

Bob Dahms, County Treasurer, and Leising were present to give information about the vehicle tax exemption applications.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to approve the following vehicle tax exemptions as follows:

NAME	YEAR	VEHICLE	VIN #
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH	2005	CARRY-ON TRLR	4YMUL08165M024810
ST JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL	2017	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GAZGMFG6H1191727
	2014	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GAZGYFG8E1196656
	2011	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GAZGYFG5B1131226
MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE	2018	NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL3AP8JC271693
	2013	DODGE PICKUP W/SNOW BLADE	3C6LR5ATXDG4586109
	2016	CHEVROLET SILVERADO	1GCHK29U21E314767
	2011	DUMP TRAILER	4ZEDT1427B1079203
	2005	CARRY-ON TRAILER	NA
ST GREGORY THE GREAT SEMINARY	2009	FORD PICKUP	1FTSX21RX9EA51504
	2012	DODGE VAN	2C4RDGB8CR419688
	2005	CHRYSLER VAN	2C4GP54L75R460930
	2001	H & H TRLR	4J6US08151B031100
MILFORD ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH	2007	TURTLE TOP BUS	1GBJG31U461253106
	1995	PACE AMERICAN ENC TRLR	E5105A
ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH	2007	INTERNATIONAL BUS	4DRBUAAP37B348660
	2017	FORD VAN	1FMZK1ZM0HKA98343
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNITY CHURCH	1999	FORD BUS	1FDWE30S8XHB45857
	2000	DODGE RAM VAN	2B5WB35Z8YK159364
SEWARD COUNTY BRIDGES	2006	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GCGG25V961154266
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH	1999	HAULMARK TRLR	16HCB1016XH056503
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY		SEE ATTACHED LISTING	

Concordia University Vehicle Listing - 12/20/2021			
Year	Make	Type	VIN#
1996	Chevy	4WD Pickup	1GCGK24R2T2216459
1999	Chevy	Venture	1GNDX03E7XD230052
2000	Chevy	Van	1GAHG39R2Y1165399
2000	Chevy	Venture Van	1GNDU03EXYD304865
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
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: Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 8:46 a.m.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on January 25, 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 January 11, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

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 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

January 11, 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 January 11, 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.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on January 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, John Culver, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

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 Commissioners. Vrbka nominated Culver.

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

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

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

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

Schmieding nominated Zabrocki.

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

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt the following list of office liaisons and appointments to the various Boards of which a Seward County Commissioner is a member.

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

2022 Commissioner Committees

Liaison to County Offices			
Aging Director	Vrbka		Commissioner Culver
Assessor	Culver		Blue Valley Community Action Brd
Attorney	Ahmic		Courthouse Closing
Bldg. & Grounds	Schmieding		Crete Nebraska Joint Airport Zoning Board
Clerk	Culver		E911 Board Member
County Court	Culver		Legislature
Dist. Court	Culver		Local Emergency Planning (LEPC)
E-911 Center	Culver		Safety Committee Board Member
Emergency Manager	Culver		Seward/Saline Co. Solid Waste Mngmt Board
Extension Office	Schmieding		Lower Platte South Liaison - Alternate
Human Resources	Vrbka		Planning & Zoning Board Liaison - Alternate
Highway Supt.	Vrbka/Culver		
Probation	Zabrocki		Commissioner Ahmic
Public Defender	Schmieding		Four Corners Health Dept.
Sheriff (inc. jail)	Vrbka		Planning & Zoning Board Liaison
Surveyor	Culver		Seward County Chamber & Development Part.
Treasurer	Zabrocki		Seward County Housing Authority
Veterans/Pub Transit	Ahmic		Veterans Service Committee
Zoning/Weed	Ahmic		GA & CM Cases/Guideline updates alternate
Board of Comm Chair	Culver		Region V Mental Health Board Alternate
Vice Chair	Zabrocki		Seward/Saline Co. Solid Waste Management Brd-Alternate
			Upper Big Blue Liaison - Alternate
Board of Equal Chair	Culver		
Vice Chair	Zabrocki		Commissioner Vrbka
			Abandoned Cemeteries
			Aging Services Commission Member
			Anti-Fraud Program
			CASA Board Member
			Fair Board liaison
			Lower Platte South NRD Liaison
			Upper Big Blue NRD liaison
			Entire Board Committees
			Budget Authority & Budget/Finance
			Hwy Dept. Equipment & Shops
			including Bridge & Personnel
			Insurance inc. NIRMA
			One & Six Year Road Plan

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to appoint Dr. Connie Novak or any other physician of Memorial Health Care Systems as the Coroner's physician as requested by the Coroner.
Affirmative vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the following depositories for Seward County funds for 2022 in compliance with State Statutes 77-2311-2316 and 77-2318: The Cattle Bank & Trust Co., Jones Bank & Trust Company, and Union Bank & Trust Company, all of Seward, Farmers & Merchants Bank of Milford, First Bank of Utica, the Short Term Federal Investment Trust (STFIT) and Nebraska Federal Investment Trust both administered by Union Bank & Trust.
Affirmative vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding that acceptable investments are a Certificate of Deposit, a bank Money Market Account, a bank NOW Account, a bank Checking Account, a

bank Investment Trust such as the Short Term Federal Investment Trust (STFIT) and Nebraska Federal Investment Trust. (NFIT)

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to name the Seward County Independent and the Milford Times as the official newspapers for Seward County and countyofsewardne.com as the official Seward County website.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to appoint Terry Wicht as the Seward County Highway Supt. for 2022 as per State Statute 39-1501 RSS 1943.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to appoint Sherry Schweitzer as the Seward County Budget Making Authority.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to set the hourly wage for the Deputy of the Assessor, Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and Treasurer for 2022 at \$28.20 per hour and the Deputy of Elections at \$22.91 per hour and in no event shall the annual wage of the deputy be less than \$47,651.50, 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 Attorney at 80% and the Deputy County Attorney and Deputy Public Defender at 75% of his/her respective official and no less than as per State Statute and to set the Special Deputy Attorney for no less than 50% and up to 75% of the County Attorney's salary based on available funding.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of January 4, 2022.

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

Schweitzer mentioned the legislature has been discussing LB 310 in regard to eliminating the Inheritance Tax.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she read through the final rule of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), received a call about an article in the Seward Independent, sent an email to Senator Kolterman about legislative bills, spoke with the Milford Fire Chief and is following up with all fire chiefs and will attend Mutual Aid Fire District meeting.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the meeting for CASA via Zoom.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a 911 meeting, noted the applicant for the 911 Director accepted the offer, gave information about the Public Defender position, emailed senators about LB310, continues to work on sound suppressor systems for the Justice Center, and discussed safe rooms near the West Wing Annex with the Emergency Manager.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will contact Senator Kolterman in the coming week about legislation and will attend the Extension Board meeting this coming week. He researched the applicants for the Public Defender and met with the Director of the SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SENDDD).

Commissioner Zabrocki participated in the Four Corners Health District meeting update via Zoom, and a NIRMA Zoom meeting. He also attended the Seward City Council meeting, a 911 meeting, and the State Radio System meeting in York.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., explained a resolution he requests the Commissioners to pass in regard to re-classifying a road.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3655 in regard to changing the classification from "Minimum Maintenance" to "Local" of Blue River Road starting at the

SW corner of Section 7, Township 9 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m. and at the NW corner of Section 18, Township 9 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m. then East 800 feet.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3655 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the roadway located in Seward County described as follows: Blue River Road starting at SW Corner of Section 7 T9N R2E, and at NW Corner of Section 18 T9N R3E thence east 800 ft;

WHEREAS, this roadway currently have a state functional classification of "Minimum Maintenance" as classified by the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation, and;

WHEREAS, Seward County plans to make improvements to this roadway in the future to provide access to a residence, and;

NOW, Therefore be it resolved, that the County Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska:

Hereby respectfully request the Nebraska Department of Transportation change the functional classification and designate said segment of roadway to be functionally classified as "Local."

Dated this 11th day of January 2022.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic 01/11/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for December 2021 in the amount of \$3,960.70.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk Fee report for December 2021 in the amount of \$48,578.75.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3656 in regard to allowing Cattle Bank & Trust to pledge additional securities.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3656 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Cattle Bank & Trust desires to pledge the following securities:

IMPERIAL NE -	CUSIP# 45289MJS8	\$150,000.00
SO. SIOUX CITY NE -	CUSIP# 840372TN6	\$150,000.00
	TOTAL PLEDGED	\$300,000.00

Whereas: County deposits need to be fully insured. Therefore, let it be resolved, the above pledging, by the Cattle Bank & Trust is approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic 01/11/2022

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP), and Michael Dwiggin of SENDD, were present to discuss the Seward County Broadband Taskforce activities. Jank stated they met and stated the topics of Broadband description, where are PING points of Seward County, and what are minimum expectations of expanding broadband of Seward County. Dwiggin gave information on the definition of broadband, download bandwidths, standards for the future, etc. Jank stated the tax force asks the county to set a standard for broadband bandwidth. Oliver Borchers-Williams of SENDD submitted maps of broadband providers and internet speeds in Seward County. He gave examples of what other counties are doing to increase internet service speeds. Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator, said she has permits for private towers for internet because the applicant cannot get internet for their rural property.

Paulsen was present to discuss her annual report for the Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture. She gave information of her activities.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman sign the 2021/2022 Annual Weed Control Supt. Reports for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:31 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:37 a.m.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to go into Executive Session for personnel at 10:37 a.m., it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

The Chairman restated the reason for Executive Session was for personnel.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to go out of Executive Session at 10:55 a.m.

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

The Chairman stated personnel was discussed and no decisions were made.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3657 in regard to the Semi-Annual Report of the County Treasurer.

RESOLUTION NO. 3657 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Seward County Treasurer has submitted the Settlement of Accounts (Semi Annual Report), showing beginning balances, collections, disbursements, and ending balances for all of the funds of the County per State law.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that it is noted the report for the period of time covering 07/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 was submitted. This County Board declines comment until audited by the County Auditor.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic 01/11/2022

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3658 in regard to the Tax Sale steps by the County Treasurer.

**Resolution # 3658 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners**

Whereas: The Seward County Board wanted all tax sale steps in one resolution instead of in separate resolutions, and

Whereas: It was approved by the State Auditor's office.

Therefore, the following are the steps to be approved by this board.

- a. Delinquent list to be presented to this Board-please refer to "c" for what is to be excluded from the delinquent for publication-
- b. Board directs Treasurer to publish list for three consecutive weeks in February in a paper having general circulation in this county.
- c. The advertising list will exclude bankruptcies, properties to be foreclosed upon in 2022, and certain classes of IOLL'S.
- d. A public tax sale will be held the first Monday in March which is 3/7/2022 on all unpaid taxes and specials.
- e. On or before the first Monday of April, the County Treasurer will give the County Clerk a certification as evidence of the regularity of the proceedings. In said certification, taxes sold and those unsold for the want of bidders will be listed. The certification will be signed by the County treasurer. Said certification will be listed as submitted in the minutes of the subsequent County Board meeting.
- f. Submission of the certification will mark the end of the public tax sale and the commencement of the private sale.
- g. The board, then, directs the Treasurer to write the unsold taxes in the name of the County using a date of 4/21/2022.
- h. The Board also directs the County Attorney to foreclose on those taxes which have been three or more year's delinquent.
- i. The method of foreclosure is up to the discretion of the County Attorney.
- j. The County Treasurer is directed to take all expired certificates down to the County Attorney no later than the middle of May 2022.
- k. The only other needed resolution will be that of the Board accepting the Treasurer's certification.

Let it be resolved, this county Board accepts the above, and directs the offices involved in the tax sale process to follow the above steps.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2022.

Moved by: Zabrocki

Seconded by: Schmieding

01/11/2021

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,

John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Ahmic led discussion about the ARPA item on the agenda. She has discussed helping the Fire Dept. With premium pay of ARPA funds. She also stated she has read the final rule of ARPA funds which stated it can be used for retention of workforce such as retention bonus, sign-on bonus, etc. It also added a section that it can pay for county services or infrastructure, but that part of the final rule has to be specific to/as a result of Covid.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 18, 2022 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 11, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Handicap Access and Parking for Courthouse
7. Discuss/Action – Accept the Weed/Zoning Dept. Fee Report for December 2021 - \$1575.00
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for January 25, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Culleen Bauer/Seward 4th of July Committee – Request use of the Courthouse Square and restrooms for July 4th Craft Show

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

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, 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 18th day of January 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman