

February 14, 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 February 14, 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 February 14, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
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 Schmieding and seconded by Hain to approve the minutes of January 24, 2023.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve Tax List Corrections 391-18R, 392-19R, 393-20R, 394-21R and 395-22R.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to authorize the Assessor to send out County Board of Equalization Notices to William Beckler.

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on February 28, 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 February 14, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 8:51 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, 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 28th day of February 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

February 14, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

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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 Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of February 7, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the claims for the period through February 3, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH FEBRUARY 3, 2023

ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,557.47	SMPC, LLC	FE	\$330.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$195.86	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$6,446.75
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$31.18	ST OF NE DAS COMMUN	SE	\$448.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$367.52	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$4,997.38
AMERICAN INSTIT JUSTICE	FE	\$1,300.00	SUE SYLWESTER	SE	\$100.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$18,793.06	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$1,039.64
BECKY BAKER	SE	\$109.61	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR	SE	\$7,620.48
BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$190.73	TWIN RIVERS HEALTH CARE	SE	\$45.00
BIZCO TECHNOLOGIES	SE	\$153.90	UNIVERSITY OF NE LINCOLN	SE	\$5,512.94
BOB BARKER CO	SU	\$938.77	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,266.68
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$46.39	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	SE	\$198.15
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,014.38
CATTLE BANK & TRUST	SE	\$38.80	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$199.50
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$11,365.48	YORK CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.50
CLERK OF THE DIST CRT	SE	\$360.00	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	SE	\$538.69
CLINCH LAW FIRM	SE	\$655.50	DALE JOHNSON ENT, INC	SU	\$5,820.93
CULLIGAN	SE	\$10.00	BRIAN FORAL	SE	\$486.22
E 911	SE	\$37,100.67	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	SU	\$32,878.67
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$489.09	RONALD STACHURA	SE	\$500.00
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	SE	\$121.96	HEARTLAND TIRES & TREADS	EQ	\$708.85
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$6,825.24	HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT	SE	\$21.86
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SE	\$577.68	INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	EQ	\$478.78
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$147.00	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$15,775.98
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$271.00	KERFORD LIMESTONE CO	SU	\$8,312.39
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$99.84	KRIHA FLUID POWER CO	SE	\$4.63
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$64.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$245.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$569.13	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$212.11
SUE IMIG	SE	\$333.17	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$74.99
JENNIFER JOAKIM	SE	\$1,843.00	NMC, INC	SE	\$15,280.13
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,094.04	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$111.47

KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$368.18	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$36.06
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$7.35	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$792.61
LANCASTER YOUTH SERV CNTR	SE	\$3,243.00	REED ELECTRIC	SE	\$778.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$1,471.66	SEWARD CO CLERK	FE	\$280.00
RELX INC	SE	\$213.00	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE	SE	\$255.39
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$121.50	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$74.78
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$43,620.64	MILES PARTNERSHIP	FE	\$3,000.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,377.48	SEWARD CO CHAMBER	FE	\$700.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$240.00	GARRY MASON	SE	\$1,000.00
NEBR PUB HLTH ENVIR LB	SE	\$315.00	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$121.10
NEBR STATE FIRE MARSHAL	SE	\$360.00	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$137.50
NE U.C. FUND	FE	\$980.00	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$433.30
PAT OHLMANN	SE	\$50.00	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$213.50
ONESOURCE	SU	\$119.50	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$193.50
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$65.00	RELENTLESS LLC	FE	\$1,000.00
PEREZ INTERPRETING	SE	\$100.00	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$837.50
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$89.00	MIDWEST DOOR	EQ	\$4,884.00
CA MARKETING, INC	SE	\$800.61	OLYMPIC EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$4,656.00
PLATTE VALLEY PRINTING	SU	\$29.99	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$1,535.06
QUADIENT LEASING USA	SE	\$231.00	SEWARD CO ROAD	SE	\$2,940.90
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$180.45	SHELLBACK TACTICAL	SU	\$7,692.01
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$730.00	SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO	SE	\$508.81
BECKY REISINGER	SE	\$50.00	NE EMERG SERV COMM ASSN	FE	\$150.00
RIXSTINE TROPHY	SU	\$59.59	NEMAHA SHERIFFS OFFICE	SE	\$106.78
RUTT'S MECHANICAL SERV	SE	\$1,287.27	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$240.00
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$25.23	SHAFCOM	SE	\$239.94
GRANT SCHLOTMAN	SE	\$300.00	ENCARTELE INC	SE	\$1,104.90
SEC OF STATE - ELECTIONS	FE	\$10.00	SALARIES		\$274,801.73
SEWARD COUNTY COURT	SE	\$842.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$390,907.73	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NSURANCE		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,489.54	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	FE	\$59.10	DLTA DENTAL		
SEW CO SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$200.00	VSP VISION		
SEWARD LUMBER & HOME	SU	\$176.84	WADDELL & REED		
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	SU	\$357.67			

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for November 2022 in the amount of \$1,303.00 and \$887.78 respectfully.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign the Broadband Consulting Agreement with Universal Broadband Consulting Ltd. with the cost coming from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to open the bids for the Paving Project C-80(687) South of Goehner on 364th Road for 400 Ft.

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

Bids were received from: Werner Construction, Gehring Construction, K2 Construction and MTZ Construction.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to open bids for Paving Project C-80(676) South of Milford on 238th Road south to the county line.

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

Bids were received from: Gehring Construction, Garcia-Chicoine Enterprises, MTZ Construction and Ten Point Construction.

The awarding for both of these projects is on the next week's agenda.

Rebecca Hasty, a member of the public, commented during the public comment period on sex trafficking in Nebraska and the need to publicize the issue of this problem.

Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, brought two items for the Commissioners consideration and gave information about the Planning Commission recommendations.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3736 in regard to the approval of Comes Acres short form plat in F Precinct in the SW ¼ of Section 26 Township 11 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO 3736 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS Nathan A. Comes and Dakota L. Comes owns 15.0 acres of land and has applied for a Short Form Plat, and described as a tract of land in the Southwest ¼ of, Section 26, Township 11N, Range 2E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called the COMES ACRES Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS the Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on January 23rd, 2023, to consider the Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission recommended to approve the COMES ACRES Short Form Plat, with a vote of 8 For, 0 against, and 1 Absent Not Voting, and

WHEREAS X No one appeared to oppose the subdivision.

Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision.

X No one appeared to support the subdivision.

Individuals appeared to support the subdivision.

Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve X , Deny the COMES ACRES Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3736 .

Moved by: Hain Seconded by: Ahmic 02/14/2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
 John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3737 in regard to the Revocation of the plat of Burkey 2nd Addition in the SE ¼ of Section 25 Township 9 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO 3737 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS Owner Timothy A. Burkey, and Sidney D. Burkey have applied for a Revocation to VACATE the BURKEY 2nd ADDITION Short Form Plat, described as a tract of land in the Southeast ¼ of, Section 25, Township 9N, Range 2E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on January 23rd, 2023, to consider the Revocation of the BURKEY 2nd ADDITION Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Revocation to VACATE the BURKEY 2nd ADDITION Short Form Plat with a vote of 8 For, 0 against, and 1 Absent and Not Voting, and

WHEREAS X No one appeared to oppose the subdivision.

Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision.
 No one appeared to support the subdivision.
 Individuals appeared to support the subdivision.
 Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve , Deny the Revocation of the BURKEY 2nd ADDITION Short Form Plat with Resolution NO: 3737.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Hain 02/14/2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

In regard to the presentation from Great Plains Communications on a phone system, Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, advised not to hear any presentation until it can be determined if the purchase of a new phone system has to go out for bids.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, was present to ask for the Commissioners support of the Seward Downtown Revitalization Project. Jank said they would like to place signs on two corners of the courthouse square. One sign that would be a "Historic Downtown" sign is suggested to be placed on the southeast corner of the square. A "Wayfinding Sign" would be placed on the northeast corner of the square that would give information for some landmarks such as a library or museum. Jank said they would not ask the county for any costs associated with this project. Commissioner Zabrocki stated he would like the signs to keep the aesthetics of the historical look around the courthouse. They will come with a more precise and formal proposal in the future.

Jank was also present for the selection of Prioritization areas of Fiber Optic Construction for a Broadband grant application item on the agenda. A broadband RFI had been submitted and they received one submission from ALLO. A map showing the density of Seward County was provided to discuss the areas needing broadband service.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the areas of prioritization for the Seward County Fiberoptic construction and provide guidance to Allo's Nebraska Capital Projects Fund Application to be the area primarily between 224th and 210th Road east to the County line and north of O Street Road and south of Ridge Road.

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

Ahmic led discussion of the Letter of Support for Nextlink's Nebraska Capital Project Fund Application. Jank gave information on the issue and said that there are quite a few Broadband providers looking into grant applications and asking support for their grant. Discussion was that Nextlink did not respond for the Broadband Taskforce RFI and so they weren't sure they wanted to give a letter of support for them.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to reject the request from Nextlink for a letter of support for a Capital Projects Fund Application for a grant.

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

During the Officials time with the Commissioners, Jon Regnier, Assistant Highway Superintendent, updated the Commissioners on the activities of the Road Dept. Anthony Luebbe also commented on the large tree that fell on a road near Milford.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she went to the Milford City Council meeting, attended the exit audit meeting, the Veteran's Committee meeting, researched the phone system issue, met with Allo and Windstream representatives, talked with the Nebraska Fire Marshall, NDEE and worked on zoning regulations in regard to demolition of a neglected property. Ahmic stated

she has also worked on the Public Defender position and suggested possibly entering into an Interlocal with another county for the services a Public Defender provides.

Commissioner Hain reported she participated in a NACO training for new county officials and attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for two businesses in Seward County. She attended the Beaver Crossing Village Board meeting, talked with SENDD representatives about grant matters, had a meeting with the Aging Service staff, attended the Road Dept foremen meeting, and participated in the Four Corners Board meeting.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the audit exit interview and has been involved in a Cyber Security process offered by the Secretary of State. He will be attending the safety committee meeting this afternoon where they will be discussing panic buttons, worked with HR on the vacancy of the Public Defender position and received emails from constituents.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he had talked to HR about the vacancy of the Public Defender, attended the Extension Board meeting and a Region V meeting. He also met with some 4-H Club leaders on a project.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, followed up with Probation on the new phone issue, had two Broadband Taskforce meetings, attended the chainsaw training for the Road Dept., went to the Seward City Planning Commission. He also worked on some BRIDGES matters, attended the Foremen meeting, and had a meeting with HR.

Commissioner Schmieding asked if he could sign a letter of support for a grant as a commissioner, but since it was not on the agenda for the Board to act on, no permission was granted.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the infrastructure grants item on the agenda. It was stated that they are waiting for information from Butler County on a potential bridge project. Ahmic stated she helped representatives in Gage County concerning the grant portal.

The Commissioners discussed the American Rescue Planning Act (ARPA) funding. Hain said Staplehurst is working on a project and she continues to ask Goehner if they have a project for which they would like to use County ARPA funding. Ahmic heard from representatives from Pleasant Dale and Milford on the projects already approved for County ARPA funding.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on February 21, 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 February 14, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
7. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for February 28, 2023

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award bids for Paving Project C-80(687) South of Goehner on 364th Road for 400 ft.

Discuss/Action – Award bids for Paving Project C-80(676) South of Milford on 238th Road to the County Line

Discuss/Action – Res. – County Bridge Match Agreement with NE Dept of Transportation for BRIDGE Project C008001405

Schmieding is absent at 11:45 a.m.

The Board recessed to go to the jail for a quarterly inspection at 11:47 a.m.

The Board re-convened at 12:04 p.m. at the Seward County Justice Center.

Schmieding is present at 12:04 p.m.

Ahmic is absent at 12:04 p.m.

The Board made their quarterly inspection of the Detention Center.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 12:22 a.m. from the Seward County Detention Center.

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

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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 21st day of February 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman