

January 10, 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 January 10, 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 January 10 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, John Culver, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky
County Treasurer: Jacob Zlatkovsky

County Clerk Sherry Schweitzer called the meeting to order and 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.

Schweitzer called for nominations for Chairman of the Seward County Board of Equalization.

Zabrocki nominated Culver.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Culver as Chairman of the Seward County Board of Equalization.

Affirmative vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Culver Motion carried

The County Clerk announced that Culver has been elected as Chairman of the Seward County Board of Equalization and turned the meeting over to the Chairman.

Chairman Culver called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Seward County Board of Equalization.

Zabrocki nominated Ahmic.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Ahmic as Vice Chairman of the Seward County Board of Equalization.

Affirmative vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion carried

Jake Zlatkovsky, County Treasurer and Sherry Leising, Deputy County Treasurer, were present to request approval of requests for tax exemption by non-profits.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the following tax exemptions:

NAME	YEAR	VEHICLE	VIN #
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH	2005	CARRY-ON TRLR	4YMUL08165M024810
ST JOHN LUTHERAN	2017	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GAZGMFG6H1191727
SCHOOL	2014	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GAZGYFG8E1196656
	2011	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GAZGYFG5B1131226

MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE	2018	NISSEN ALTIMA	1N4AL3AP8JC271693
	2013	DODGE PU W/SNOW BLADE	3C6LR5ATXDG4586109
	2016	CHEVROLET SILVERADO	1GCHK29U21E314767
	2011	DUMP TRAILER	4ZEDT1427B1079203
	2005	CARRY-ON TRAILER	NA
ST GREGORY THE GREAT	2009	FORD PICKUP	1FTSX21RX9EA51504
SEMINARY	2012	DODGE VAN	2C4RDGB8CR419688
	2005	CHRYSLER VAN	2C4GP54L75R460930
	2001	H & H TRLR	4J6US08151B031100
	2010	BMW X5	5UXFE4C56AL381460
MILFORD ASSEMBLY OF	2007	TURTLE TOP BUS	1GBJG31U461253106
GOD CHURCH	1995	PACE AMERICAN ENC TRLR	E5105A
ST VINCENT DE PAUL	2007	INTERNATIONAL BUS	4DRBUAAP37B348660
CHURCH	2017	FORD VAN	1FMZK1ZM0HKA98343
GREAT PLAINS	1999	FORD BUS	1FDWE30S8XHB45857
COMMUNITY CHURCH	2000	DODGE RAM VAN	2B5WB35Z8YK159364
GOOD SHEPHERD	1999	HAULMARK TRLR	16HCB1016XH056503
LUTHERAN CHURCH	2007	CARRY-ON CARGO TRLR	4YMCL12107G070354

Concordia University Vehicle Listing – 12/2023

Year	Make	Type	VIN#
1996	Chevy	4WD Pickup	1GCGK24R2T2216459
1999	Chevy	Venture	1GNDX03E7XD230052
2000	Chevy	Van	1GAHG39R2Y1165399
2001	Ford	F550 4 x 4 Truck	1FDAF57S91EB20502
2001	Chevy	Savana Van	1GJGG25R311129965
2005	Kia	Sedona Minivan	KNDUP132456711060
2005	Pontiac	Montana Van	1GMDV23EX5D131311
2008	Ford	F250	1FTNF21508EB67810
2012	Dodge	Grand Caravan	2C4RDGBGOCR224541
2012	Chevy	Express Van	1GAWGRFGOC1126350
2014	Ram	Cargo Van	2C4JRGAG0ER202834
2015	Ram	Pickup	3C6LR5BT9FG577807
2013	Chevy	Express Van	1GAWGRFG9D1126655
2013	Chevy	Express Van	1GAWGRFG3D1126750
2017	Ford	Transit 350 XLT	1FBZX2ZG9HKA28589
2018	Ford	Transit 350 Van	1FBZX2ZG8JKA07139
2019	Ford	Transit 350 Van	1FBZX2ZG9KKA18989
2020	Ford	Transit 350 Van	1FBAX2YG7LKA17064
2020	Ford	Transit 350 Van	1FBAX2YG5LKB43908
2012	Chevy	Express Van	1GAWGRFG4C1126741
2012	Chevy	Impala (Blue)	2G1WA5E37C1191926
2013	Chevy	Equinox (Silver)	1GNALDEK1DZ113414
2018	Chevy	Equinox (Gray)	3GNAXJEV6JS5762416
2000	Cargomate	Trailer	4X4TSE218YN024677
2015	Sharp	Trailer	1S9BE0810F1870297
2004	Mac-Lander	Trailer	4UVPF182741005363
2010	Carry-On	Trailer	4YMUL0811AM023056
2015	Club Car	Carry All (Electric)	5J5LC22B4FA556151
2015	Club Car	Carry All (Electric)	5J5LC22B6FA556698

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

Marilyn Hladky, County Assessor, presented tax list corrections for the Commissioners review.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve Tax List Corrections # 381-22R, 392-22R, 383-22R, 384-22R, 385-22R, 386-22R, 387-22R, 388-22R, 389-22R, 191-22P, 192-21P, 193-22P.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Change of Valuation Notices for Brandon Luebbe.

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on January 24, 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 December 27, 2022
4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of January 10, 2023
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 8:59 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Hain, 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 24th day of January 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

January 10, 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 January 10, 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.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to set the hourly wage for the Deputy of the Assessor, Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and Treasurer for 2023 at \$31.54 per hour and the Deputy of Elections at \$29.57 per hour and in no event shall the annual wage of the deputy be less than \$53,300.00, unless the deputy is not actually engaged in the performance of the official duties of a deputy and to set the wage of the Chief Deputy Attorneys at 80% and Deputy Public Defender at 80% of his/her respective official and no less than as per State Statute and to set the Special Deputy Attorney at 64% of the County Attorney's salary based on available funding.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of January 3, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Abstain: Hain

Motion Carried

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., and Sheriff Mike Vance updated the Commissioners on activities of their offices/department.

Melissa Grantski was present to discuss the request of closure of roads for the Big Blue Mile Shoot Out in 2023.

Sheriff Vance and Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., reported on any comments they had received from previous events.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the request to close 462nd Road for the Big Blue Mile Shoot Out event on June 2 & 3, 2023 with a contingent day of June 4, 2023 for a rain date.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Milford City Council meeting, updated the Commissioners on Broadband information, met with Staplehurst representative and state representatives about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), attended the retirement party for Bob Dahms, went to Clatonia to learn about Gage County's initiative about broadband, received an update from UNL about the Seward County Missile Base Silo project, had a call with BNSF about a railroad crossing, met with the Highway Supt. and Mark Mainelli about grants, attended an FCC webinar with NACO and SENDD, and read through legislative bills that have been introduced.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the Highway Supt., Asst. Highway Supt. and the County Surveyor on a road issue, met with various Road Dept employees introducing herself as a new Commissioner and attended the Utica Village Board meeting.

Commissioner Culver reported he also met with Highway Supt., Asst. Highway Supt. and County Surveyor on a road issue, is keeping track of new legislative bills and worked on the issue of road job descriptions. He stated he met with the Emergency Manager in regard to the tornado shelter and reviewed grant information about the Missile Base silo. He also said he went to the swearing-in ceremony for officials elected for the 2023-2026 term and reported on the Public Defender vacancy.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he met with the Treasurer's Office about their flooring project, attended the retirement party for Bob Dahms and a Region V meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the City of Seward Council meeting and Planning Commission meeting, attended the retirement party for Bob Dahms, the swearing-In ceremony, a NIRMA educational session and FCC broadband meeting via Zoom. He also received a 911 complaint.

Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator/Weed Supt., was present to request permission to approve her annual reports for the Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture.

There was discussion about funds budgeted for noxious weed control.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2022/2023 annual reports for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture from the Seward County Weed Control Superintendent.

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

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, was present to discuss modifications to the Highway and Assistant Highway Superintendent job descriptions. There was lengthy discussion about the changes proposed and the expectations of the personnel already in these job classifications. Grammar and other minor changes were requested and the final draft of the job descriptions will be on the agenda next week for approval.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, along with Jacob Jennings, presented the RFP for the Seward County Broadband project. They described the efforts they made in developing the RFP. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, questioned some of the wording in the RFP which was resolved.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Updated Draft of the Seward County Broadband RFP.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for December 2022 in the amount of \$12,300.50.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for October 2022 in the amount of \$1,163.00 and \$649.67.

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

Moved to Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for December 2022 in the amount of \$58,636.81.

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

The Commissioners talked about funds we have received from the Federal Government from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve to set aside \$100,000 of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds for broadband expenditures for Seward County.

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

Ahmic led discussion on the Infrastructure Related Grants agenda item. Ahmic stated she and Terry Wicht met with Mark Mainelli to talk about grants available. Projects from multiple counties can be "bundled" together for a grant. She said that current guidelines of the grant state that \$2.5 million is the minimum that can be asked for a grant. She said that we have probably 5-6 bridges that could qualify for a grant and would total over the minimum, so we wouldn't have to bundle with another county. The grants are 80/20% match. There is a process that would need the County coming up with a plan in order to apply for a grant that would cost approximately \$250,000. The money would be for engineering costs in order to make a plan and it was suggested that APRA funds be used for it. It was stated that the villages have all been helped with County ARPA funds and no funds have been used for any large projects of the County.

On the ARPA agenda item, Ahmic gave information about an application for County ARPA funds from the Village of Cordova. They had originally received County ARPA Funds and because of inflation, they have requested an additional \$6,890.13.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve additional ARPA funds in the amount of \$6,890.13 for Inv # 019190 for the Village of Cordova.

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

Motion Carried

Ahmic gave information about the recent Federal audit performed on the Seward County ARPA funds. Auditors stated that records for Seward County ARPA funds that have been distributed were exceptional. Hain was at the Village of Cordova's trustee meeting and said they were really appreciative of Ahmic's help in getting a share of the County's ARPA funds. Hain also said that the Village of Goehner may have a project and may apply for County ARPA funds.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 17, 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 January 10, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Approve Claims through January 6, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Modifications to Highway Superintendent and Assistant Highway Superintendent Job Descriptions
8. Discuss/Action – Appoint County Newspapers, Depositories, Coroner's Physician, Highway Supt & Budget Making Authority
9. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
10. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
11. Discuss/Action – Agenda for January 24, 2023

9:15 a.m.

Discuss/Action - Discuss/Action – Appoint Spirited Member representing Seward County on the Four Corners Health District Board for the term 2023-2025

9:30 a.m.

Discuss/Action – Highway Supt. Request to go out for letting for Paving Projects C-80 (687) South of Goehner on 364th for 400 ft and C-80 (676) South of Milford on 238th Road to the County Line.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 12:02 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Hain, 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 17th day of January 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman