

August 27, 2024

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 27, 2024 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 27, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic
Members: Raegan Hain, John Culver Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
County Treasurer: Jake Zlatkovsky
Deputy County Assessor: Sandy Steele

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 Culver to approve the minutes of August 13, 2024.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Culver, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Culver and seconded by Zabrocki to open the public hearing for the Tax Exemption Application of VSL Seward LLC for a 2019 Dodge Van at 8:32 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Culver, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic Motion Carried

No one appeared in support or opposition of said request.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Zabrocki to close the public hearing at 8:35 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Culver, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Tax Exemption Application of VSL Seward LLC for a 2019 Dodge Van VIN# 2C4RDGBG3KR602804.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver, Hain, Ahmic Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on September 10, 2024 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 27, 2024
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to adjourn at 8:44 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Culver, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic 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 10th day of September 2024.

County Clerk

Chairperson

August 27, 2024 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 27, 2024 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.

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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 Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the consent agenda consisting of

- a. Minutes of August 20, 2024
- b. Surplus Property Disposal Requests for Weed Dept.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Culver, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the claims for the period through August 16, 2024.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH AUGUST 16, 2024

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| ADP INC | SE | \$2,960.90 | SEWARD CO PUB TRANSIT | SE | \$101.00 |
| AERNI LAW | SE | \$9,259.56 | SEWARD LUMBER | SU | \$32.76 |
| ALL COPY PRODUCTS | SU | \$30.75 | SOARIN GROUP | SE | \$126.00 |
| AMER INST FOR JUSTICE | FE | \$1,300.00 | ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTG | SE | \$910.50 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP | FE | \$21,282.88 | STEPHENSONTRUCKREPAIR | SE | \$608.62 |
| ASSOCIATED ANESTHES | SE | \$890.00 | SUMMIT FOOD SERV | SE | \$9,384.58 |
| BLACK HILLS ENERGY | UT | \$800.28 | THOMSON REUTERS-WEST | EQ | \$1,184.90 |
| BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC | SE | \$552.00 | VERITAS LEGAL ASSOC | SE | \$4,606.58 |
| BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH | SE | \$600.00 | VERIZON WIRELESS SERV | UT | \$1,053.60 |
| BOB BARKER CO | SU | \$164.80 | VISA | FE | \$4,763.49 |
| CAMPBELL CLEANING | SE | \$4,625.00 | VISUAL EDGE IT | FE | \$44.94 |
| CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS | SU | \$39.14 | WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS | EQ | \$230.66 |
| CHARTER COMM | UT | \$333.59 | BESS MACHINING | EQ | \$512.00 |
| ALEGENT CREIGHTON CLINIC | SE | \$66.00 | FASTENAL COMPANY | SU | \$49.88 |
| CO VET SERV OFFIC ASSN NE | FE | \$120.00 | KEARNEY INVEST CORP | EQ | \$269.90 |

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| CULLIGAN | SE | \$413.50 | HOTSY EQUIPMENT | EQ | \$199.41 |
| E 911 | FE | \$44,869.17 | HYDRAULIC EQUIP SERV | SE | \$68.09 |
| EQUIFAX WORKFORCE/TALX | SE | \$115.90 | JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL | EQ | \$441.41 |
| EYE SURGICAL ASSOC | SE | \$141.19 | MEDICAL ENTERPRISES | SU | \$175.00 |
| FARMERS COOP | SU | \$9,509.33 | MEMORIAL CLINIC | SE | \$35.00 |
| GALLS LLC | SE | \$1,086.42 | NORRIS PUB POW DIST | UT | \$1,687.57 |
| GASTRO SPECIALTIES PC | SE | \$503.16 | RDO TRUCK CENTERS | EQ | \$264,171.18 |
| LARRY GOLDSMITH | SE | \$95.00 | SAPP BROS PETROLEUM | SU | \$20,365.09 |
| GREAT PLAINS COMM | UT | \$927.43 | STRAIGHT-LINE STRIPING | SE | \$24,150.00 |
| GUARDIAN RFID | SE | \$100.00 | DALE JOHNSON ENT | SU | \$8,616.30 |
| HERPOLSHEIMERS | EQ | \$1,695.42 | FED SURPLUS PROPERTY | SU | \$200.00 |
| HIRERIGHT | SE | \$158.30 | JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL | SU | \$2,407.27 |
| HOBSON AUTO & TIRE | SE | \$87.50 | AWARDS UNLIMITED | SU | \$125.00 |
| HOMETOWN LEASING | EQ | \$438.70 | PUP'S POPPIN' ENT | SU | \$252.00 |
| JONES BANK (FICA) | FE | \$23,202.02 | AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE | FE | \$105.92 |
| LANGUAGE LINE SERV | SE | \$4.72 | RELENTLESS LLC | SE | \$1,425.00 |
| LEE'S REFRIGERATION | SE | \$448.61 | SECURITY EQUIP INC | EQ | \$123.00 |
| MCKESSON MED SURG | SU | \$71.98 | TRANSUNION RISK | FE | \$557.20 |
| SPORTS EXPRESS | SU | \$377.00 | WESTERN OIL II | SU | \$109.33 |
| MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV | SE | \$395.90 | LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE | SE | \$162.94 |
| MOTOROLA | EQ | \$58,728.79 | VIGILNET | SE | \$111.20 |
| MY CENTRAL SUPPLY | SU | \$683.39 | YORK COUNTY EMA | FE | \$19,237.50 |
| NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS | FE | \$80.00 | O BORCHERS-WILLIAMS | SE | \$2,362.50 |
| NE CHILD SUP ENFORC ASSN | FE | \$405.00 | MAINELLI WAGNER | SE | \$390.00 |
| NE LAW ENFORC TRAIN CT | FE | \$160.00 | JEO CONSULTING | SE | \$1,175.00 |
| OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE | SU | \$47.73 | UPPER BIG BLUE NRD | UT | \$2,129.28 |
| PAGE CO SHERIFF | SE | \$83.60 | SALARIES | | \$303,773.38 |
| PATHOLOGY MED SERV | SE | \$11.67 | GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO: | | |
| PETTY CASH FUND | FE | \$383.98 | AMERITAS DENTAL | | |
| QUADIANT LEASING USA | FE | \$231.00 | AMERITAS VISION | | |
| QUILL CORPORATION | SU | \$206.29 | COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE | | |
| RIXSTINE TROPHY CO | SU | \$7.71 | MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN | | |
| RUMERY LAWN & LANDSCAPE | SE | \$131.74 | POINT C FSA | | |
| SARPY CO SHERIFF | SE | \$20.33 | WADDELL & REED | | |
| SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT | SE | \$652.19 | | | |

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver, Hain

Voting no: Ahmic

Motion Carried

Marcus Kallhoff, Weed Supt., was present to inform Commissioners about a weed control enforcement possibility.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Hain reported she scheduled the next meeting for the Juvenile Justice Plan meeting, spoke with the Manager of the Butler County Landfill in regard to the tire recycling event, attended a luncheon for the Dept. heads, provided some edits to the Safe Streets and Roads Grant application, gathered information for the logos for new vehicles purchased by the county and is working on finishing up other county projects.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) meeting and the 911 Board meeting where some discussion was had about the phone lines.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Dept. Head luncheon, gave a presentation for Seward Rotary, worked on Safe Streets and Roads grant application, was contacted by the Public Defender Policy Board and will meet with them this week, worked with BNSF on a railroad crossing project, met with a constituent about railroad crossing, and discussed the MIA/POW flags for the courthouse.

Commissioner Schmieding gave information about a possible new hotel coming to Seward, will attend the Apache (formerly Region V) open house and talked to some constituents in his area.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a Bridges, Inc. meeting, Seward City Council meeting, met with HR and Road Dept. personnel, and attended a Nebraska Intergovernmental

Risk Management Association (NIRMA) retreat. He has a SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SEND) meeting tomorrow.

Commissioner Hain led discussion about the Opioid Settlement Funding Application item on the agenda. An application would need to be completed in order to apply for the funds. Currently, the County has funds that were received as part of a nationwide settlement and available for distribution.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to approve use of the Opioid Settlement Funding Application.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chair to sign the Public Transit Title VI and ADA as contact information has been updated.

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

Sheriff Vance was present to answer questions about the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Report that is on the agenda for the Commissioners to approve.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chair to sign the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Report for the Sheriff's office.

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

Vance also said that he was contacted by Congressman Flood's office for a tour of the Courthouse next Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

The Commissioners then considered a Special Designated Liquor Permit request from the Pleasant Dale Volunteer Fire Department. Safety when turning out of the lane to leave the event onto the highway was of concern.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chair to sign the Special Designated Liquor License for an event hosted by the Pleasant Dale Volunteer Fire Dept. on September 21, 2024 from 12 p.m. to 1 a.m. at 851 154th Rd., Pleasant Dale, NE.

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

The Commissioners then discussed setting the tax request for the Miscellaneous Districts of Seward County. Last week, representatives from the Seward Ag Society and Seward Fire District were present at the meeting to explain their tax requests.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3818 in regard to approving the tax requests for the Miscellaneous Taxing Entities, namely: J Precinct Cemetery Association – \$1,680.00; Pleasant Dale Cemetery Association - \$1,800.00; Seward County Agricultural Society - \$400,000.00; Seward County Fire District General Fund \$593,207.19; Seward County Fire District Sinking Fund - \$192,430.00; Seward County First District Bond Fund - \$374,785.00.

**RESOLUTION # 3818 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, 2024:

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| Seward County Agricultural Society | Funding Request: | \$ 400,000.00 |
| Pleasant Dale Cemetery District | Funding Request: | \$ 1,800.00 |
| J Precinct Cemetery District | Funding Request: | \$ 1,680.00 |
| Seward County Fire District | Funding Request: | \$ 1,160,422.19 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 \$374,785.00 for their Bond Fund, AND,

WHEREAS, § 77-3343 provides that the County Board shall review and approve or disapprove

the funding request by September 1st of the current year.

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

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| | A Tax Request of: | |
| Seward County Agricultural Society: | \$ | 400,000.00 |
| Pleasant Dale Cemetery District | \$ | 1,800.00 |
| J Precinct Cemetery District | \$ | 1,680.00 |
| Seward County Fire District | \$ | 1,160,422.19 |

FURTHER, A copy of this resolution is to be provided to the chairperson of the governing body of each of its political subdivisions.

Dated this 27th day of August 2024.

Motion by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Schmieding
Voting Aye: Raegan Hain, Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic
Voting Nay: John K. Culver

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic
Voting No: Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners talked about the budget and decided to have the budget hearing on September 10, 2024. They also talked about logistics for the postcard hearing.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 10:11 a.m. to discuss personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Culver, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

The Chair reiterated that the Executive Session was for personnel.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Culver to go out of Executive Session at 10:37 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Culver, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

The Chair stated that personnel was discussed and no decisions were made.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 3, 2024 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Public/Organizations/Officials
4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 27, 2024

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Budget for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 10, 2024

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Congressman Mike Flood – Update for Congressional District 1

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 10:48 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Culver, Schmieding, Ahmic 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 3rd day of September 2024.

County Clerk

Chairman