

December 12, 2023

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 December 12, 2023 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 December 12, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky
Absent: Member: Raegan Hain

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 Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of November 28, 2023.

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

Hladky gave information about the Tax List Corrections she has submitted for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve Tax List Correction No. 417-23R, 418-23R, 419-23R, 202-23P, 203-23P, and 204-23P.

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on December 26, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 12, 2023

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 8:37 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: 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 26th day of December 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

December 12, 2023

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 December 12, 2023 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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Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Absent: Member: Raegan Hain

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 Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of December 5, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

During officials comment time on the agenda, Highway Supt., Terry Wicht updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for November 2023 in the amount of \$8,495.26.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The Board recessed at 9:14 a.m.
The Board re-convened at 9:15 a.m.

Sherry Leising, Deputy County Treasurer, was present to ask approval for investment options for Seward County.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki approve the application for the investment of Seward County funds from Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT).
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the application for the investment of Seward County funds from Nebraska Federal Investment Trust (NFIT).
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Milford City Council meeting and reported the Milford Elevator is being torn down and will cause internet disruption for residents in the

Milford area, updated information about staff at the Veteran's Service Office, and met with Mainelli Wagner & Associates about a road project.

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with various correspondence.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he visited with constituents in his area.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) Safety meeting, the Broadband Task Force meeting, the SouthEast Nebraska Development District meeting (SENDD), interviews for the Aging Services Director, had a 911 meeting with the Director, attended a reception for the Deputy Assessor, attended the Seward Planning Commission meeting, and met with the Building & Grounds Supt. about lighting around the courthouse.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to open bids at 9:30 a.m. for the Road Dept. truck and pup.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Bids were received from: Midwest Peterbuilt Group, RDO Truck Center and Freightliner Truck Company of Lincoln. The awarding of the bid will be considered next week.

The Commissioners considered an update of the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan to add a road paving project on 252nd Road between West Milford Road and Van Dorn Road.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3791 in regard to updating the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan to add a road paving project C-80(702) on 252nd Road between West Milford Road and Van Dorn Road.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3791
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, a One- and Six-Year Plan was approved by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County on April 11th, 2023.

WHEREAS, it has been determined by said Commissioners, that project C-80 (702) should now be added to the previously mentioned One-and-Six-Year Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska, that the aforementioned approved One- and Six-Year Plan is hereby amended with the addition of this project.

Adopted this 12th day of December 2023 at Seward, Nebraska.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners also considered the agreement from the NDOT to use Matzke Highway as a detour for an I-80 Project.

There were questions about notification about the dates when the Matzke Highway will be needed to be used as a detour since the highway is just a 2-lane road. Wicht will find out answers to questions that arose and the item will be considered at a later meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki led discussion that the dentist member needed to be appointed by the Four Corners Health District Board.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to appoint Dr. Elizabeth Papineau as the Dentist member to the Four Corners Health District Board.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk's Fee Report for November 2023 in the amount of \$21,157.99.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver

Motion Carried

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion about additions to the Allo phone system. Previously, some departments wanted extra add-ons to the new phone system. She gave information on the costs involved with having the extra add-ons, noting the actual costs are negligible but then employees may ask for personal phone reimbursement in addition to the Allo costs. Ahmic will find out more information about the requests for add-ons.

The Commissioners discussed an agreement addendum with Guardian RFID System for the Detention Center. Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to answer questions about the agreement.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Guardian RFID System Agreement Addendum B Amendment for the Detention Center.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Hatfield was also present when discussing a cell phone charging station to be mounted to the wall in the Public Vestibule of the Justice Center. She stated that when inmates are released, they have no way to contact family/friends to ask them to come and get them. After consideration with the Building & Grounds Supt., it was decided that a wall mounted charging station would be beneficial. Hatfield said costs would come out of the Commissary Fund. Hatfield introduced a Detention Center employee Sara Stenger, who works on inmate benefits for Seward County. Hatfield also announced that she has resigned.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request for a cellphone charging station to be mounted to the wall in the public vestibule of the Justice Center.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Commissioner Ahmic said she will be meeting with other officials in the state at the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) conference this week. She stated that news will be arriving soon on some grants that have been applied for.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:19 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:30 a.m.

Casey Tieman and Eden Lund of the Attorney's Office presented the Community Based Juvenile Services Aid Grant for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Community Based Juvenile Services Aid Grant.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 10:36 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:45 a.m.

Commissioner Hain is present at 10:45 a.m.

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, gave information about the request to change the county contribution of the single option for health insurance. At last week's meeting, she informed the Board that according to the IRS, the plan is potentially not affordable for some who choose the single option. Knutson suggested changing the county contribution amount and gave information on different scenarios.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the request to change the employee only option for health insurance through Seward County to 85% county/15% employee cost share for the premium effective 1/1/2024 and to change the cost share effective 6/1/2024 to at least 90%/10% for a single employee.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to go into Executive session at 11:03 a.m. to discuss strategy.

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

The Chairman stated the reason for Executive Session was for strategy.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to go out of Executive Session at 11:56 a.m.

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

The Chairman stated no action was taken.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 19, 2023 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 12, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through December 8, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Authorize to sign Acceptance of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for December 26, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Installation of Outlets for the Courthouse Statues

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award Truck & Pup Bid

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Consider a Proposed change in the status of the Seward County Public Defender from an Elected Official to a Contracted Status
Discuss/Action – Consider a Proposed change in the status of the Seward County Public Defender from an Elected Official to a Contracted Status

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 12:02 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 19th day of December 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman