

# August 10, 2021

## Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)  
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on August 10, 2021 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 Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on August 10, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver  
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki  
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer  
County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky  
County Treasurer: Bob Dahms

The Chairperson 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 Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of July 20, 2021.  
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Tax Exemption from Concordia University for a 2021 Buick VIN 5GAEVAKW5MJ247918.  
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Vrbka, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office including legislation that was passed this last year.

Jon Cannon, Executive Director of Nebraska Association of County Officials, was present to offer additional comments on legislation.

### **Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on August 24, 2021 are as follows:**

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 10, 2021
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 8:58 a.m.  
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

State of Nebraska)  
County of Seward) ss.

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson

## August 10, 2021 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 August 10, 2021 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 August 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver  
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki  
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of August 3, 2021.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver          Motion Carried

Sherry Schweitzer informed the Commissioners that there are presently four petitions circulating in the State that will possibly affect the ballot next year.

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended a Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership meeting and a County Planning Commission meeting. She also stated she conversed with two individuals about uses for ARPA funds, went to the Seward County Fair, and listened to the Four Corners Health District Zoom meeting.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the Seward County Fair, and received questions about roads, wages and vacancies in the Road and Jail Departments.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Garland Village Board meeting, went to the Seward County Fair, and received calls from constituents about road and tree issues. He will attend the meetings with the Village Boards of Bee and Pleasant Dale next week.

Commissioner Schmieding reported next week he will start back up with attending meetings in which he is liaison to.



Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3617 in regard to striking taxes as per the District Warrant Report.

**Resolution # 3617 of the  
Seward County Board of Commissioners**

Whereas: the Seward County offices of: Sheriff & Treasurer have examined the uncollected distress warrants for tax year 2019 & prior.

And, whereas a recommendation has been made to strike the below personal property.

Therefore, let it be resolved the following personal property taxes be stricken:

**TECHNICAL SERVICES** – year to strike: 2018- amount to strike: \$8.78.  
Owner moved; business closed; no property to be found; address unknown; ID Number: 800197364.

Total to strike: \$8.78

Moved by: Vrbka                      Seconded by: Schmieding                      08/10/2021  
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding  
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board  
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver                      Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt resolution No. 3618 in regard to allowing the withdrawal of Pledged Securities from Jones Bank.

**Resolution No. 3618 of the  
Seward County Board of Commissioners**

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank desires to withdraw the following security:  
Seward Ne Santn Swr—CUSIP #818484DE4 in the amount of \$150,000.00

WHEREAS, County deposits will still be full insured.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved, the above withdrawal of pledging, as of 08/10/2021, by the Jones Bank is approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Vrbka                      Seconded by: Ahmic                      08/10/2021  
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding  
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board  
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver                      Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to accept the Sheriff's Fee and Mileage Report for June 2021 in the amount of \$1,381.40 and \$770.65.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver                      Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for July 2021 in the amount of \$3,088.84.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver                      Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for July 2021 in the amount of \$48,750.75.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed raising the credit card limit for the Detention Center.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to raise the limit for credit card number 4959 for the Detention Center to \$5,000.00 for 60 days.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3619 in regard to authorizing the Chairman to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance for 2021.

**RESOLUTION  
SIGNING OF THE COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION  
OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE 2021**

Resolution No. 3619

**Whereas:** State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

**Whereas:** State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification.

**Be it resolved** that the County Board Chairperson of Seward County is hereby authorized to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021 at Seward Nebraska.

Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Darrell J. Zabrocki  
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

County Board Member Vrbka  
Moved the adoption of said resolution  
Member Ahmic Seconded the Motion  
Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Culver stated he is talking to villages to see if they have any projects planned that would qualify for the funds. Ahmic stated she talked to the City of Milford about their ARPA funds and said their council voted to dedicate all of their funds to the project that the Commissioners awarded a portion of the County funds to. She talked to another constituent who started a broadband company about information on the subject and explained how it can help with problem zones of Seward County. Jon Cannon, Executive Director of NACO, also joined in the conversation about the uses of ARPA funds.

The Commissioners discussed levy allocations to Seward County Misc. Districts such as Seward Ag Society, Seward Fire District, J Precinct Cemetery and the Pleasant Dale Cemetery District.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3620 in regard to designating levy allocations to Seward County Misc. Districts.

**RESOLUTION # 3620 OF THE  
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to State Statute § 77-3443, each County Board shall adopt a Resolution by a majority vote of members present which determines a final allocation of levy authority to its political subdivisions, AND,

WHEREAS, political subdivisions as defined in § 77-3443 (1)(a) as “all political subdivisions *other* than school districts, community colleges, natural resource districts, educational service units, cities, villages, counties, municipal counties, rural and suburban fire protection districts that have levy authority pursuant to subsection (10) of section 77-3442, and sanitary and improvement districts”, AND,

WHEREAS, the political subdivisions may levy taxes as provided by law, provided they do not collectively total more than fifteen cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation on any parcel or item of taxable property for all governments for which allocations are made by the County, AND,

WHEREAS, on or before August 1st, all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority must submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board, AND,

WHEREAS, failure of a political subdivision to submit a preliminary request shall preclude the political subdivision from using the procedures set forth in §77-3444 to exceed the final levy allocation, AND,

WHEREAS, Seward County has four such political subdivisions, namely: Seward County Agricultural Society, Seward County Fire District, Pleasant Dale Cemetery District and J Precinct Cemetery District, AND,

WHEREAS, the following requests were received on or before the August 1<sup>st</sup>:

Seward County Agricultural Society	Funding Request:	\$ 387,000.00
Pleasant Dale Cemetery District	Funding Request:	\$ 1,715.00
J Precinct Cemetery District	Funding Request:	\$ 1,550.00
Seward County Fire District	Funding Request:	\$ 862,840.82 and

WHEREAS, included in the above request from the Seward County Fire District is a request to include \$80,000 in Seward County’s five cent levy allocation allowed by law for Interlocal Agreements, and \$146,108.90 for their Bond Fund, AND,

WHEREAS, § 77-3343 provides that the County Board shall review and approve or disapprove the funding or levy request by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Seward County Board of Commissioners hereby designate the following levy allocations pursuant to Nebraska State Statute § 77-3443 as follows:

	<b><u>A Tax Request of:</u></b>
Seward County Agricultural Society:	\$ <u>387,000.00</u>
Pleasant Dale Cemetery District	\$ <u>1,715.00</u>
J Precinct Cemetery District	\$ <u>1,550.00</u>
Seward County Fire District	\$ <u>862,840.82</u>

