

Seward County Board of Commissioners

September 16, 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 9:00 a.m. on September 16, 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 September 16, 2014 at 9:00 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.

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to approve the minutes of September 9, 2014.

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

Russ Daehling, Highway Supt. and Joe Yocum, Sheriff updated the Commissioners on activities of their departments.

Commissioner Garske is present at 9:07 a.m.

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to add the following item as an Emergency Item:

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open bids for Seward County Debris Removal.

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

Sam Johnson of BRIDGES presented a grant contract for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Stuhr and seconded by Garske to authorize the Chairman sign the grant contract.

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

The Commissioners discussed the Cordova Road Shop. It was damaged by the May tornado and discussion was held whether the building should be repaired just enough for the time being (and that the shop would be combined with the Beaver Crossing shop) or repairs be made for future use. It was decided that repairs would be made for the short term. The estimate from Pleasant Dale Lumber would be submitted to our insurance company and temporary repairs would be made by County road employees.

Yocum led discussion on the pay rate for the Correctional Officers item on the agenda. He stated that he has job openings and has not been getting very many applicants. He feels that wages are the problem. In one case he received 4 applicants; in another he received 2 and only 1 applicant passed a test for the position. Yocum stated he did a survey of surrounding counties on what starting wages were for

Correctional Officers and Seward County wages were the lowest. He suggested that possibly a salary study be done. He asked the Board for help with the issue. A suggestion was to have the Human Resource Office conduct a salary study and for Yocum to address the Personnel Board on the issue. A representative of the Jail will be at the Personnel Board meeting today and although the item is not specifically on the agenda, he/she will bring up the issue during the public comment section.

Elston addressed the Board about the Dangerous Dog Policy item on the agenda. She stated the Sheriff is named as the Animal Control Officer and that she would like some guidance on what to put in the Dangerous Dog Policy. Licensing, dogs at large, penalties, enforcement, etc. are suggestions of subjects that could be put in the policy. Yocum stated he had reservations about a policy because he gets many calls of dangerous dogs. He raised questions of enforcement of the policy, where to put a dog if it is removed, boarding costs, fines, etc. The County Attorney will develop a plan and bring it to the Board for consideration at a later date.

Daehling brought maps to the Board when discussing the County Road Maintenance Plan and described some things in the plan. He stated that some projects did not go as intended with the May tornado happening in Beaver Crossing and flooding that occurred afterward. The use of a gravel retriever also was not used as much. Employee reports and details of their daily tasks, brush in ditches, etc. were also discussed. He stated that budget restraints also hinder new projects planned.

Becky Paulsen, Zoning/Weed Administrator presented a short form plat for consideration.

Moved by Stuhr and seconded by Luebbe to adopt Resolution No. 3129 in regard to Monument 1st Addition in the E 1/2 of Section 23, Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3129 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Fred Hoppe has applied for a Short form Plat Subdivision of property owned by him, and described as a tract in a part of the SE 1/4, Section 23, Township 10N, Range 3E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, The subdivision shall be called Monument Park 1st Addition, and

WHEREAS, The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on August 25th, 2014 to consider the Short form Plat, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Monument Park Addition Short form Plat with a vote of 7 For, 0 against, and 0 Absent and Not Voting, and

WHEREAS,

No one appeared to oppose the subdivision
 Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision
 No one appeared to support the subdivision
 Individuals appeared to support the subdivision
 Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the Monument Park Addition Short form Plat with Resolution NO: 3129.

AYES: Scott Stuhr, Michael Luebbe, Diana L. Garske, Mary Koci
Chairman of the Board, Darrell Miller

Dated this 16th day of September 2014

ATTEST: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Bob Wilhelm, Grant Program Manager, Office of the CIO for Nebraska gave a presentation of "FirstNet." It is a vision to provide emergency responders with the first nationwide, high-speed, wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:58 a.m.
The Commissioners reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to open bids for the Seward Blue River Debris Removal.

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

The only bid received was from Thiesen Construction. The awarding of the bid will be on next week's agenda.

Taylor Felix, Human Resource Director led discussion on the recommendation of the Personnel Board of the change in Payroll Periods. Schweitzer gave specific details that need to take place due to LB560. She met with the Personnel Board and gave a suggested process for changing payroll to paying in arrears rather than paying for a period which is part arrears and part estimated. The Personnel Board approved the plan but to not start the process until after the Holidays. Schweitzer said she had emailed a copy of the new "After Holiday" plan to the HR Director to distribute to the Personnel Board members two weeks ago. The new plan would take 6 months to complete the process so as to not adversely affect the employees of Seward County too much. The plan would make the end of the payroll period the 2nd Friday of each month.

Moved by Luebbe and seconded by Koci to go with the new plan of having the 2nd Friday of each month at Midnight be the end of each payroll period and hold employee meetings to advise them of the changes.

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

Schweitzer led discussion on the wage statements/voucher information now required on wage statement/vouchers due to LB560. She stated that the attorney for our insurance company gave a recommendation of having Compensatory, Vacation, and Sick Leave earned, used, and balances reflected on the statements.

Moved by Luebbe and seconded by Koci to have the Dept. Heads give the following information to the Clerk's Office with payroll claims starting October 2014 in digital format such as .5 hours (not 30 minutes):

Compensatory Time Earned, Used and Balance

Vacation Time Earned, Used, and Balance

Sick Leave Earned, Used and Balance

Affirmative Vote: Luebbe, Koci, Garske, Miller

Voting No: Stuhr Motion Carried

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to approve the right of way request for Windstream in the NW ¼ of Section 29, Township 10 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Garske and seconded by Koci to approve the right of way request for Windstream between Sections 3 & 4, Township 11 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to approve the right of way request for Windstream in the SE ¼ of Section 19, Township 10 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Stuhr and seconded by Koci to approve the right of way request for Windstream in the SE¼ of Section 24, Township 9 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Derek Ptomey of Goldberg Group Architects updated the Commissioners on the Justice Center. He went over the GEO Technical Exploration Report and the Survey that was completed of the area. He stated that he met with the City of Seward officials in regard to zoning issues. He also reported on the Jail Assessment and sent it to the Jail Standards Committee.

John Owens of Edward Jones discussed several issues in regard to the bonding of the Justice Center.

The bond issue fee of \$16,400 was discussed – whether to take the fee out of the bond proceeds or to pay for it otherwise.

Moved by Koci and seconded by Garske to pay the S & P rating cost of \$16,400 out of bond proceeds.

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

Motion Carried

Owens also talked about seeking quotes for Registrar and Paying Agent. He stated that we can seek proposals or just select a firm/bank.

Moved by Garske to direct John Owens of Edward Jones to seek quotes for Registrar and Paying Agent.

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

Motion Carried

Owens also requested information on Priority Orders of the Bond Issue for the Justice Center.

Moved by Garske and seconded by Koci to adopt the priority orders of the bond issue for the Justice Center as recommended by John Owens and as follows:

1. Individual Investors in the County
2. Banks in the County
3. Individual Investors in the State
4. Banks of the State
5. All other Investors

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

Motion Carried

Commissioner Garske absent at 12:30

Moved by Stuhr and seconded by Koci to authorize the Chairman to sign a response letter to the ACLU in regard to Public Defender.

Affirmative Vote: Stuhr, Koci, Luebbe, Miller

Motion Carried

Moved by Stuhr and seconded by Luebbe to approve a special designated liquor license for Junto LLC on October 11, 2014

Affirmative Vote: Stuhr, Luebbe, Koci, Miller

Motion Carried

(Needs to be approved by CITY of Seward Officials)

Moved by Koci and seconded by Stuhr to approve the inventories for Seward County as listed below:

Commissioners, Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, Attorney, District Court, County Court, Highway Supt., Zoning, Veterans, Custodian, Real Estate, Probation, Victims Advocate, Fleet, Public Transit, Road Dept., Weed Dept., Emergency Manager, Extension Office, Public Defender, Sheriff, Jail, E-911, Aging Services, Pretrial Diversion, and District Judge.

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Stuhr, Luebbe, Miller

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Luebbe reported he attended the Bond Ratings Call, 2 meetings for the Seward/Saline Solid Waste Agency, 3 field project meetings, went to Cordova Road Shop, and inspected roads.

Commissioner Stuhr had no report.

Commissioners Koci attended an Economic Development meeting, a BRIDGES meeting and Great Plains RC&D meeting.

Commissioner Miller reported he attended a Fair Board meeting, received calls on road conditions, worked on the Cordova Road building project and attended the Bond Ratings Call.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on September 23, 2014 are as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of September 9, 2014
- Discuss/Action - Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 23, 2014 are as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of September 16, 2014
- Discuss/Action - Approve Claims for September 2014

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

- Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
- Commissioners Reports
- Right of Way Request(s): None
- Discuss/Action – Authorize Chairman to sign right-of-way documents for Project #C 80(530) (531) Tract # 9, Staplehurst West located between Sections 25 & 26 of T12N R1E
- 9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Krista Foote/Victims Service Office – Request permission to place red life sized silhouettes on courthouse lawn Oct 6-9 for Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Discuss/Action – Justice Center Update
- 9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award bids for Seward County Blue River Debris Removal
- 10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action - Justice Center Construction Manager Beckenhauer and Goldberg Group
- 10:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Accept quotes for Registrar and Paying Agent
- Discuss/Action - Award quotes for Registrar and Paying Agent
- Discuss/Action - Approve the Preliminary Official Statement for the Bond Issue of the Justice Center

Moved by Koci and seconded by Luebbe to adjourn at 12:37 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Koci, Luebbe, 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 23rd day of September 2014.

County Clerk

Chairman