



# January 27, 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 February 10, 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 February 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to approve the minutes of February 3, 2015.

Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Luebbe, Glawatz

Abstain: Gausman as he was not at said meeting.

Motion Carried

Jonathan Jank, Seward Economic Development Director updated the Commissioners on activities of his organization.

Commissioner Garske present at 9:10 a.m.

Russ Daehling, Hwy Supt and Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk updated the Commissioners on activities of their offices.

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Luebbe reported his work was centered on the snow storms this week and the Road Dept.

Commissioner Garske had no report.

Commissioner Gausman reported that last week he attended an Emergency Manager meeting. He also worked on constituents' problems with snow removal, a road ditch and an abandoned cemetery. He also attended a meeting between the Justice Center Architect and various offices.

Commissioner Fleischman reported she met with Dennis Kahl of the Extension Office, attended HR interviews and a Justice Center Architect meeting with various offices. She stated she will attend a Lancaster Commissioners staff meeting, an Extension Board meeting, and drove roads to evaluate conditions.

Commissioner Glawatz spent time going through statutes for the Board of Commissioners, and attended a Justice Center Architect meeting with various offices. He also met with the County Clerk in regard to the agenda and worked on the Commissioners storage room.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Gausman to authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts with M.E. Collins Contracting Co. Inc. for the Van Dorn Grading, Culvert and Paving Project C-80(602).

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

Commissioner Gausman led discussion on the First Methodist Abandoned Cemetery. He stated that he had contacted the State Historical Society for information. Currently, there is no recorded documentation of the boundaries of the cemetery.

Gausman suggested that we give the landowner the option to put in a bid for mowing all 16 cemeteries. Another suggestion was that the landowner be allowed to mow the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Cemetery only and be paid as much as the mower who mows the other 15 cemeteries. Gausman also suggested opening up the cemetery and not have it "Abandoned" and have the landowner claim it. He also suggested drafting a letter to the landowner to see what kind of a response we would get after giving him those options. The County Attorney will look over the information that Gausman has received. Gausman will draft a letter for the Board review and send it to the landowner.

Moved by Garske and seconded by Fleischman to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for January 2015 in the amount of \$23,960.00.

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

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for January 2015 in the amount of \$3,693.09

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

Moved by Garske and seconded by Fleischman to accept the Weed/Zoning Report for January 2015.

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

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to accept the Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for November, 2014 in the amount of \$1,620.00 and \$789.94 respectively and for December in the amount of \$1,395.00 and \$700.79 respectively.

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

Moved by Luebbe and seconded by Fleischman to authorize the Chairman to sign the Surplus Property Disposal Request from the Extension Office.

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

Schweitzer led discussion about signs on the courthouse lawn. She stated that a mobile sign is often placed on the courthouse lawn in the southwest corner, and permission to place the sign is usually granted by the Board of Commissioners. On some occasions, the sign appears and no request has been made. All Commissioners were in agreement that a policy needs to be made that affects *all* signs on the courthouse square. Commissioner Fleischman will work on making a policy for this subject.

Moved by Garske and seconded by Fleischman to appoint Russ Daehling as the Seward County Highway Supt.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:10 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 10:19 a.m.

Larry Goldberg of Goldberg Group Architects, Ben Fink and Bill Barrett of Beckenhauer Construction were present to discuss the Justice Center Project. They updated the Commissioners on several parts of the project.

During the Justice Center Update item on the agenda, Fleischman briefly discussed a switch at the building the Extension Office will be housed in temporarily. Commissioner Luebbe also mentioned that the Fire Marshall said the Extension Staff could go ahead and move into the building, even though he has not been able to make an inspection. Elston stated to make sure that the OK to do that was in writing.

Garske is absent at 10:45 a.m.

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to go into Executive Session at 10:50 to discuss personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).  
Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Luebbe, 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 1:00 p.m.  
Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Luebbe, 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).

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on February 17, 2015 are as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards  
Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of February 10, 2015

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

- Commissioners Reports  
Right of Way Request(s): None  
Discuss/Action - Abandoned Cemeteries
- 9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Public Hearing for Seward County Road Dept. 1 & 6 Year Program
- 10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Justice Center Committee-Members-Composition-Term of Service-Designation by Chairman
- 12:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Goldberg Group – Preliminary Budget Update of Justice Center

Moved by Fleischman and seconded by Luebbe to adjourn at 1:08 a.m.  
Affirmative Vote: Fleischman, Luebbe, Gausman, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015.

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County Clerk

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Chairman

