

March 5, 2013

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 March 5, 2013 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 March 5, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.
Present: Chairman: Darrell Miller
Members: Mike Luebbe, Diana Garske, Scott Stuhr, Mary Koci
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.

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

Those officials present during the monthly meeting with the Commissioners were Jeff Baker, Kathy Ruzicka, Barb Liska, Russ Daehling, Shelly Kubicek, Marilyn Hladky, Susan Blumenberg, Dan Hansen, Gary Petersen, Mike Janssen, Joe Yocum, Sherry Schweitzer and Pat Calkins.

Moved by Luebbe and seconded by Koci to approve the minutes of February 26, 2013.
Affirmative Vote: Luebbe, Koci, Garske, Stuhr, Miller Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Luebbe reported he went to a Legislative hearing in regard to Inheritance Taxes.

Commissioner Garske reported she attended an LB 840 meeting and also worked on Economic Development.

Commissioner Stuhr reported he attended a Seward Personnel Board meeting.

Koci attended a BRIDGES and a 911 Board meeting.

Commissioner Miller reported he attended the 911 Board meeting also.

Moved by Stuhr and seconded by Koci to authorize the Chairman to sign Form SF-271 and Cover Letter to EDA requesting Reimbursement for Izaak Walton Road Project C-80(456) Award # 05-79-04807.

Affirmative Vote: Stuhr, Koci, Garske, Luebbe, Miller Motion Carried

Moved by Koci and seconded by Stuhr to authorize the Highway Supt. to advertise for culvert bids.

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Stuhr, Luebbe, Garske, Miller Motion Carried

Moved by Stuhr and seconded by Luebbe to approve the right of way request for Jason Richters in the W ½ NW ¼ of Section 6 Township 10 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Stuhr, Luebbe, Garske, Koci, Miller

Motion Carried

Moved by Stuhr and seconded by to approve the right of way request for Robert Bluhm in the W ½ NE ¼ of Section 22 Township 11 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Stuhr, Koci, Garske, Luebbe, Miller

Motion Carried

Moved by Garske and seconded by Luebbe to authorize the Chairman to sign the Amended Equitable Sharing Certification.

Affirmative Vote: Garske, Luebbe, Koci, Stuhr, Miller

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed the restructuring of the Seward County Weed Department and the Building and Zoning Department. Commissioner Stuhr led the discussion and said that duties of the Building Inspector such as septic inspections and building inspections may be discontinued. A permit may still be required for other purposes to ensure that zoning regulations are met. He also stated that the Weed Dept. would be a great fit for someone who is also the Zoning Administrator. He stated that a change would be needed in some of the regulations, etc. Commissioner Luebbe stated that there are 8 other counties that combine the duties of both jobs.

Gary Petersen, the prior Weed Supt. gave a synopsis of what his duties were when he was Weed Supt. He stated that in addition to the weed spraying duties, he also helped with the Road Dept. and the Maintenance Dept. when they needed help. Russ Daehling, Highway Supt. stated that the spraying of weeds and brush need to be taken care of which helps with snow removal and other road maintenance. Commissioner Luebbe stated that right of way management needs to in partnership with landowner and the county. Patrick Calkins, Deputy Attorney questioned whether anything is done to enforce right of way maintenance and also said that having someone inspect construction that is not certified may be a liability. Commissioner Stuhr said he would get more information together if the Board would be interested in combining the 2 jobs. They expressed interest in having Commissioner Stuhr look into the subject further. Stuhr asked if everyone would please look at the proposed job description.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:05 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:15 a.m.

Pat Calkins, Deputy County Attorney stated that Federal Law requires that the County has to have a Breastfeeding Policy. He stated that Wendy Elston, the County Attorney is working on the policy. The item will be on the agenda next week to approve after getting informal replies from the Personnel Board.

Commissioner Garske led discussion on the IT Services for Seward County. She had 3 quotes from companies who deliver IT services. She stated that Technical Services Inc. has helped the Road Dept. immensely for their computer services. It was suggested that the entire county to use one provider so that all county computers are connected, etc. The item will be on next week's agenda.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 12, 2013 are as follows:

8:30 a.m. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve minutes of February 26, 2013

Hearing – Request for Tax Exemption for 2001 Chrysler Van from Great Plains Community Church

Discuss/Action – Request for Tax Exemption for 2001 Chrysler Van from Great Plains Community Church

Discussion/Action- Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 12, 2013 are as follows:

9:00 a.m. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
Pledge of Allegiance
Discussion/Action- Approve minutes of March 5, 2013

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
Commissioners Reports
Discuss/Action – Approve Contractors Application and Certificate for Payment # 3 for Izaak Walton Road Project
Right of Way Request(s): None
Discuss/Action –Breastfeeding Policy
Discuss/Action -IT Services for Seward County
Discuss/Action – HR Position

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to adjourn at 11:03 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Luebbe, Garske, Stuhr, Miller

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 12th day of March 2013.

County Clerk

Chairman