

August 13, 2019

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 13, 2019 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 13, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Mike Mundhenke, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky

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 Mundhenke and seconded by Vrbka to approve Tax List Correction 171-18P.
Affirmative Vote: Mundhenke, Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to authorize the Assessor to send a Change of Value to the following:

Parcel #	Name	Legal Description	Reason
800221656	Two Creeks Holdings, LLC	HM&R Add, Blk 45 LT B Admn Rplt Lts 1-3, W35' Adj Vac St	Adding new building to the tax rolls
800230250	Two Creeks Holdings, LLC	no legal available	Separated from TIF project

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Paulsen, Schmieding, Mundhenke, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on August 27, 2019 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Approve Minutes of July 26, 2019
4. Discuss/Action - Approve Minutes of August 13, 2019
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to adjourn at 8:52 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Paulsen, Schmieding, Mundhenke, 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 27th day of August 2019.

County Clerk

Chairperson

August 13, 2019 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 13, 2019 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.

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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 Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of August 6, 2019.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Mundhenke, Paulsen, Culver Motion Carried

Wendy Elston, County Attorney, and Marilyn Hladky, Assessor, updated the Commissioners about activities of their offices.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Mundhenke reported that because of the rain, roads are not in great shape. He also reported he went to the County Fair the past week.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he met with constituents concerning road issues.

Commissioner Culver reported he met with the 911 director and other various officials and worked on the budget.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended an open house/ground breaking for a new business in Seward, hosted the Visitors Committee booth at the County Fair and worked on the budget.

Commissioner Paulsen reported she also went to an open house/ground breaking for a new business, attended the City Council meeting, met with the Seward City Engineer about Seward St. and will attend a Seward County Chamber Development Partnership meeting this evening.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Schmieding to go into Executive Session at 9:05 a.m. for Personnel.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Schmieding, Mundhenke, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

The Chairman stated that the Executive Session is for personnel.

Moved by Mundhenke and seconded by Vrbka to go out Executive Session at 9:11 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Mundhenke, Vrbka, Paulsen, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Chairman Culver stated that while in Executive Session personnel was discussed and no action was taken.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Mundhenke to allow a voluntary leave of absence for a Seward County employee from August 20, 2019 to Oct 1, 2019.

During discussion on the motion, the Chairman noted the name of the employee is not being provided due to HIPPA regulations.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Paulsen, Culver Motion Carried

CJ Johnson, Executive Director of Region V Systems, gave an annual report of services of the organization and request for support for the next fiscal year.

Dave Merrill, Executive Director of Region V Services, and Tammy Hinrichs, Area Director, gave an annual report of services of the organization and request for support for the next fiscal year.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for July 2019 in the amount of \$6,192.33.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Vrbka, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to authorize 1% above the Restricted Funds for the 2019 – 2020 budget.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Paulsen, Schmieding, Mundhenke, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution #3464 in regard to allowing Jones National Bank to substitute pledged securities.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3464 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank and Trust Co. has asked the Seward County Clerk to substitute pledged securities for the Seward County Personnel Imprest Account,

WHEREAS, the following Pledged Security is requested to be released:

Douglas County NE School District # 59 General Obligation
Unltd Fixed Fed BQ/ST Tax Exempt Bonds in the amount \$ 200,000.00

WHEREAS, the following Pledged Security is being substituted:

Polk County Nebraska School District # 19, General Obligation Unltd
Fixed Fed FQ/ST Tax Exempt bonds in the amount of \$200,000.00

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: That the Seward County Board of Commissioners approves the substitution of said above described pledged securities.

Moved by: Paulsen Seconded by: Schmieding 08/13/2019
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Becky Paulsen, Ken Schmieding, Michael Mundhenke, John K. Culver, Chair of the Board Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Schmieding, Vrbka, Mundhenke, Culver Motion Carried

Schweitzer led discussion on the claim for costs for Nolan Eickhoff for a 4-H Project on abandoned Cemeteries. He had submitted \$39.04 in actual receipts but also incurred mileage costs. At a previous meeting, the Commissioners said they would allow up to \$200.00 for costs he incurred for the project. Schweitzer asked if the Commissioners would cover costs for mileage.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to pay up to \$200 for costs incurred by Nolan Eickhoff for a 4-H project for abandoned cemeteries.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Mundhenke, Culver Motion Carried

Megan Kahler of Seward County BRIDGES was present to discuss the organization's activities. She explained some of the programs hosted by the organization, such as DARE, RAPP, and others, and explained where the revenue from these programs goes. She said Seward County is the sole donor. Wendy Elston, County Attorney, also gave information about the organization's resources for other communities as well.

Bob Blevins was present to represent the Seward Rural Fire District in regard to the tax request it submitted as part of the Miscellaneous Tax District Request. He gave a synopsis about the creation of the county-wide fire district and gave information about the request.

Wendy Elston led discussion on creating a County Attorney Non-Grant Fund for Interlocal Revenue and Expenses. She is asking that the funds from interlocals be included in the revenue that would be deposited in this fund. She stated the budget for interlocals would be the same amount as it was budgeted for in her grant fund. Bob Dahms, County Treasurer, made comments about funds and revenue and that other departments may also want to have funds created just like this one to keep their own revenue. She stated that her office has the ability to have interlocals and so she is asking the Commissioners to create a fund for that.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Vrbka to not approve the request to create the County Attorney Non-Grant Fund for Interlocal Revenue and Expenses.

Affirmative Vote: Culver, Vrbka, Paulsen, Mundhenke, Schmieding Motion Carried

Van Springer and Doug Brand were present for the Seward County Ag Society and explained the organization's revenue and costs. They are 1 of the 4 Misc. Districts that ask the Board of Commissioners for levy authority.

The Board discussed the amounts that they feel should be allocated for them.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to adopt Resolution No. 3465 in regard to allocating the tax authority for the 4 Miscellaneous Districts.

RESOLUTION # 3465 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

Funds, and Funds Approved by The County Board of Commissioners.” Elston asked what funds her interlocal money would go in. She stated the interlocals have laid out how the money should be used. Dahms said he did not recall the Board stating the interlocal revenue should be put in the County Attorney Grant Fund. Elston said she tries to find other sources of revenue and that the interlocal needs to be in a fund so it can be used to pay expenses. Culver said he has more questions and requested more time to look for more information.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Mundhenke to table the agenda item “Request All Revenue for County Attorney Grant Fund #2500, Emergency management Grant Fund #2501, E911 Grant Fund #2502, Road Grant Fund #2503, and Miscellaneous Grant Fund #2504 only be Federal & State Grant Funds, FEMA Funds, and Funds Approved by The County Board of Commissioners.”

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

The Board of Commissioners recessed at 11:05 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 11:10 a.m.

The Commissioners continued budget discussion. The following were specifically called back to discuss their budget: Casey Keim, Hwy Supt.; Jeff Baker, Veteran’s/Public Transit; Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director; Mike Vance, Sheriff; Gary Peterson, Emergency Manager; Wendy Elston, County Attorney.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on August 20, 2019 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 13, 2019

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Budget discussion
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for August 27, 2019

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 12:22 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Mundhenke, Culver Motion Carried

State of Nebraska)
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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 20th day of August 2019.

County Clerk

Chairman