

# February 28, 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 28, 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 28, 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 Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of February 14, 2023.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve Tax List Corrections 195-20P, 196-21P, 197-22P, 198-22P, 199-21P, 396-19R, 397-20R, 398-21R and 399-22R.

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

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

### **Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 14, 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 28, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Tax List Correction 200-22P
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 9:00 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson

# February 28, 2023

## 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 28, 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 Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

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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 Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of February 21, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding Zabrocki Ahmic Culver

Abstain: Hain as she was not in attendance at said meeting.

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the claims for the period through February 17, 2023.

### SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH FEBRUARY 17, 2023

|                         |    |             |                            |    |             |
|-------------------------|----|-------------|----------------------------|----|-------------|
| ACCURATE CONTROLS       | EQ | \$1,856.36  | ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTNG | SE | \$760.00    |
| ADP LLC                 | SE | \$3,804.00  | STREET COP TRAINING        | SE | \$199.00    |
| ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM   | SU | \$232.10    | SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE        | SE | \$8,173.56  |
| AMERITAS LIFE INS       | FE | \$19,656.40 | THE CHANGE COMPANIES       | SE | \$1,643.41  |
| ART ON DISPLAY          | FE | \$30.00     | THOMSON REUTERS-WEST       | FE | \$821.07    |
| BLACK HILLS ENERGY      | UT | \$7,441.61  | ULINE                      | SU | \$60.00     |
| BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC     | SE | \$342.00    | UNIVERSITY OF NE LINCOLN   | SE | \$298.24    |
| BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH  | SE | \$360.00    | VERIZON WIRELESS SERV      | UT | \$971.33    |
| BOB BARKER CO           | SU | \$178.40    | VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS        | SU | \$20.00     |
| BOBS MOBIL              | SE | \$70.00     | VISA                       | FE | \$4,908.08  |
| BRYAN HEART             | SE | \$46.39     | VOLZKE FUNERAL HOME        | SE | \$100.00    |
| CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS    | SU | \$33.99     | WINDSTREAM                 | UT | \$10,222.59 |
| CASA                    | FE | \$31,400.00 | ARVEST EQUIP FINANCE       | EQ | \$8,150.00  |
| CHARTER COMM            | UT | \$284.56    | DALE JOHNSON ENT           | SU | \$650.70    |
| COAST TO COAST COMPUTER | EQ | \$169.99    | FREDS AUTO ELECTRIC        | SE | \$200.00    |
| EAKES OFFICE PLUS       | SU | \$291.94    | INLAND TRUCK PARTS         | EQ | \$713.02    |
| FARMERS COOPERATIVE     | SU | \$14,281.75 | KERFORD LIMESTONE CO       | SU | \$9,643.76  |
| FIRST WIRELESS, INC     | UT | \$2,514.83  | MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOC    | SE | \$9,013.75  |
| GALLS LLC               | SE | \$452.65    | MEYER AUTOMOTIVE INC       | SE | \$64.95     |
| GREAT PLAINS COMM       | UT | \$883.85    | MIDWEST AUTO PARTS         | SU | \$383.48    |
| HELMINK PRINTING        | SU | \$720.11    | NE EQUIPMENT INC           | EQ | \$291.56    |
| HERPOLSHEIMERS INC      | SE | \$169.99    | NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST   | UT | \$1,749.30  |
| HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE    | SE | \$64.00     | ROSE EQUIPMENT INC         | EQ | \$4,500.00  |
| HOMETOWN LEASING        | SE | \$130.33    | SHAFFER COMM               | SE | \$894.95    |
| IHS PHARMACY            | SU | \$155.88    | TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES     | SE | \$269.00    |
| INDOFF INC              | SU | \$67.96     | ULTIMATE GARAGE DOOR SERV  | SE | \$1,206.50  |
| JONES AUTOMOTIVE        | EQ | \$15,849.89 | VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC   | SE | \$713.80    |
| JONES BANK (FICA)       | FE | \$20,000.12 | MIDWEST ENGINEERING, INC   | SE | \$2,496.00  |
| LANGUAGE LINE SERV      | SE | \$54.53     | SEWARD COUNTY CHAMBER      | FE | \$1,500.00  |

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| LEE'S REFRIGERATION     | SE | \$928.71     | SEWARD CO HISTORICAL SOC              | FE | \$1,500.00   |
| MCKESSON MED SURG       | SU | \$224.01     | DELTA DENTAL OF NEBRASKA              | SE | \$118.70     |
| MEMORIAL CLINIC         | SE | \$543.97     | MOTOROLA                              | EQ | \$102,076.54 |
| MID-AMERICAN INS        | FE | \$44,537.90  | A1 AUTOMOTIVE                         | EQ | \$750.00     |
| MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV    | SE | \$965.73     | BLUE TO GOLD LLC                      | SE | \$225.00     |
| MY CENTRAL SUPPLY       | SU | \$658.51     | MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE                    | EQ | \$1,920.99   |
| NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS | FE | \$320.00     | POSITIVE CONCEPTS                     | SE | \$457.16     |
| NE ASSN CO TREASURERS   | FE | \$50.00      | SACK LUMBER                           | SU | \$214.46     |
| NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV  | SE | \$93.00      | TRANSUNION                            | SE | \$573.40     |
| ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS  | SU | \$190.76     | VIGILANT SOLUTIONS                    | FE | \$1,200.00   |
| OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE      | SE | \$58.67      | WESTERN OIL II LLC                    | SU | \$128.14     |
| PAC N SAVE              | SU | \$309.05     | VIGILNET                              | SE | \$291.90     |
| PETTY CASH FUND         | FE | \$122.95     | ATLAS SAFE ROOMS                      | EQ | \$46,980.00  |
| PLANET TECHNOLOGIES     | SE | \$52.80      | JUSTIN HAJEK                          | SE | \$4,389.21   |
| POLLACK AND BALL        | SE | \$384.75     | IOWA PUMP WORKS                       | SE | \$6,890.13   |
| REDWOOD TOX LAB         | SE | \$16.00      | SALARIES                              |    | \$286,616.99 |
| REGION V SERVICES       | SE | \$2,484.58   | GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO: |    |              |
| REGION V SYSTEMS        | SE | \$1,712.00   | COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE       |    |              |
| SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND  | FE | \$101,106.52 | MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN             |    |              |
| SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT   | SE | \$377.30     | DELTA DENTAL                          |    |              |
| SEWARD CO TREASURER     | SE | \$10.00      | VSP VISION                            |    |              |
| SEWARD LUMBER           | SU | \$29.29      | WADDELL & REED                        |    |              |
| SOARIN GROUP, LLC       | SE | \$126.00     |                                       |    |              |

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

Sherry Schweitzer updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Ahmic reported she has been researching various legislative bills, attended a Broadband Taskforce meeting via Zoom, worked with the Zoning Administrator, attended two CASA Board meetings, researched the Public Defender vacancy, heard back from Butler County about a bridge project, attended the legislative hearing on unfunded mandates, met with representatives from Great Plains Communications, went to the Planning Commission meeting and is working on a Railroad Crossing issue near Milford.

Commissioner Hain reported she provided written testimony at a Legislative Hearing about Unfunded Mandates, attended two meetings with the HR Dept., participated in a call with a representative of Mid-American Benefits, attended a meeting with Road Dept. during Foreman's meeting, and received calls about road conditions after the rain.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a Blue Valley Community Action meeting, participated in an employee evaluation, received road issue comments, and went to the Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Visitors Committee meeting and attended a legislative hearing with other Commissioners and will have an Extension Board meeting this coming week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, a Broadband meeting via Zoom, the Southeast Nebraska Development District meeting, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July meeting, BRIDGES meeting, weather spotter training and testified at the Legislature about Unfunded Mandates. He also stated he completed the evaluation of the E911 Director.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman to sign the Shared System Acknowledgement document to allow Milford Police Department access into the Public Safety Software System with Central Square.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Zoning Administrator's Fee Report for December 2022 in the amount of \$1,275.00.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Zoning Administrator's Fee Report for January 2023 in the amount of \$1,125.00.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:26 a.m.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to open a Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. on Amending the Fare Schedule for the Seward County Public Transit.

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

No one from the public spoke at said public hearing.

Matt Starkey, Public Transit Administrator, made comments about the changes in the fare schedule.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to close the Public Hearing at 9:44 a.m.

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

After discussion during the hearing, Starkey will bring back the new Fare Schedule with clarifying language for the various trip fares for the Commissioners to act on next week.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to discuss a project with Lancaster County on a hard surfaced road on the Lancaster/Seward County line between Branched Oak Road and Rock Creek Road. Wicht had received an estimate from Lancaster County, but had questions about the cost that was given for the project. The Commissioners wanted to be sure that there was money in the Road Dept. budget to pay for this but all agreed this road needs to be repaired.

During the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Commissioner Ahmic stated Butler County is interested in a bridge project on the Seward/Butler County line. Ahmic stated grant money could be used for costs associated with applying for the grant.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:56 a.m.

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

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, was present to discuss the 2021 Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Payroll Credits. She explained that when employees were on leave due to Coronavirus in 2020 and 2021, they were told that certain public entities could take advantage of credits offered by the Federal Government. Seward County thought that county government was able to use this credit but that was not correct. The Internal Revenue Service has now advised Seward County that we owe \$45,445.60 since we were not eligible for that program. Sanchez did contact ADP, who services our payroll program, for assistance with the interest and penalty. It was decided to pay the amount owed so no more interest and penalty occurs. It was advised to have the County Attorney's Office help with the issue.

The Commissioners discussed the Public Defender vacancy. Very few applications have been received for the job. There was discussion that other counties are having the same problem. Commissioner Ahmic gave information about nearby counties and their problems/experiences with retaining services of a Public Defender. Both the Public Defender's Administrative Assistant and the Clerk of the District Court gave information on the number of cases appointed to the office. After discussion on the vacancy, the Commissioners will put the issue on the agenda again next week.

Todd Francisco and Tim Hahn of Allo gave information on the Allo organization. They provided information about the phone system and gave a presentation about their system.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:42 a.m. to let the representatives set up a presentation.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:44 a.m.

During the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) item on the agenda, Ahmic said the final Cordova bill was received. Other villages that have not presented an application for Seward County ARPA funds were discussed.

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 7, 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 February 29, 2023

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

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 March 14, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Kelsie Lee/Mercy Church-Request to host an Easter Egg Hunt and other Activities on/around the Courthouse Lawn on April 8, 2023

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman to Sign the New Fare Schedule for the Seward County Public Transit

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – 2021 Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Payroll Credits

Discuss/Action – Public Defender Vacancy/Process

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 11:14 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Hain, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

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County Clerk

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Chairman