissioner Garske as the Board member to BRIDGES.

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

Moved by Garske and seconded by Luebbe to appoint Commissioner Fleischman as the representative for CASA.

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

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to appoint Commissioner Garske as Building and Grounds alternate.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:53 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed the Seward County budget.

The Commissioners recessed at 12:47 p.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 1:20 p.m.

Commissioner Fleischman is absent at 2:20 p.m.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on August 11, 2015 are as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of July 28, 2015
- Discuss/Action - Tax Exemption Application for United Methodist Church for a 2005 Buick Van
- Discuss/Action – Tax List Correction 203-14R
- Discuss/Action - Assessor Information Update

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Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

- Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
- Commissioners Reports
- Discuss/Action – Accept County Treasurer’s Annual Investment Report
- Discuss/Action – Accept County Clerk’s Fee Report for July 2015 - \$34,053.00
- Discuss/Action – Accept Sheriff’s Fee & Mileage Report for June 2015- \$1,618.00 & \$329.24
- Right of Way Request(s): None
- Discuss/Action - Authorize the Chairman to sign Firespring Quote Terms and Conditions
- Discuss/Action – Justice Center Update
- Discuss/Action – Budget

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Marilyn Smith - Access to property located on minimum maintenance road on Raymond Road between 252nd & 266th - there is a 3 ton bridge so only access is driving through neighbor’s property for 1 mile.

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action- Executive Session-Pending Litigation

11:00 a.m. Discuss/Action - Budget discussion including callbacks of various officials

Moved by Garske and seconded by Gausman to adjourn at 4:35 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Garske, Gausman, Luebbe, 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 11th day of August 2015.

County Clerk

Chairman