

Seward County Board of Commissioners

August 5, 2014

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 5, 2014 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 5, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Present:	Chairman:	Darrell Miller
	Members:	Mike Luebbe, Scott Stuhr, Mary Koci
	County Clerk:	Sherry Schweitzer
Absent:	Member:	Diana Garske

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.

Jonathan Jank, Director of Economic Development and Wess Robotham, Director of Southeast CASA were present and updated the Commissioners on activities of their organizations.

Those officials present for their monthly meeting with the Commissioners were Taylor Felix, Kathy Ruzicka, Barb Liska, Gary Petersen, Sherry Schweitzer, Wendy Elston, Jeff Baker and Kim Payne.

Moved by Koci and seconded by Stuhr to approve the minutes of July 29, 2014.
Affirmative Vote: Koci, Stuhr, Luebbe, Miller Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Luebbe reported he visited with a FEMA Representative about roads and bridges, Becky Paulsen about weed spraying concerns, Larry Goldberg of GGA about the Justice Center, and assessed some road concerns.

Commissioner Stuhr was involved with Public Defender interviews and other personnel matters.

Commissioner Koci also finished up interviews for a Public Defender and visited with several Dept. Heads about budgets.

Commissioner Miller received some constituent phone calls about building permits.

Commissioner Luebbe led discussion on the County Clean-up costs for the Village of Beaver Crossing. He stated that if the Village's insurance is paying for most of the clean-up costs and has not asked FEMA to pay for anything. Whether Seward County was *asked* to help in the Clean-up process was questioned. A Commissioner will talk to the Village Clerk to discuss the situation.

Moved by Koci and seconded by Stuhr to accept the County Sheriff's Fee and Mileage Report for June 2014 in the amount of \$1,394.00 and \$597.70.

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Stuhr, Luebbe, Miller

Motion Carried

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to go into Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. to discuss pending litigation.

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Luebbe, Stuhr, Miller

Motion Carried

Chairman Miller stated again that the reason for Executive Session was for pending litigation.

In Executive Session, in addition to the Commissioners, the County Attorney and the County Clerk were in attendance.

Moved by Stuhr and seconded by Luebbe to go out of Executive Session at 9:29 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Stuhr, Luebbe, Koci, Miller

Motion Carried

The Chairman reiterated that the reason for Executive Session was for pending litigation.

Sam Johnson, Executive Director of BRIDGES brought a Justice Assistance Grant document for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Stuhr and seconded by Koci to sign the Justice Assistance Grant.

Affirmative Vote: Stuhr, Koci, Luebbe, Miller

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:35 a.m.

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

Taylor Felix, Human Resource Director led discussion on several policies to be approved for the Personnel Manual.

Moved by Stuhr and seconded by Koci to approve the Travel & Official Expenses Reimbursement Policy.

Affirmative Vote: Stuhr, Koci, Luebbe, Miller

Motion Carried

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to approve the Seward County Cardholder Policy.

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Luebbe, Stuhr, Miller

Motion Carried

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to approve Amendment # 7 of the Seward County Health Insurance Plan.

Affirmative Vote: Koci Luebbe Stuhr Miller

Felix also led discussion on the recommendation of the informal committee that interviewed candidates for the position of Public Defender. She stated the recommendation of the committee was John Loos, Jr.

Moved by Stuhr and seconded by Luebbe to accept the committee's recommendation of John Loos Jr. for the office of the Public Defender effective September 1st for the remainder of the term.

Affirmative Vote: Stuhr, Luebbe, Koci, Miller

Motion Carried

John Owens of Edward Jones and Lauren Wisner of Gilmore & Bell were present to update the Commissioners on the bonding process for the Justice Center. Owens stated the Preliminary Official Statement has been drafted and asked the Commissioners to consider several items in regard to the bonding.

Chairman Miller led discussion on the Van Dorn Project. The County Attorney will make MOU's for the respective parties to sign, who want to contribute to the project.

During the Justice Center update item on the agenda, Commissioner Luebbe stated that he has talked to Larry Goldberg about "pods" for jail cells.

The Commissioners discussed the budget.

The Commissioners recessed at 12:02 p.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 12:07 p.m.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on August 12, 2014 are as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of July 22, 2014
- Discuss/Action – Hearing for Valuation Protest
- Discuss/Action – Action on Valuation Protest
- Discuss/Action - Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on August 12, 2014 are as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 5, 2014
- Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows**
- Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
- Commissioners Reports
- Right of Way Request(s): None
- Discuss/Action - Accept County Clerk Fee Report for July 2014 - \$14,106.87
- Discuss/Action – Justice Center Update
- Discuss/Action – 1% Increase on Restricted Funds for the 14-15 Seward County Budget
- Discuss/Action – Budget
- 9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open RFP for Construction manager of Justice Center
- 9:30 a.m. Public Hearing – Policy on Achievement Awards
- Discuss/Action – Res. - Policy on Achievement Awards
- 10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Extension Office Relocation
- 10:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Lynn Williams – Building Permits in area of Tornado Damage

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to adjourn at 12:52 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Luebbe, Stuhr, Miller

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 12th day of August 2014.

County Clerk

Chairman