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Seward County commissioners will be addressing some items this evening that may have the county spending significant amounts of money.

The commission is expected to vote on allowing the encumbrance of \$10,000 from the county's 2013 special projects money in the reserve for claims fund.

That money would be used to help with repairs to Dorothy's House and Coronado Museum.

According to information in the agenda packet for tonight's meeting, county commissioners allocated \$10,000 for 2013 and 2014 for the Seward County Historical Society Museum for needed repairs to the facilities.

Bids have been solicited for needed repairs, and after reviewing them, the historical society board approved a bid from Knudsen Enterprises.

The commission is likewise looking to throw its support behind the upcoming bond issue and sales tax initiative USD No. 480 and the City of Liberal will be placing on the ballot in April.

Information in the agenda packet did indicate that funds from the bond issue and sales tax initiative would support the implementation of a comprehensive preschool through 12 plan, "carefully developed with citizen involvement."

"This plan addresses the learning environment of our school facilities and will meet the educational needs for years to come," read a statement expected to be signed by the county commission. "This plan will fulfill the vision of preparing USD 480 students for real-life experiences by establishing a personalized educational setting in a creative, collaborative and technology rich learning environment."

The statement said the commission commended the USD 480 Board of Education for listening and responding to concerns citizens have and taking the time to involve the citizens in this effort.

"The time to act is now, we urge voters to support this educational endeavor in our community," the statement said.

Tonight's meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. in the commission chambers in the Seward County Administration Building.