

January 17, 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 17, 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.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on January 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Schmieding to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the claims through the period of January 6, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JANUARY 6, 2023

ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,578.31	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$237.94
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	EQ	\$374.63	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$7,127.75
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$19.09	SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	SE	\$3,111.42
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$339.45	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,479.79
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$20,213.79	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$714.61
BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$695.39	UTICA BODY & PAINT	SE	\$400.00
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$360.00	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$89.95
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$407.13	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	EQ	\$2,965.03
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$9,639.13	VISA	FE	\$1,479.59
CLERK DIST COURT ASSOC	FE	\$125.00	WELLS FARGO FINAN LEAS	FE	\$198.15
CLERK OF THE DIST COURT	SE	\$576.00	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,105.13
CULLIGAN	SE	\$475.19	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$4,708.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,305.68	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$6,489.60
ENGINEERED CONTROLS	EQ	\$6,385.00	GRAINGER	SU	\$26.49
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	EQ	\$104.97	HAMPTON INN	TR	\$359.85
ESRI	SE	\$713.97	JEO CONSULTING GROUP	SE	\$572.50
KEARNEY HOSPITALITY	TR	\$1,919.20	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	FE	\$83.00
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$2,268.13	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$13,989.36
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SU	\$313.82	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	EQ	\$848.69
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$130.40	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$206.28
HALL COUNTY COURT	SE	\$1.50	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$74.99
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$19.33	NMC, INC	FE	\$4,819.66
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$62.35	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$1,831.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$810.78	POWERPLAN	EQ	\$3,596.81
KEARNEY INVESTMENT	SE	\$209.90	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$2,832.47
HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$752.98	RUBBER INC	SU	\$150.51
IHS PHARMACY	SU	\$326.61	TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	SE	\$130.58
INDOFF INC	SU	\$13.98	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$48.68
JONES BANK	SE	\$17.18	CHAPTERS BOOKS & GIFTS	SU	\$92.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,550.90	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING	SE	\$213.75
KONICA MINOLTA P F	SE	\$226.23	NE RURAL RADIO ASSOC	FE	\$130.00

LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$56.63	SEWARD CO CHAMBER	FE	\$72.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$130.00	JEANNE WIEMER	SE	\$129.00
RELX INC	SE	\$213.00	NIXON RESTAURANT & PROP	EQ	\$2,000.00
LOWER PLATTE WEED MGT	FE	\$200.00	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$9,756.25
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$63.43	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$137.50
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$538.05	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$96.00
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$126.00	MORGAN CAMPBELL	SE	\$256.97
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$3,264.40	ART ON DISPLAY	FE	\$920.00
MIDWEST CARD AND ID	EQ	\$1,067.05	BURMEVES LLC	EQ	\$4,500.00
VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$69.50
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,329.68	FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$7,924.93
NE ASSN CO ASSESSORS	FE	\$60.00	IDEMIA IDENTITY	EQ	\$354.09
NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$150.00	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$837.50
NE WEED CONTROL ASSN	FE	\$120.00	JR AUDIO	EQ	\$9,695.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	FE	\$34.50	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	SE	\$78.44
ONESOURCE	SE	\$126.50	SEW CO SHERIFF JUSTICE FNDS	FE	\$16,625.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$25.35	STOP STICK LTD	EQ	\$575.00
PAC N SAVE	SU	\$971.26	STREET COP TRAINING	SE	\$225.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$135.00	TIMECLOCK PLUS, LLC	EQ	\$1,200.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$698.50	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR	EQ	\$2,275.00
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$340.77	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALT	FE	\$400.00
QUADIENT LEASING	FE	\$81.98	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	FE	\$324.19
REDIGER AUTOM	SE	\$70.49	REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$93.79
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$4,969.16	VIGILNET	SE	\$333.60
REGION V SYSTEMS	FE	\$11,638.00	ENCARTELE INC	EQ	\$2,759.81
RIXSTINE TROPHY	SU	\$22.80	SALARIES		\$293,687.16
SEW CO ASSESS REAPPRSL FND	FE	\$20,000.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD COUNTY COURT	SE	\$1,170.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$274.88	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	SE	\$18.50	DELTA DENTAL		
SEW CO SHRFF TREASURY FND	FE	\$10,000.00	VSP VISION		
SEW CO SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$142.00	WADDELL & REED		
SEWARD COUNTY TREASURER	SE	\$20.00			

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., updated the Commissioners on activities of his departments.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended a meeting of the Broadband Task Force and a meeting with two other Commissioners on legislative issues. She worked on the Court Appointed Special Advocate non-profit organization and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Commissioner Hain reported she attended the Beaver Crossing Village Board meeting, met with the Deputy County Treasurer, attended the NACO New Commissioner meeting in Kearney, met with the Road Dept. foreman and Highway Supt.

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with emails on various subjects, attended the Local Emergency Planning Commission meeting and will attend a Blue Valley Community Action and Seward/Saline Solid Waste Management meeting this week.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Extension Board Meeting and will go to the Visitor's Committee meeting in the afternoon. He noted he will be attending the Chamber of Commerce Banquet later this month representing the Visitors Committee.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he participated in a NIRMA Safety Zoom call, a Broadband Taskforce meeting and helped with a local Boy Scout troop.

The Commissioner recessed at 9:13 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:15 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed the appointments for the Four Corners Health District Board. Commissioner Hain led discussion that Jordan Folkers has agreed to be on the Board as the Seward County Spirited member. Jordan Folkers was present and gave information about himself.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to appoint Jordan Folkers as the Seward County Spirited Member on the Four Corners Health District Board for the 2023-2025 term.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to appoint Jillian Fickenscher as the Physician member on the Four Corners Health District Board for the 2023-2024 term.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver

Voting No: Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to appoint Elizabeth Papineau the Dentist member on the Four Corners Health District Board for the year 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on the art display in the county buildings item on the agenda. She was contacted by a member of the Seward Arts Council and was asked if we would display a large piece of art in our county offices. She had a sample of it and said it was 12' x 9' and it is comprised of 12 different tiles. The Seward Arts Council said they would pay to hang it. Ahmic had looked for a space and said there was a wall in the Justice Center where half of it could be placed and the other half possibly in the courthouse. Schmieding asked what we would do if other artists would want to display art. Zabrocki asked that since this is a historical building, he did not feel the genre of art was appropriate. He also worried about the insurance in case there is damage. Ahmic replied that the Arts Council would insure it. She said we could take only 1/2 of it if that is what we want. Culver said he did not feel it belonged in the historical courthouse. Ahmic also said she felt it was a little dark and this would brighten it up. Hain stated she felt it would bring character to the building.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to display 1/2 of the artwork given by a member of the Arts Council in the Justice Center on the south wall of the 1st floor with the understanding that they will hang it and insure it.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding

Motion Carried

Voting No: Culver

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to discuss two Road Projects.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Highway Supt. 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.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Road Dept. credit card limit to be increased to \$25,000 for 60 days in order to bid on an air compressor on Purple Wave.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed updated Highway Superintendent and Assistant Highway Superintendent job descriptions. Carina Sanchez, HR Director, was present to give the latest edits from the discussion last week. Hain thanked Sanchez in her work in updating the new descriptions.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Ahmic to approve the new Highway Superintendent and the Assistant Highway Superintendent job descriptions.

Affirmative Vote: Culver, Ahmic, Schmieding, Hain

Voting No: Zabrocki

Motion Carried

The Commissioners talked about an employee who is requesting an increase in vacation accrual. Sanchez reported this employee was working extra due to a shortness of staff and that someone was on FMLA leave. Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to report that it was an extremely difficult to let someone off since they were four employees short. Schedules have been adjusted to help with this problem. There have been staff members out on Covid leave as well.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve the request for Detention Center Employee #0158 to increase a maximum vacation accrual limit for 6 months retroactive to 1/1/2023 and allow 160 hours of vacation.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3728 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to pledge additional securities.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3728 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CUSIP#</u>	<u>MARKET VALUE</u>
FHR 5188 LG	3137H5JT5	\$ 909,800.49
FHR 5206 PE	3137H6PZ2	\$ 888,136.23
FN CB1131	3140Q1HH2	\$ 931,333.68

WHEREAS, County deposits must be protected at all times.

THEREFORE, This County Board accepts the above security pledging by the Jones Bank as of 01/17/2023.

Dated this 17th day of January 2023.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Sheriff Mike Vance was present to request the Road Dept. mechanics help with preventative maintenance on patrol vehicles. He said it would save money and had already talked to the Road Dept. about it. Wicht said as long as the Sheriff's Office would pay for the filters and oil, they could do it. There would be a charge for the Road Dept. to do it and Wicht said he would have to talk to his mechanic to decide what the charge would be. It was questioned if the Road Dept. had time to do it. Actual costs will be decided and the Commissioners will discuss it at a later date.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3729 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to withdraw pledged securities.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3729 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank & Trust desires to withdraw the following securities:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CUSIP#</u>	<u>MARKET VALUE</u>
FHR 5194 PC	3137H5T31	\$ 1,830,258.58
FHR 5188 LG	3137H5JT	\$ 909,800.49
FHR 5206 PE	3137H6PZ2	\$ 888,136.23

WHEREAS: County will still be fully protected at all times.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved, the above withdrawal by the Jones Bank is approved by this County Board as of 01/17/2023.

Dated this 17th day of January 2023.

Moved by: Schmieding Seconded by: Hain
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3730 in regard to authorizing the Treasurer to invest funds for Seward County.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3730 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to have surplus funds invested.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved, the Seward County Treasurer is given the authority to invest Seward County surplus funds within the parameters of the State Statutes; and the Seward County Treasurer is the Investment Officer of Seward County.

Dated this 17th day of January 2023.

Moved by: Ahmic

Seconded by: Zabrocki

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Marvin Havlat was present to discuss his address to be changed to Sunrise Road and not 175th Road. He stated that he has a business called Sunrise Native Seeds. Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, was present and stated no address can be given that is on a minimum maintenance road. The Commissioners informed Mr. Havlat that he would have to pay for bringing the minimum maintenance road up to standards if he wants to have his address listed at Sunrise Road.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:27 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:30 a.m.

Lindsay Swanson and other representatives of Windstream were in attendance to present an updated proposal to the Commissioners for a new phone system for Seward County. An individualized bill, costs per office and number of phones were discussed. Windstream was asked to get a current count of phones and report back.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded 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: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Culver Motion carried.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the following depositories for Seward County funds for 2023 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 (NFIT) both administered by Union Bank & Trust.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain 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: Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to name the Seward County Independent and the Milford Times as the official newspapers for Seward County and sewardcountyne.gov as the official Seward County website.

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

Discussion was held about Commissioner liaisons for the Road Department.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Schmieding to appoint Terry Wicht as the Seward County Highway Supt. for 2023 as per State Statute 39-1501 RSS 1943.

Affirmative vote: Culver, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic

Voting No: Hain

Motion carried.

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

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

During discussion on Infrastructure Related Grants, Ahmic stated she was waiting for the Hwy Supt. to select 5-6 bridges that would total at least \$2.5 million that could be included in the grant. Jon Regnier, Assistant Highway Supt., was present to give the information as to which bridges could be included in the grants.

During Disbursement of ARPA Funds item on the agenda, Ahmic gave information about funds given to villages and stated that there are multiple projects still waiting for bids. Sharon Powell from Utica was present to give information about the Village of Utica projects.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 24, 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 17, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
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 January 31, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Village of Staplehurst request for County ARPA Funds

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 11:31 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, 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