

January 25, 2022

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 25, 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 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 25, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson
Deputy County Assessor: Tanya Woolsey

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 Vrbka to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Tanya Woolsey, Deputy County Assessor, updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on February 8, 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 25, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 8:35 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

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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 8th day of February 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

January 25, 2022

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
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Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson

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 Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of January 18, 2022.

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

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended a Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership Personnel & Board Policies meeting, met with a member of the Pleasant Dale Fire Department, researched state funds, and met with two Pleasant Dale Village Board members about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds application.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended an Upper Big Blue Natural Resource District meeting.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a Blue Valley Community Action meeting, Safety Committee Meeting, met with some officials, attended a Solid Waste Management Committee meeting, and dealt with various correspondence.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Visitors Committee Meeting and received a call about parking downtown around the square.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a BRIDGES meeting, a Fourth of July Committee Meeting, a Seward City Council meeting, and a Four Corners Health Meeting.

Carina Sanchez, Human Resources Director, was present to discuss the wage clarification for the Veterans Service Officer item on the agenda. When she made the offer to the current Veteran's Service Officer, she made it based on the December 29, 2020 minutes that state "The Veteran's Service Committee recommended Matthew Starkey with a starting wage of \$47,000.00." It was later brought to Sanchez's attention that the Veteran's Service Committee minutes state the Veteran's Service officer would receive an increase of \$2000.00 after six months, based on performance. The Veteran's Service Committee minutes state that he would receive the increase, but the County Board Minutes do not. Additional wages were not budgeted for this fiscal year in the Veteran's Service Officer budget. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, cautioned the Board on raising the wage now, since it was not stated in the

Board minutes to do so, and his offer letter did not mention the increase. After discussion, it was decided to wait until the next fiscal year budget to give this increase.

Sanchez stated that the request for approval for up to 40 hours of Bereavement Leave item is being withdrawn from agenda.

Sheriff Vance was present with Sanchez to request an increase in starting wages for Deputy Sheriff positions. Sanchez stated that there are currently two deputy positions open and the county is having a hard time filling them. She worked on a salary study to find comparable positions and salaries. Vance stated that he would like to be able to compete with what other agencies offer as a starting wage in order to be able to hire good applicants. Correctional officers recently received an increase in wages. If the starting wage range for Sheriff's deputies is increased from the current amount of \$21.59-\$29.80/hour to \$27.35-\$37.75/hour, the wage difference will remain the same between deputies and correctional officers.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to increase starting wages for deputy sheriff positions to reflect Wage Grade 35 on the county's existing salary wage range plan, which is \$27.35-\$27.75/hour.

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

Motion Carried

Next, Vance stated that they would like to raise current Sheriff's Department employees' wages as well. There are currently three deputies who are still within their probationary period. He asked to give these employees a 2% raise to ensure that they will be earning more than the new starting wage. He would like to give deputies an increase of \$2.00/hour, and sergeants, captains and office staff an increase of \$3.50/hour. Vance noted that he has money within his budgets to pay for the increases. Two command staff and two deputy positions are paid out of drug funds.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the Sheriff's request to raise wages for his staff by 2% for employees still within their probationary period, \$2.00 per hour for deputies and \$3.50 per hour for all other staff, including office staff.

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

Motion Carried

Sanchez stated that since the Sheriff's Office is a 24-hour department, they would like to offer a \$0.75/hour shift differential, which is the same as what is given to correctional officers, for overnight shift employees. Vance stated that there are six overnight shift employees.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve shift differential pay of \$0.75/hour for overnight shift employees of the Sheriff's Dept.

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

Motion Carried

Carrie Sermeno, District Judge Bailiff, was present to discuss an estimate for the purchase and installation of acoustic panels in the district courtroom. She stated that this was discussed during her budget hearing, and she has \$1000.00 in her budget for this. The proposals she presented were from Electronic Contracting Company, which is the company that currently does electronic maintenance in the Justice Center. One proposal included installation and one did not. Culver stated that he prefers to have the company do the installation since they are experienced with the installation. Zabrocki questioned where the extra expense will be paid from, as the proposal to purchase and install is \$8,524.92, which is more than what was allocated during budget discussions. Culver suggested taking it from the Inheritance Fund.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the purchase and installation proposal for \$8,524.92 for acoustic panels for the District Courtroom.

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

Motion Carried

Bob Dahms, Treasurer, and Sherry Leising, Deputy Treasurer, were present to submit the list of delinquent real estate taxes and special assessments for advertisement.

DIST RICT	PARCEL	MULTI YEAR	LEGAL	TOTALDUE
5	800075978		SEWARD BADER-JIROVSKY 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 2 LOT 10	\$3,986.60
5	800076729		SEWARD BOYES ADDITION TO SOUTH SEWARD ADDITION BLOCK 1 LOT 5	\$861.82
5	800077148		SEWARD CANNON ADDITION BLOCK 2 LOT 5~	\$2,536.16
5	800079620		SEWARD COLLEGE VIEW ADDITION BLOCK H S 50' LOTS 4-6	\$989.92
5	800083113		SEWARD H M & R ADDITION BLOCK 26 LOT S 3 & 4	\$85.20
5	800083121		SEWARD H M & R ADDITION BLOCK 26 LOT 5	\$413.44
5	800084276		SEWARD H M & R ADDITION BLK 49 LTS 1-2 & #LTS 3 & 10-12	\$618.01
5	800085779		SEWARD H M & R ADDITION BLOCK 84 LOTS 11-12	\$1,714.22
5	800090012		SEWARD MARY R SPEAR'S ADDITION BLOCK 4 LOT 17	\$729.60
5	800094603		SEWARD 21-11-3 #LOT 9 & TL 53 IN SW 1/4 S 1/4 1.13 AC	\$5,412.86
5	800101006		SEWARD BADER-JIROVSKY 5TH ADD BLK 1 ADMIN RPLT OF W 92' LOT 2 LOT "B"	\$2,639.82
5	800105206		SEWARD HROMAS SUBDIVISION BLOCK 2 LOT 1 ADMIN REPLAT OF LOT 4~	\$2,416.82
5	800221257		SEWARD WAKE 4TH ADDITION ADMIN REPLAT LTS 1 & 2 LOT C	\$3,078.16
10	800046900	***	BEAVER CROSSING ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 5 LOTS 6-7 & #LOTS 4-5	\$714.72
10	800046919		BEAVER CROSSING ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 5 LOTS 8-17	\$558.48
10	800047087		BEAVER CROSSING ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 6 W 37 1/2' TLS 31-32	\$342.98
10	800047281		BEAVER CROSSING MRS ROSS NICHOLS' SUBDIV OF BLOCK 9 O T LOTS 3-4	\$375.52
10	800048296		BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TOWNSITE BLOCK 5 LOTS 32-34	\$563.14
10	800048660		BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TOWNSITE BLOCK 9 LOT 2	\$170.86
10	800049756		BEAVER CROSSING 2-9-1 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 TAX LOT 170	\$33.32
10	800049985		BEAVER CROSSING 2-9-1 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 TL 205 .285 AC	\$536.68
10	800216083		BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TWNST BLK 10 TRACT III RPLT OF LT 1	\$524.84
10	800219139		BEAVER CROSSING 2-9-1 NW 1/4 TL 144 & #TL 145	\$179.58
14	800050398	***	BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 2 LOTS 8-12	\$816.36
14	800230210		BEE HIVE ADDITION REPLAT OF #TL 30 LOT 3	\$94.33
14	800230235		BEE HIVE ADDITION REPLAT OF #TL 30 LOT 8	\$171.57
15	800051114		BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 N 100' LOT 1	\$47.06
15	800051459		BEE 14-12-3 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 N 1/2 LOT 23 .55 AC	\$639.54
15	800051475		BEE 14-12-3 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 N 1/2 TL 24 .77 AC	\$99.26
23	800052811		CORDOVA DELANEY'S SUBDIVISION 29-9-1 W 220' OF N 166' LOT 3 .84 AC	\$824.42
23	800059905		CORDOVA ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 8 LOT 8 & S 1/2 LOT 9	\$76.42
25	800053230		GARLAND ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 8 LOTS 1-2 & 6-8	\$964.85
25	800053753		GARLAND SOUTH & EAST ADDITION BLOCK 26 LOTS 3-6	\$1,897.90
25	800053869		GARLAND 4-11-4 #SE 1/4 SW 1/4 & 1/2 ADJ VAC NASH ST .63 AC	\$1,242.12
30	800054466		GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 2 LOTS 10-11	\$953.28
30	800054679	***	GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 5 LOT 10	\$471.12
30	800054806		GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 6 LOTS 16-17	\$2,056.10
30	800055071		GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 9 N 35' LOT 19, ALL LOTS 20-21 & S 15' LOT 22	\$1,936.66
30	800055136		GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 10 LOT 2	\$628.08
35	800060474		MILFORD ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 7 LOTS 6-7 & N 18' LOT 8	\$787.00
35	800063716		MILFORD LAUNE'S ADDITION BLOCK 1 LOTS 15-16 & W 5' VAC ALLEY	\$1,155.77
35	800063880		MILFORD LAUNE'S ADDITION BLOCK 3 LOT 7	\$859.30
35	800064135		MILFORD LAUNE'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 2 LOT 1 & E 20' LOT 2	\$2,855.30
40	800002725		PLEASANT DALE 35-10-4 #NE 1/4 SE 1/4 10.37 AC	\$1,402.20
40	800056302		PLEASANT DALE BEST'S ADDITION BLOCK 7 LOT 5	\$286.45
40	800056604		PLEASANT DALE BEST'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 3 LOTS 3-4	\$732.22
40	800057139		PLEASANT DALE MERRILL'S 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 2 LOTS 5-6 & E 1/2 LOT 4	\$1,597.18
40	800213831	***	PLEASANT DALE REEDS LANDING SUBDIVISION OUTLOT A	\$22.62
45	800057457		STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 4 LOT 6 & W 1/2 LOT 5	\$656.56
45	800057589	***	STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 6 LOTS 5-7 & W 67' LOTS 8-10	\$226.78
45	800057961		STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 11 LOT 12	\$552.94
45	800058119		STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 LOT 11	\$584.22
45	800058143		STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 W 1/2 LOT 12 OR TLS 16-17	\$483.04
55	800068807		UTICA UTICA ADDITION BLOCK 17 E 1/2 LOT 8	\$572.56
55	800068815		UTICA UTICA ADDITION BLOCK 17 W 1/2 LOT 8	\$673.58
55	800068831		UTICA UTICA ADDITION BLOCK 17 W 1/2 LOT 9 OR TL 24	\$416.18
55	800069641		UTICA WRIGHT'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 29 LOT 6 & W 20' LOT 5	\$710.27
100	800022076		34-9-4 W 1/2 NE 1/4 80 AC	\$1,216.56
100	800022106		34-9-4 E 1/2 SW 1/4 & W 1/2 SE 1/4 160 AC	\$2,862.08
100	800022130		35-9-4 E 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 20 AC	\$2,279.68
100	800228750		35-9-4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 & W 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 60 AC	\$711.29
105	800013913		9-9-2 NE 1/4 EXC TRACT 330' X 264' 158 AC	\$11,610.08
105	800015932		1-9-3 TL 28 S OF RIVER NW 1/4 SW 1/4 2.74 AC	\$184.40
105	800017609		14-9-3 #S 1/2 S 1/2 N 1/2 NE 1/4 & #S 1/2 NE 1/4 98.12 AC	\$4,296.66
105	800055764		GROVER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 LOTS 1-6	\$35.62

105	800055772	GROVER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 LOTS 7-18	\$433.38
105	800055950	GROVER FIRST ADDITION BLOCK 5 LOTS 1-12 & ADJ VAC ALLEY & STREETS	\$58.48
105	800055977	GROVER FIRST ADDITION BLOCK 7 LOTS 1-6	\$35.62
105	800056000	GROVER FIRST ADDITION ALL BLOCK 8 & ADJ VAC ST	\$110.78
115	800004809	23-10-3 TRACT IN SE 1/4 NE 1/4 4.17 AC	\$1,626.84
115	800216105	27-10-3 NELY COR NE 1/4 NE 1/4 10.26 AC	\$386.08
115	800216113	26-10-3 #NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 .14 AC	\$0.90
125	800020189	7-9-4 #SW 1/4 152.16 AC	\$10,967.14
125	800020898	17-9-4 #N 1/2 SE 1/4 & #SE 1/4 SE 1/4 21.76 AC	\$1,638.82
125	800211502	7-9-4 HEYEN ADDITION IN SW 1/4 LOT 1 5.1 AC	\$1,719.83
125	800227535	7-9-4 #W 1/2 W 1/2 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 2.49 AC	\$1,161.84
130	800019873	4-9-4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 39.24 AC	\$3,946.28
130	800019881	4-9-4 S 1/2 NW 1/4 & N 1/2 SW 1/4 N & S OF RR PROP 147.77 AC	\$5,935.06
145	800025334	19-12-3 TRACT IN SE 1/4 SE 1/4 4.53 AC	\$3,427.38
145	800026071	31-12-3 #N 1/2 E 1/2 SE 1/4 20 AC	\$1,338.70
145	800028686	32-12-2 #TL 1 & 5 IN NE COR SW 1/4 13.38 AC	\$178.04
145	800040791	32-11-3 SW 1/4 160 AC	\$5,955.56
145	800059204	*** TAMORA DAILEY'S ADDITION & ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 14 LOTS 9-12	\$159.34
145	800059212	TAMORA DAILEY'S ADDITION & ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 14 N 30' LOT 13 OR TL 22	\$4.72
145	800059301	TAMORA MOWRY'S & ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 16 LOTS 1-6 & 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY	\$488.48
145	800108132	TAMORA 29-11-2 E 1/2 OF N120' OF TAX LOT 30 IN SW 1/4	\$623.04
145	800208307	TAMORA DAILEY'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 2 N 120' OF S 254.9'	\$52.14
145	800209044	*** TAMORA DAILEY'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 1 LOTS 9-10	\$76.90
145	800209567	*** TAMORA DAILEY'S ADD & ORIGINAL TOWN BLK 13 LOT 13 & 1/2 ADJ VAC DAILY ST	\$111.14
145	800224272	32-12-2 #N 1/2 W 1/2 W 1/2 NW 1/4 10.01 AC	\$3,189.62
185	800003373	*** 6-10-3 S 496' OF E 451' OF SE 1/4 5.14 AC	\$426.76
205	800042239	9-11-4 #NE 1/4 155.33 AC	\$6,630.98
205	800043219	22-11-4 #SE 1/4 NE 1/4 34.99 AC	\$883.56
205	800211472	12-11-4 #N 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 14.79 AC	\$1,726.11
205	800211588	30-12-4 #N 1/2 NW 1/4 18.42 AC	\$1,423.67
205	800231125	23-11-4 #W 1/2 NW 1/4 70 AC	\$1,752.16
205	800231185	5-11-4 #E 1/2 S 1/2 SW 1/4 21.84 AC	\$260.80
217	800012070	18-9-1 #E 1/2 SE 1/4 20.04 AC	\$1,569.94
221	800229715	27-9-2 #E 1/2 NE 1/4 64.97 AC	\$3,826.38
221	800230020	27-9-2 TRACT IN SE 1/4 NE 1/4 8.27 AC	\$464.48
240	800009711	24-10-1 TRACT IN SW 1/4 SW 1/4 6.1 AC	\$1,360.92
240	800011538	11-9-1 TL 18 E 1/2 W 1/2 W 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 5 AC	\$1,009.78
240	800031261	31-12-1 IRREGULAR TRACT IN E 1/2 SW 1/4 29.32 AC	\$1,687.56
240	800031385	32-12-1 S 1/2 SE 1/4 80 AC	\$3,754.46
240	800031997	5-11-1 N 1/2 NE 1/4 82.51 AC	\$4,840.28
240	800033159	22-11-1 #S 1/2 SW 1/4 & #S 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4 52.93 AC	\$410.25
240	800033981	34-11-1 EIKENHORST ADDITION IN W 1/2 SW 1/4 3.58 AC	\$1,754.36
240	800035720	21-11-2 TRACT 125'X220' SW 1/4 SW 1/4 .63 AC	\$631.28
240	800216199	8-10-1 #S 1/2 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 11.28 AC	\$3,362.54
245	800029712	8-12-1 #NW 1/4 NW 1/4 16.16 AC	\$1,418.86
305	800226935	*** 12-12-4 .53 AC TRACT IN NW 1/4 SW 1/4	\$115.14
			\$163,108.74
		SPECIAL	
55	800070283	UTICA WRIGHT 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 38 LOTS 5-6	\$1,110.00
55	800070283	UTICA WRIGHT 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 38 LOTS 5-6	\$4,110.00
55	800070283	UTICA WRIGHT 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 38 LOTS 5-6	\$1,410.00
55	800069169	UTICA WRIGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 23 NE 1/4	\$249.93
	800069169	UTICA WRIGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 23 NE 1/4	\$352.61
	800068807	UTICA UTICA ADDITION BLOCK 17 E 1/2 LOT 8	\$978.24
	800068831	UTICA ADDITION BLOCK 17 W 1/2 LOT 9 OR TL 24	\$978.24
		TOTAL	\$9,189.02
		BANKRUPTCY	
45	800058348	JORGENSENS ADDITION BLOCK 16 E 60' LOTS 17-20	\$303.22
25	800052986	*** GARLAND ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 2 LOTS 1 1-12	\$2,013.72
		TOTAL	\$2,316.94
		TOTAL	\$174,614.70

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to accept the delinquent real estate and special assessments for advertisement.

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

Motion Carried

Eric Hofer, Building & Grounds Superintendent, presented a proposal for \$24,950.00 for a temperature control upgrade to the HVAC equipment for the Courthouse, with a planned service agreement of \$3500.00. He told the board that the current equipment was installed on the first and second floor in 2002 and has never been updated. With this new equipment, all units from the first and second floor would be tied together with the units on the third floor. The mechanical aspect of the units in the Courthouse is still working, but moving forward with this proposal now would ensure the computer function of the system is up to date before there are mechanical failures with the existing units. Armstead recommended calling and getting a couple more informal bids. Hofer stated that there may be additional mechanical expenses to make everything work with the new computer system as the project moves along, including a new PC for his office. Culver recommended moving forward with this.

Recessed at 10:14 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

David Harwood from UNL and Dennis Duling, head driller for Antarctic Drilling, were present to discuss their interest of UNL to explore and acquire the Atlas-F Missile Silo 551st SMS Site 11 from Seward County and repurpose the facility into an ice drilling testing and education facility. They presented the board with various slides outlining the purpose and objectives of this project. The space would house a drill test facility, education center and museum, as well as possibly a conference center and event facility. UNL and others who drill in polar regions would be able to use this facility. During their presentation, they listed potential benefits to Seward County such as the Road Department being able to move to a more modern facility, tourism to the county, jobs for technicians and some other permanent staff. Commissioner Zabrocki stated that there is an E911 Communications radio tower located there, as well as a shooting range for local law enforcement agencies. Harwood stated that the tower could stay, and Sheriff Vance said that they would be able to move the shooting range to the new task force building location. Jonathan Jank from the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership spoke in favor of the potential project, stating that he was happy to have this opportunity come to the county.

The Commissioners discussed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Commissioner Ahmic reported that she had visited with Candace Meredith, the Deputy Director at NACO, regarding payment to fire departments and emergency and medical responders as a response to public health, rather than premium pay, as volunteers cannot receive premium pay. As stated in her Commissioner Report, she spoke with members of the Pleasant Dale Village Board regarding the ARPA funds as well. Ahmic suggested waiting another week to do anything more with the discussion of fire departments receiving payment as response to public health. She also reported that she has been doing research on various state funding as well.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on February 1, 2022 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 January 25, 2022
5. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through January 21, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for February 8, 2022

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 11:05 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, 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 1st day of February 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman