

# December 27, 2022

## 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 27, 2022 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 27, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver  
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki  
Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson  
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 Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of December 13, 2022.  
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

### **Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on January 10, 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 27, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 8:45 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson

# December 27, 2022

## 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 27, 2022 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 December 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver  
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki  
Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson

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 Ahmic to approve the minutes of December 20, 2022.  
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

Commissioner Ahmic reported she dealt with an address issue and took a call from a constituent.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he received a comment on the condition of a road.

Commissioner Culver reported he drove the roads and made the decision to close county offices last Thursday, December 22, 2022 and worked with some solid waste questions.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he visited with some constituents in his area.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a Seward City Council meeting and drove roads.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Zoning Administrator's fee report for October 2022 in the amount of \$675.00.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Zoning Administrator's fee report for November 2022 in the amount of \$1,80.00.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3725 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to pledge additional securities.

RESOLUTION NO. 3725 OF THE  
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank desires to pledge the following security:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CUSIP#</u>	<u>MARKET VALUE</u>
FHR 5194 PC	3137H5T31	\$1,594,601.65

Whereas, County deposits must be protected at all times.

Therefore, this County Board accepts the above security pledging by Jones Bank as of 12/20/2022.

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Robert Vrbka, John K. Culver, Chair of the Board  
Brandy M. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract for a County Surveyor for the term starting January 5, 2023.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to appoint Brian Foral as the Seward County Surveyor for the term beginning January 5, 2023.

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

Ann Dobesh and Emily Manning were present from the Extension Office to request the appointment of Clark Jackson of District 2 to the Extension Board of Directors effective 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2025.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to appoint Clark Jackson from District 2 to the Extension Board of Directors effective 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2025.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:22 a.m.  
The Commissioners reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed Infrastructure Related grants and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) disbursements. Ahmic stated that the Village of Cordova submitted an application for the remaining funds allotted to them, and that will be discussed next week during the ARPA discussion.

No one was present from the Village of Bee for the Request for ARPA funds from Seward County item on the agenda.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:37 a.m.  
The Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

Terry Wicht, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss the easements for Box Culvert projects.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the chairman to sign easements for box culvert project C80(644) which is on 252<sup>nd</sup> Road, between Old Cheney Road and Denton Road.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the chairman to sign easements for box culvert project C80(675) which is on Old Cheney Rd East of 252<sup>nd</sup> Road.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:50 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Sheila Beins, County Court Clerk Magistrate, was present to discuss signing the memorandum of understanding with the Nebraska Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation to facilitate transfer of audio-visual equipment. She reported on the venting of the equipment closet and stated that some equipment in the court room will be upgraded.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:10 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Jonathan Jank of the Seward County Economic Development Partnership presented a draft of Broadband Request for Proposal regarding the design, construction, development, operation & maintenance of county-wide fiber optic network for review. He stated that they would like to partner to pursue funding for the project. Ahmic stated that she had some changes she would like made to the request. Jank said he will submit an agenda request to be on the agenda for further discussion next week.

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 3, 2023 are as follows:**

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 27, 2022
5. Discuss/Action – Approve claims through December 23, 2022

**Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows**

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for January 10, 2023

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:33 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023.

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County Clerk

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Chairman