

November 4, 2014

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 November 4, 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 November 4, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

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

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.

Wess Robotham, Director of Southeast Nebraska CASA, Jill Martin, Director of BRIDGES and Jonathan Jank, Director of Seward County Economic Development Corp. updated the Board on activities of their organizations.

Those officials present for their monthly meeting with the Commissioners were Russ Daehling, Jeff Baker, Barb Liska, Kathy Ruzicka, Heather Helman, Taylor Felix, Marilyn Hladky, Joe Yocum, Mike Janssen, Dennis Kahl, Tina Marroquin, Wendy Elston, Jacque Stewart & Sherry Schweitzer.

Taylor Felix, HR Director presented a Long Term Disability Contract with Madison Life Insurance Co., Inc.

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to authorize the Chairman to sign the Long Term Disability Contract with Madison Life Insurance Co., Inc.

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Luebbe, Miller Motion Carried

Felix also presented information about the new Transitional Reinsurance Fee. This is a new report that is required because of the new Healthcare Act.

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to have Mid-American Benefits prepare and process the Transitional Reinsurance Fee on behalf of Seward County.

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Luebbe, Miller Motion Carried

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to authorize the Chairman sign the contract with CBM Foods for the Jail for December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2015.

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Luebbe, Miller Motion Carried

Charles Lieske of the Seward Chamber of Commerce was in attendance to ask permission to use the County Courthouse Square for Holiday activities.

Moved by Luebbe and seconded by Koci to place the Santa House, signage, and hold events and possible mobile food cart on the Courthouse square on November 29, 2014 with a blizzard date of December 6, 2014.

Affirmative Vote: Luebbe, Koci, Miller Motion Carried

Jeff Baker, Veteran's Service Officer and Jerry Meyer asked permission to place a wooden tank on the south part of the Courthouse Square on November 14, 2014 to coincide with a movie that is to be showed at the Rivoli about Veterans.

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to give permission to place a wooden tank on the south part of the Courthouse Square on November 14, 2014.

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Luebbe, Miller

Motion Carried

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to approve the minutes of October 28, 2014.

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Luebbe, Miller

Motion Carried

The Board discussed the agreement with Lancaster County involving maintenance of roads on the Seward/Lancaster County line. Changing the schedule of miles and amending a previous agreement was discussed. Daehling will work with the County Attorney to prepare an appropriate agreement.

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to open bids for the rental of dump trucks and pups with equipment operators for the removal of Debris from B & D Precincts of Seward County.

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Luebbe, Miller

Motion Carried

Only one bid was received from Jacobsen Rock. The awarding, if any, will be at a future Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Luebbe reported he worked on the Safety Manual Update, attended a Rotary Meeting and a Jail Architect meeting. He also stated he helped put up voting booths for the County Clerk.

Commissioner Koci reported she attended a Visitors meeting and a BRIDGES meeting.

Commissioner Miller had no report.

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to adopt Resolution No. 3147 in regard to allowing Jones National Bank to pledge additional securities for the County Clerk.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3147 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, The Jones National Bank & Trust Company desires to pledge extra securities to cover deposits for the County Clerk, and

WHEREAS, Seward County desires to have full protection for their deposits.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Jones National Bank & Trust Company is allowed to pledge the following securities:

\$200,000.00 FED BQ/ST TAX EXEMPT BOOK-ENTR, 2.55%, Maturing
12/15/2024 CUSIP # 818468AP5, Receipt # 561000245

AND

\$200,000.00 FED BQ/ST TAX EXEMPT BOOK-ENTR, 2.55%, Maturing
12/15/2025 CUSIP # 818468AQ3, Receipt # 561000246

Dated this 29th day of October, 2014.

AYES: Mary Koci, Michael Luebbe

Chairman of the Board, Darrell Miller

ABSENT: Garske, Stuhr

ATTEST: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Luebbe, Miller

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed the ARRA Funds that the State has requested. The Funds were given to the County and now the State is requesting it to be paid back. Bob Dahms, County Treasurer will see what other counties are doing and try to report back before the end of the meeting.

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to accept the Weed/Zoning Department Report for October 2014.

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Luebbe, Miller

Motion Carried

Commissioners Luebbe led discussion on the renovations of the Ehlers Building for the Extension Office. He had obtained a quote for over \$60,000.00. He stated that according to City of Seward codes, restrooms need to be modified and a firewall needs to be placed in the building. These 2 changes would be estimated around \$5,000.00. He stated that his opinion was to not spend a lot since the final destination of the Extension office is the West Wing. Dennis Kahl spoke about the renovations and that moving their current cubicles is an expense also. Chairman Miller stated he also did not want to spend a lot of money on renovations. They will get quotes for the lesser renovations including cubicle walls. Luebbe will get the information and report back.

The sale of the current extension building was discussed. Selling the building, which is a metal building, even for scrap, would be of benefit to Seward County. It was suggested that finding the dollar value of the building from the Assessor would be a good idea. Commissioner Koci will look into it.

Schweitzer led discussion on the Compensatory, Sick, and Vacation time benefits. She gave the Commissioners a spreadsheet that listed employees that have hours at the maximum or over the maximum. Elston also said the Commissioners and the various Dept. Supervisors need to make sure that the Personnel Policy is being complied with.

Dahms reported back that he had contacted other County Treasurer's to see how they are proceeding with the ARRA refund. The Commissioners directed Dahms to get something in writing and report back to the Board.

Elston stated the Dangerous Dog Policy has been changed some and will be discussed at a future meeting.

Elston discussed the change for the Justice Center plans. She was not happy with the plans after meeting with the jail architect. She stated that the new plans give her less space than previously planned.

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to adopt Resolution No. 3148 in regard to returning American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds back to the State.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3148 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act some federal funds for 1V-D expenses incurred by County Attorneys were available for reimbursement to eligible counties.

And, whereas the State of Nebraska reimbursed counties, then, submitted a claim to the Federal government for reimbursement.

And, whereas Seward County received 7,678.44 which went into fund 100 under County Attorney revenue code 396.03.

And, whereas, the Feds are not sending the Sate any amount, 7,678.44.

And, whereas the State wants the money back ASP since the State did not receive any Federal funds.

Therefore, let it be resolved that the funds be returned to the State through the imprest order.

Further, let it be resolved the 7,678.44 to DHHS, P.O. Box 94906, Lincoln, Ne. 68509 and on the check include this wording "**DHHS-CSE returned Payment**"

AYES: Mary Koci, Michael Luebbe
Chairman of the Board, Darrell Miller

ABSENT: Garske, Stuhr

ATTEST: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Dated this 4th day of November 2014

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Luebbe, Miller

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on November 18, 2014 are as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of October 28, 2014
- Discuss/Action – Vehicle Tax Exemption on a 2000 Dodge Ram for Great Plains Community Church
- Discuss/Action - Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on November 18, 2014 are as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 4, 2014
- Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows**
- Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
- Commissioners Reports
- Right of Way Request(s): None
- Discuss/Action – Renovations of Ehlers Building for Extension Office
- Discuss/Action – Justice Center Update

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to adjourn at 11:05 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Luebbe, 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 18th day of November 2014.

County Clerk

Chairman