

December 22, 2020

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 22, 2020 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 22, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Deputy County Assessor: Deanna Boyer

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 Ahmic to approve the minutes of December 8, 2020.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Paulsen, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Boyer had no update for the Commissioners.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on January 12, 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 December 22, 2020
4. Discuss/Action – Tax List Corrections 325-20R, 326-20R & 327-20R
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 8:32 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Ahmic, 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 12th day of January 2021.

County Clerk

Chairperson

December 22, 2020

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 22, 2020 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, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen
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 December 15, 2020.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of December 18, 2020.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Ahmic, Culver
Abstain: Paulsen as she was not in attendance at said meeting. Motion Carried

Andrew Matney updated the Commissioners on activities of the 911 Dept.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Four Corners Health Dept. meeting and worked with the Planning Commission on the County Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he fielded a question about road closure procedures.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended meetings via Zoom, dealt with various correspondence and checked on applications for the Veterans Service Officer and the HR Director.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he dealt with the Visitor's Committee attendance item on the agenda.

Commissioner Paulsen reported she had a meeting for the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership.

Ann Dobesh, Extension Educator, presented two names for possible appointees to the Seward County Extension Board. She had two people submit their names for possible Board members.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to appoint Krystel Naber for District 4 and Jennifer Eickhoff for District 1 of the Seward County Extension Board.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Paulsen, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign a 3-year contract with Maximus to develop a Cost Allocation Plan.

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

The Commissioners discussed a copy policy/fee schedule for Seward County as suggested by the State Auditor. The State Auditor had asked that the Board approve a fee schedule for items that are sold and *not* set by statute, such as copies, CDs, culverts, etc. The Commissioners discussed a county-wide fee policy vs. fee schedules set by each office. After discussion, it was decided to ask that each office submit a fee policy for approval by January 31, 2002.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to open a Public Hearing at 9:18 a.m. for the Biennial Review of the General Assistance Guidelines of Seward County.

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

Jeff Baker, General Assistance Director, commented that the General Assistance Guidelines need to be updated every 2 years and hold a public hearing to hear comments. He reviewed changes that were suggested from the previous 2-year review.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to close the public hearing at 9:23 a.m.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3553 in regard to the adoption of the Seward County General Assistance Guidelines.

**RESOLUTION NO 3553 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the county board of each county shall furnish such medical service as may be required for the poor of the county who are not eligible for other medical assistance programs and general assistance for the poor of the county. Such general assistance shall be in amounts established by the county board as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 68-133 and shall be adequate to ensure maintenance of minimum health and decency.

WHEREAS, each county shall establish a standard of need for medical services furnished, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 68-104, by the counties to indigent persons who are not eligible for other medical assistance programs. This standard shall not exceed the Office of Management and Budget income poverty guidelines.

WHEREAS, each county shall adopt written standards of eligibility and assistance for general assistance to poor persons. Such standards shall be in compliance with all applicable Nebraska Law;

WHEREAS, the standards established pursuant to Section 68-133 and all amendments to such standards shall be reviewed by the county on a biennial basis to ensure that such standards reflect changes in living standards and cost-of-living.

WHEREAS, Seward County has updated its written standards of eligibility and assistance for general assistance to poor persons.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held 12/22/2020 to permit discussion and the presentation of testimony or evidence by interested persons regarding the new written standards. Notice of such hearing was published not more than twenty days nor less than ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper in general circulation throughout the county.

WHEREAS, X No one appeared to oppose the GA Guidelines

 Individuals appeared to oppose the GA Guidelines

X No one appeared to support the GA Guidelines

 Individuals appeared to support the Guidelines

 Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the attached written standards of eligibility and assistance for general assistance to poor persons is hereby adopted.

FURTHER, it shall be resolved that all prior written standards of eligibility and assistance for general assistance to poor persons is hereby rescinded and shall be null and void.

FURTHER, the General Assistance Director shall cause a copy of the new standards and amendments to such standards to be filed with the Department of Health and Human Services within (30) thirty days after their adoption by the county.

FURTHER, a copy of these standards and amendments shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours.

General Assistance Guidelines attached.

Moved by: Schmieding Seconded by: Ahmic 12/22/2020

Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Vrbka, Paulsen, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:26 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

Clark Kolterman, Chairman of the Seward County Visitor's Committee, gave the Commissioners information about the Visitor's Committee and updated the Board about its activities the past year. He showed a new brochure they had made which showcases businesses in Seward County.

The Commissioners recessed a 9:40 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to open the bids at 9:45 a.m. for Orthophotography and Digital Oblique Aerial Imagery and Software Project.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Paulsen, Culver

Motion Carried

One bid was received from EagleView.

The Commissioners discussed employee recognition for 5 years of service to Seward County. They awarded 5-year certificates to:

Casey Jo Tiemann, Maria L. Hatfield, Michelle Leigh McMann, Steven Leichner, Anthony L. Rohan, Carina Sanchez, Kenneth R. Baldinger and Christopher Lee Bigsby.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 29, 2020 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 22, 2020

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Veteran’s Service Officer/Public Transit Director- Restructuring of position
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda Request Form approval
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for January 5, 2021

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Employee Recognition for Seward County Employees with 10, 15, 20, & 25 Years of Service and those who Retired in 2020

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 10:06 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

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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 29th day of December 2020.

County Clerk

Chairman