

February 22, 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 February 22, 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 February 22, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, 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 Vrbka to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve Tax List Corrections 354-20R, 355-21R, 356-21R, 357-21R and 358-21R.

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 9, 2022 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 22, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 8:47 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 9th day or March 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

February 22, 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 February 22, 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.

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Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
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 Vrbka to approve the minutes of February 15, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

During Public/Officials/Boards time on the agenda, Terry Wicht and Sherry Schweitzer updated the Board on activities of their offices.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she received a call from Village of Cordova, went to the Cordova Fire Dept. meeting, attended the SCCDP Board meeting, attended the SCCDP/Planning Commission meeting, went to a Planning Commission meeting and will be attending a Four Corners meeting.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the Goehner Fire Dept. meeting and Ag Society meeting.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Planning & Zoning meeting and dealt with various correspondences.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he met with Clark Kolterman about the Visitors Committee and went to the Seward Downtown Revitalization Committee meeting. He will go to the Seward Rotary meeting this week where Senator Fischer will be in attendance.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, 4th of July Committee meeting, noted there will be a new exhibit for the National Guard Museum, and went to the NIRMA office.

Jerry Zieg, a member of the Beaver Crossing Village Board, was present to answer any questions about the Village's application for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. They are asking for funds for a Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request from Beaver Crossing for \$363,349.54 of Seward County ARPA Funds.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:28 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:30 a.m.

Melissa Grantski was present to request to close 462nd Road between Pioneers and A Street Road on Friday, June 3, 2022 from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the Annual Big Blue Mile Shootout.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to close 462nd Road between Pioneers and A Street Road on Friday, June 3, 2022 from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the Annual Big Blue Mile Shootout contingent on receiving proof of insurance for the event.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on the ARPA funds, stating that Pleasant Dale, Utica and Seward Fire Depts will be visited soon to collect information for their emergency responders. Feedback from the Fire Depts. have been good.

It was also noted that approximately \$1.248 million of Seward County ARPA funds are unobligated to date. It was mentioned that so far, Seward County has given funds to the following entities: Milford, Seward, Cordova and Beaver Crossing. Funds have also been given for a telehealth/telecounseling area for Veterans, Premium Pay for county employees and emergency responders and various equipment purchases in regard to the pandemic.

Commissioners Recessed at 9:41 a.m.

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

Bob Dahms, County Treasurer, and Sherry Leising, Deputy Treasurer, were present to discuss a property listing error. Real estate was listed twice in 2020 and they have requested to refund taxes and forgive interest for Parcel # 800231125.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic that due to a property listing error, to approve the forgiveness of interest for Parcel # 800231125 and refund of taxes for Parcel # 800043308 for the 2020 Tax Year.

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

The Board recessed at 9:54 a.m.

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

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, and Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, presented information to the Commissioners about requesting a shift differential for E911. He stated the extra pay for the 2nd and 3rd shifts is in line with what the Commissioners approved for the Sheriff and Detention Center.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve a shift differential pay of \$0.75 for the 2nd and 3rd shifts for E911 effective immediately.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present with Sanchez to discuss the current pay for Motor Grader Operators and Heavy Equipment Operators. Starting pay for these two positions were increased two weeks ago, and this week the *current* operator wages are being considered.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to increase wages 2% for Motor Grader Operators employed less than one year and increase wages \$2.00 for Motor Grader Operators employed more than a year, except employee #10200 who will get \$2.08 effective immediately.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to approve a \$2.00 wage increase for a current Heavy Equipment Operator, Employee #1921, effective immediately.

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

The next discussion was to request increases for all other current road dept. positions, excluding Administrative Positions.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve an increase of \$2.00 for all other current road dept. positions excluding the Administrative Position effective immediately.

During discussion time, Bob Dahms stated he feels the raises should wait until budget time.

Wicht stated his other positions do the same thing as the heavy equipment operators and motor grader operators and some of them are hardly above the wage the Commissioners approved two weeks ago. He said he is trying to retain employees.

Schmieding stated he feels that these employees should have their wages increased. Zabrocki stated he is in favor of the increase.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to amend the previous motion to exclude the Highway Supt. and Assistant Highway Supt. from being included in the wage increases.

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

Affirmative Vote on the motion as amended.

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

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to ask the Commissioners about funds for the County Appreciation Party.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve funds for the County Appreciation Event in the amount of \$45 per employee and allow the committee to organize.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:25 a.m.

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

Sheriff Vance and Chelsea Smith, Operations Manager for the Sheriff's Office, were present to request permission for the Sheriff's Office to go outside of the Nebraska Bid Process to purchase Out-of-State Vehicle for Year 2022 and purchase two vehicles out of state. Vance stated he has two cars that are over 140,000 miles and said if these cars are replaced, they will be put up for auction.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to let the Sheriff's Office go outside of the Nebraska Bid Process to purchase Out-of-State Vehicles for Year 2022 and purchase two vehicles out of state.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 1, 2022 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 February 22, 2022
5. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through February 18, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for March 9, 2022

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Proposed 1 & 6 Year Road Plan for Seward County

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:37 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, 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 1st day of March 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman