

# February 27, 2024

## 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 27, 2024 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 at 8:30 a.m. on February 27, 2024.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic  
Members: Raegan Hain, John Culver 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 Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of February 13, 2024.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Culver, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

### **Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 12, 2024 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 27, 2024
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 8:44 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver, Hain, Ahmic 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson

# February 27, 2024

## 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 27, 2024 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 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic  
Members: Raegan Hain, John Culver, 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of approving the minutes of February 20, 2024; accepting the Sheriff Fee and Mileage Reports for December 2023 in the amount of \$1,248.00 and \$89.71 respectively and accepting the Sheriff Fee and Mileage Reports for January 2024 in the amount of \$1,313.00 and \$913.50 respectively.

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

Moved by Culver and seconded by Hain to approve the claims for the period through February 16, 2024.

### SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH FEBRUARY 16, 2024

ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	SHARILYN K STEUBE	SE	\$375.00
ADP INC	SE	\$2,651.30	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$6,931.64
ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	UT	\$2,086.24	THOMSON REUTERS	EQ	\$1,165.64
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$20,043.67	UNIV OF NEBRASKA LINC	SE	\$983.25
BERN'S BODY SHOP	SE	\$1,068.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$528.11
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$3,621.62	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$36.00
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$240.00	VISA	FE	\$5,338.16
BRENNAN, NIELSEN...LAW	SE	\$1,790.81	VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94
BRYAN HEALTH	SE	\$8,079.84	WALL, ROBERT	SE	\$312.50
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,625.00	WASHINGTON CO CLERK	SE	\$37.50
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$39.14	WELLS FARGO LEASING	EQ	\$230.66
CHARTER COMMUNIC	UT	\$313.46	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,004.49
ALEGENT CREIGHTON CLIN	SE	\$22.00	ACKERMAN ENGINEERING	SE	\$145.00
DIAMOND DRUGS, INC	SU	\$513.16	ADAM ROTH	SE	\$11,500.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$30.00	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	SE	\$360.32
JENNIFER EICKHOFF	SE	\$14.74	COMES ENTERPRISES	SE	\$5,750.00
ENGINEERED CONTROLS	EQ	\$3,425.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$20,467.93
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$699.59	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$1,353.48
FEHLHAFERS INC	SE	\$6.65	INLAND TRUCK PARTS	SU	\$4,190.06
GALLS LLC	SE	\$277.13	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$18,381.88
GBE CPA	SE	\$4,756.00	MATHESON TRI-GAS	SU	\$864.22
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$520.34	MIDWEST PETRO EQUIP	EQ	\$208.87
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$165.44	NMC, INC	SE	\$8,150.00
J S WURM & ASSOC	SE	\$200.00	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$2,884.45
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$332.77	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$24,256.01

JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,010.78	TRUCK CENTER CO	EQ	\$1,178.11
KIRBY ROTH INSURANCE	FE	\$50.00	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$55.88
KONICA MINOLTA FINANCE	EQ	\$131.48	THEISEN CONSTRUCTION	SE	\$25,500.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$69.60	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING	SE	\$800.00
LEGISLATIVE SERV AGENCY	FE	\$15.00	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$234.33
RELX INC	SE	\$222.00	SEWARD CO CHAMBER	FE	\$2,100.00
MCHENRY, HASZARD...	SE	\$568.75	NE NATL GUARD MUSEUM	FE	\$3,500.00
MCKESSON MEDICAL	SU	\$38.64	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$13,643.75
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$585.00	SEW CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$17,495.38
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$4,795.49	FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$460.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$47.80	GREAT PLAINS COMMUN	UT	\$629.89
KRYSTEL NABER	S	\$9.38	HERPOLSHEIMERS	EQ	\$690.38
JENNIFER NANTKES	SE	\$14.74	HITZ TOWING INC	SE	\$128.08
NE ASSN COUNTY CLERKS	FE	\$50.00	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$126.03
NE ASSN CO EXT BOARD	FE	\$100.00	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$15,600.00
NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$80.00	JEFF NELSON	SE	\$1,855.00
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$93.00	PANASONIC CONNECT	EQ	\$687.04
PEGGY OBORNY	SE	\$12.06	SECURITY EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$1,095.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$482.49	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$74.99
ORKIN LLC	SE	\$147.00	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$167.99
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$44.87	911 CUSTOM	SE	\$1,429.00
PHYSICIANS LAB	SE	\$2,621.00	NATL CURRIC & TRAINING	SE	\$1,483.62
POINT C HEALTH	SE	\$365.00	SALARIES		\$284,545.68
REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY	SE	\$523.75	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
KEVIN SCHLENDER	SE	\$375.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEC OF STATE - ELECTNS	SU	\$20.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
ASSESSOR REAPRSAL FND	FE	\$20,000.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEW CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,440.08	VSP VISION		
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$373.00	WADDELL & REED		
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Affirmative Vote: Culver, Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Jon Regnier, Highway Supt., updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Marilyn Hladky, County Assessor, along with Sara Dickmeyer of Schneider Geospatial were present to discuss a new GIS provider for Seward County.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Culver to authorize the Chairperson to sign an agreement with Schneider Geospatial for a GIS subscription with the fees waived for the first year of April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 and year 2 for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 the fees would be \$32,640 which includes an initial \$10,104 set up fee with fees to be paid in two equal payments of \$16,320 on a bi-annual basis and Year 3 which is July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 the fees will be \$24,372 and will be paid in two biannual payments.

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

Motion Carried

Gary Peterson, Seward/York Emergency Manager, was present to give information about a question involving an invoice for the updating of a hazard mitigation plan. After discussion, there is an *in kind* contribution factor toward a grant for this project. In Kind contributions can be given by the county and the villages in the county which can count towards the county contribution. It was decided to take the costs of the invoice for \$742.72 out of the Inheritance Fund.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Culver to pay the initial invoice for the Hazard Mitigation in the amount of \$746.72 with funding to come from the Inheritance Fund.

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

Motion Carried

Tiffany Allen, Asst. HR Director, was present to inform the Commissioners that an employee has asked for catastrophic leave. Allen did say that the 'catastrophic leave bank' does have enough money for 80 hours which were requested, but may not have enough money in it for further requests. Allen also stated she can send an email out to employees letting them know that the 'bank' is in need of donations.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the catastrophic leave request for employee # 010158 for the requested leave of 80 hours.

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

Motion Carried

**Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the Highway Supt and a representative from Mainelli Wagner Engineering about a road project, participated in interviews for the Asst. Highway Supt., participated in a call with Senator Vargas' staff about LB 1355, went to the first Aging Advisory Board meeting, had meeting with the Road Dept. Office staff and the Seward Chamber about volunteers needed to help at a recycling event, and has been working on a proposal for a grant writer position.

Highway Supt., Jon Regnier and Shop Foreman, Jeff Fleischman were present to give information about a software program for their department. It is a program for monitoring fuel used at their Missile Base Shop.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Software Agreement with EKOS to upgrade the current Gasboy Software to a Cloud Based Program in the amount of \$5,148 including the total onetime fee with an annual rate to be paid \$2,148 annually.

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

Motion Carried

The agenda item entitled "Discuss/Action – Res. – Reconsider Res # 3797 in regard to Board of Adjustment Decision to Re-zone a tract of land in the SE ¼ of 29-11-4" was not listed correctly and therefore no discussion by the Commissioners was held. Even though the Commissioners did not discuss anything related to the resolution, Denise Kaup, asked to make a comment. She stated she was the attorney for the land owners and asked that information be given to her about the jurisdiction of the Board of Adjustment in regard to the previous resolution that is on the agenda.

**Commissioners Reports (Cont.):**

Commissioner Culver stated he attended a Hazard Mitigation Grant meeting to gather information, attended the Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) meeting and the Planning Commission meeting, participated in a Zoom meeting for the Safe Street and Roads grant, sent emails to senators about legislation, checked roads. He will be a Seward/Saline Solid Waste meeting this coming week.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended a Planning Commission meeting, met with Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) to discuss a future meeting for broadband, worked on a new Safe Street and Roads Grant, helped facilitate a Webex with Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), met with HR, and sent several emails to Senators about legislation.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Visitors meeting and will attend a meeting with Region V and Extension Board meeting in the near future. He did contact several constituents about county business. He also checked in on officials in the West Wing.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting and a broad band meeting, sent email to Senators about legislation and met with several department heads.

The Commissioners discussed changing the time for the Mercy City Church Easter Egg Hunt. They requested to use the courthouse square for the event but would like to change it because another Easter Egg Hunt is going to occur at the same time.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain to change the time for Mercy City Church Easter Egg Hunt on March 30, 2024 from 10-11 am to 1-4 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

During the Legislative update the Chairperson Ahmic stated that LB 1067 was being debated today.

During the agenda item about Grant Funds, it was noted that more information will be discussed next week.

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 5, 2024 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 27, 2024

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

5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Legislative Update
7. Discuss/Action – Grant Funds being Sought by Seward County
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for March 12, 2024

9:30 a.m. Hearing – Proposed 1- & 6-Year Seward County Highway Dept. Program

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by to adjourn at 10:29 a.m.

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

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

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County Clerk

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Chairman