

January 24, 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 24, 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 24, 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
Deputy County Treasurer: Sherry Leising

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 December 27, 2022.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver

Abstain: Hain

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve the tax exemption for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and School for a 2010 Ford Econoline Van VIN# 1FBSS3BL7ADB03264.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve Tax List Correction # 194-22P and 390-22R.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Change of Valuation Notices for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 for Michael & Mary Chris Fiala.

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

Motion Carried

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on February 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 January 24, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 8:51 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 14th day of February 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

January 24, 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 24, 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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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 Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of January 17, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, and Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, updated the Commissioners on activities of their offices.

Eric Hofer, Building and Grounds Supt., was present to discuss the insurance reimbursement for hailstorm damage to a department pickup. Hofer stated the insurance company wanted to total the pickup but offered a slightly lesser amount if we were to keep the pickup and only have liability insurance. It was Hofer's recommendation that we accept the lesser amount and keep the pickup.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the insurance reimbursement of \$4,583.00 for a 2000 Chevrolet 2500 pickup belonging to the Building and Grounds Dept. and have it insured for liability only.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she spent time reading newly introduced legislation and talked to the president of Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) about testifying at hearings. She attended a Legislative event for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) organization, discussed county closing procedures for the Public Transit Dept., met with Tim

Curtis and the Zoning Administrator about his address, had a sub-committee meeting with the Assessor and others about Zoning Issues, met with the Detention Center Director about requests from other counties for salary information, and attended a Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Hain reported she contacted the Sheriff and Detention Center Director about various issues, met with Road Dept. employees and their foremen, attended the State Fair Board event in Kearney, checked a road project and talked to a State Road Project Representative. She attended the Planning & Zoning meeting and talked to a Staplehurst representative about ARPA projects.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a Blue Valley Community Action Board meeting, met with Road Dept. employees, attended a Solid Waste Management meeting, and received various correspondences.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Visitors Committee meeting and will meet with Extension Office personnel later in the week. He also stated he received comments about roads.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a 4th of July meeting, met with Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) representatives, participated in a NACO webinar, attended BRIDGES Board meeting, met with Road Dept. foremen and checked a road project.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, brought an agreement for the Commissioners consideration. She stated that money was received from a grant in regard to recidivism and substance abuse in jails. The cost of the program is \$12,000 with \$5,000 being paid from the grant money and the rest to be paid out of the Commissary Fund.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Wellbeing Initiative, Inc. for programming services at the Detention Center with \$5,000 being paid from the grant money and the rest to be paid out of the Commissary Fund.

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

Jake Zlatkovsky, County Treasurer, and Sherry Leising, Deputy County Treasurer, were present to give information about the Semi-Annual Report.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3731 in regard to accepting the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual report.

RESOLUTION NO. 3731 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 in the County per State Law.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that it is noted the report for the period of time covering 07/01/2022 to 12/31/2022 was submitted. This County Board declines comment until audited by the County Auditor.

Moved by: Schmieding Seconded by: Ahmic 01/24/2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chairman of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the County Clerk's updated Schedule of Fees.

SEWARD COUNTY CLERK SCHEDULE OF FEES

COUNTY CLERK

Plat Books	\$ 30.00
Marriage License	\$ 25.00
Certified Copy of Marriage License	\$ 9.00
Photocopies	\$.25 per page
Photocopies Mailed	\$.50 per page
Photocopies Faxed	\$ 1.50 per page
Photocopies Emailed	\$ 1.50 per document
Written UCC and EFS Lien Searches	\$ 4.50

ELECTION COMMISSIONER

Certified Voter Card	\$ 3.00
List of Registered Voters – Hard Copy	\$.01 per name
List of Registered Voters – Digitally	\$ 5.00 per 500 names or part thereof
List of Registered Voters – Labels	\$ 7.50 per 500 or part thereof in addition to list cost

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Documentary Stamp Tax	\$ 2.25 per Thousand of Consideration
Instrument Filing Fee	\$ 10.00 1 st Page; \$6.00 additional page
Certified Copy of Instrument	\$ 1.50 per page
Certificate of Discharge (DD214)	No Fee
UCC and EFS	\$10.00 1 st page, \$0.50 additional page
UCC Continuation and Amendment	\$10.00 1 st page, \$0.50 additional page
UCC Terminations	No Fee
Federal Tax Lien	\$ 20.00
State Tax Lien	\$ 20.00
CD of Filed Documents	\$200.00/month

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

The Commissioners discussed the address for Tim Curtis at 750 and 766 Bamboo Trail. He had previously come to the Board and asked for a new address. At that time, zoning regulations did not provide for addresses to be changed. Since that time, regulations have now been changed. Ahmic, Deputy County Attorney, Barb Armstead and Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, visited with Mr. Curtis on the issue. After some discussion, Armstead gave the recommendation that at this point, since Mr. Curtis has changed his address with multiple agencies, and there wasn't a clear indication that he had *not* been told to use Bamboo Trail as an address, a resolution could be passed letting him use the address he requested.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 10:04 a.m., it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

Culver restated that the reason for Executive Session was for a personnel issue.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to go out of Executive Session at 10:21 a.m.

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

Chairman Culver stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

Ahmic stated that next week, a resolution will be on the agenda in regard to the subject of Tim Curtis' address.

Sheriff Mike Vance was in attendance to discuss a contract with the Village of Pleasant Dale for law enforcement services.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Village of Pleasant Dale contract for law enforcement services.

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

The Commissioners discussed the First Amendment for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the Cordova Lift Station Project Agreement. Cordova has requested additional County ARPA funds for the completion of their Lift Station Project.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the First Amendment to the Cordova Life Station Agreement for Seward County ARPA Funds in the amount of \$6,890.13.

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

In regard to the Infrastructure Grants item on the agenda, Ahmic led discussion and said she had talked with the Highway Supt. who had a list of bridges that would qualify for the infrastructure grant. That information will be given to an engineer to look at. Ahmic stated that we need to get all the information ready because the deadline is in the Spring, and especially if we have to work with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Commissioner Ahmic also reported that no responses have been received for broadband grants. After talking to some of the companies, they feel they can get the grants themselves without going through the county. They could use the funds in areas that they want to instead of how we would direct them if they were to respond to our RFP. Correct data to show Seward County has broadband issues was discussed.

In regard to the ARPA item on the agenda, Commissioner Hain stated she had talked to the Village of Staplehurst representatives about a project. The project was financially large and they had been working with SENDD. They have now decided to ask for County ARPA funds for smaller projects. Ahmic stated she had talked to representatives from the Village of Pleasant Dale about their project.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 31, 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 24, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through January 20, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Res. – Address of Tim Curtis for 750 and 766 Bamboo Trail
8. Discussion Only – Salary Analysis Study for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year
9. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
10. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
11. Discuss/Action – Executive Session - Personnel
12. Discuss/Action – Agenda for February 7, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Cullen Bauer/4th of July Committee - Request permission to hold the Craft Show on the 4th of July on the Courthouse Lawn and asking for the Restrooms to be Unlocked from 6 am to 6 pm

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 11:06 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, 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 31st day of January 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman