

February 25, 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 February 25, 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 February 25, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky
Absent: Member: Mike Mundhenke

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 February 11, 2020.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to approve Tax List Corrections 290-19R and 291-19R.
Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 10, 2020 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 25, 2020
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 8:53 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, 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 10th day of March 2020.

County Clerk

Chairperson

February 25, 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 February 25, 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.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on February 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen,
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Absent: Member: Mike Mundhenke

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 Paulsen and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of February 18, 2020.
Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, updated the Commissioners on new election equipment she recently received.

Paulsen reported she had a Planning & Zoning meeting the previous night.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Vrbka received a call on a road issue.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a Blue Valley Community Action meeting, a Planning & Zoning meeting, checked roads, and visited with Dept. Heads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he had been involved with the hiring of the Building & Grounds position, attended a Visitors Committee meeting, received comments from constituents about county business and will follow up with meeting with them.

Commissioner Paulsen reported she attended a BRIDGES meeting and will attend a City of Seward meeting on a road project tonight.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to approve the Special Liquor License for JUNTO LLC for an event on March 21, 2020.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:11 a.m.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:15 a.m.

Sheriff Mike Vance and Detention Center Director, Maria Hatfield were present to discuss fingerprinting for the public. Vance stated there is a new law involving mandatory

fingerprinting for day care providers and their employees. The State Patrol charges \$45 for fingerprinting. Vance would like to offer this service at a lesser rate for the residents of Seward County. He would like to offer it on Sundays and charge \$15 of which \$7.50 would go to the General Fund and \$7.50 would go into a fund to help pay for the fingerprint machine maintenance. The jail staff would perform the fingerprinting. Discussion followed on the allocation of funds received.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to allow the Sheriff's Office to conduct fingerprinting services for the public.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to allow a fee of \$15 for fingerprinting services.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Paulsen, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

No action was taken on the allocation of the fees.

Culver led discussion on the continuation of the Interlocal with Butler County for Diversion and Truancy Services. Julie Reiter, Butler County Attorney, was in attendance with Wendy Elston, Seward County Attorney, to discuss the history of the Interlocal and the benefits of having the Interlocal. Elston stated that grant funds have been approved for both counties through June 30, 2021. Seward County provides labor and receives Butler County's share of grant funds. Butler County provides space for a Seward County worker and also pays Seward County an amount to administer the program. Reiter stated the interlocal helps when there are students that live in one county and go to school in another. It was asked if Butler County could fund a program themselves and Reiter responded that they would not need a full-time person and it would be hard to hire a part time person. It was stated that the Seward County Attorney's Office is being spread thin and that having another County's business is not good for Seward County. Elston replied that her office is very busy and that diversion is not part of that. She also stated that having diversion and truancy helps with keeping the individuals out of the courts. Reiter said that the trend is collaborating with other counties for services. Questions were asked, such as what is grant funded and county funded.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to continue the Interlocal with Butler County for Diversion/Truancy services.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Culver

Motion Carried

Brea Ehmen, HR Director, presented a request for a March Wellness Challenge. She gave information from the New Year's Wellness Challenge which was successful for being the first one ever in Seward County.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to permit a March Wellness challenge and awards not to exceed \$150.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Ehmen was present during discussion of the new wage for Building and Ground Supt. position. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, questioned the array of counties used to compare for the new salary for this job. Ehmen said she completed comparisons with other counties that have this position. Maria Hatfield stated that she felt that when there are positions vacated and new employees hired, there usually has been an increase in wages and she would like to see increases for current employees along with new hires.

Moved by Schmieding to approve grade 13, step 4 with a starting wage of \$22.22 for the Building & Grounds Supt.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Paulsen, Vrbka, Culver

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 3, 2020 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 25, 2020
5. Discuss/Action - Claims for the period through February 21, 2020

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Authorize the County Clerk to advertise for bids for the Mowing of Abandoned Cemeteries
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for March 10, 2020

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Paulsen to adjourn at 10:42 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Paulsen, Vrbka Culver

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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 3rd day of March 2020.

County Clerk

Chairman