

January 28, 2025

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 on January 28, 2025 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board, on the Commissioner's Room door, on the Seward County website: sewardcountyne.gov and published in the Seward County Independent and the Milford Times. 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 Equalization convened on January 28, 2025 at 8:31 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic
Members: Raegan Hain, Scott Pekarek, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson
County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky

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 Hain to approve the minutes of January 14, 2025.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Pekarek, Ahmic Motion Carried

The Commissioners reviewed a letter from Gerald Schaben requesting a refund on his 2024 real estate taxes due to an error in land value on a parcel.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve tax refund in the amount of \$49.14 for Gerald Schaben.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki Hain, Pekarek, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Pekarek to approve the following tax list corrections:
a. 443-24R for Lynn Naber
b. 444-24R for Gerald Schaben
c. 445-24R for Absolute Agronomy LLC
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Pekarek, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic Motion Carried

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on February 11, 2025 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 28, 2025
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 8:59 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Pekarek, Ahmic Motion Carried

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Brandy Johnson, the undersigned Deputy 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 February 11, 2025.

Deputy County Clerk

Chairperson

January 28, 2025 Seward County Board of Commissioners

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a. Minutes of January 21, 2025
- b. List of Delinquent Taxes and Special Assessments for Advertising
- c. Steps of the Tax Sale

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Pekarek, Schmieding noting he was absent from the January 21 meeting, Ahmic
Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve claims for the period through January 17, 2025.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JANUARY 17, 2025

ADP INC	SE	\$2,870.35	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTG	SE	\$795.50
ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	UT	\$5,468.34	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$9,803.29
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$22,693.96	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	EQ	\$1,184.90
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$3,119.42	UNL PRINT & COPY SERV	SE	\$166.13
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$600.00	UPS	SE	\$22.09
BRENNAN, NIELSEN LAW	SE	\$1,063.55	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$922.38
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,975.00	VISA	FE	\$5,259.58
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$45.32	VOLZKE FUNERAL HOME	SE	\$758.00
CENTURY BUSINESS PROD	SU	\$213.94	WELLS FARGO LEASING	EQ	\$230.66

CHARTER COMMUN	UT	\$333.59	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$8,079.50
CNA SURETY	SE	\$40.00	BEATRICE CONCRETE	SU	\$11,857.32
CONTINUUM	FE	\$3,500.00	INLAND TRUCK PARTS	SU	\$91.11
DIAMOND DRUGS	SU	\$625.62	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$50,291.39
DICKSON LAW GRP	SE	\$1,078.50	KERFORD LIMESTONE	SU	\$4,720.72
DIVERSIFIED DRUG TEST	SE	\$165.00	NE TRUCK REPAIR	SE	\$7.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$952.45	NE WEED CONTROL ASSN	FE	\$150.00
JENNIFER EICKHOFF	SE	\$15.40	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$2,721.52
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$1,815.25	POMP'S TIRE SERVICE	SE	\$183.71
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$247.65	SHAFFER COMMUNIC	UT	\$52.50
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$55.00	SOUTHWEST GRAVEL	SU	\$6,512.06
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$147.19	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$85.51
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$268.00	MIDWEST ENGINEERING	SE	\$7,945.00
JONES BANK	SE	\$51.09	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$7,661.29
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$24,543.98	CHAPTERS BOOKS	SU	\$108.04
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$8.10	OLDE GLORY FOUNDATIO	FE	\$406.00
MADISON CO SHERIFF	SE	\$29.90	SEW CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$126,748.59
MARLIN MATULKA	SE	\$29.70	AGING PARTNERS	SE	\$27.77
MCKESSON MEDICAL	SU	\$53.40	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$425.04
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$210.00	MORGAN CAMPBELL	SE	\$150.88
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$4,632.38	CATTLE BANK & TRUST	SE	\$104.00
SPORTS EXPRESS	SU	\$176.50	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$1,384.99
MIDWEST CARD AND ID	SE	\$500.00	IDEMIA IDENTITY	SE	\$1,962.00
MIDWEST DOOR	SE	\$8.00	MID STATE ORGAN CRIME	SE	\$150.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$74.00	SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO	SE	\$190.87
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$399.92	UTICA BODY & PAINT	SE	\$400.00
NIRMA	FE	\$10,000.00	SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$1,794.00
NE ASSN OF CO EXT BRD	FE	\$250.00	FELSBURG HOLT & ULLEVI	SE	\$4,377.50
NE ASSN CO OFF ZONING	FE	\$40.00	MARVIN PLANNING	SE	\$1,500.00
NE ASSN OF CO TREASURER	FE	\$75.00	SECURETECH SYSTEMS	SE	\$997.00
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$93.00	CULLIGAN	SE	\$117.10
NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL	SE	\$480.00	APCO INTL	SE	\$525.00
NELSON, CLARK & TIMAN	SE	\$1,875.00	FIBER PLATFORM	SE	\$327.00
ONESOURCE	SE	\$358.00	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$97.75
OREILLY AUTOM	EQ	\$594.27	SALARIES		\$321,247.34
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$20.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
PROF DEVEL ACADEMY	FE	\$3,000.00	AMERITAS DENTAL		
QUADIENT	FE	\$260.00	AMERITAS VISION		
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$9,325.75	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SARPY CO SHERIFF	SE	\$12.03	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$30.92	POINT C FSA		
SE DIST ASSESSOR ASSN	FE	\$75.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Pekarek reported he attended a 911 Board meeting and a Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Tree Board meeting, will attend a 4th of July Committee meeting, and attended the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) Annual Awards Banquet.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with the Highway Superintendent and Commissioner Hain regarding training for the road department and about the magnets being used to pick materials up off county roads, attended a Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) legislative webinar, received a call from an individual regarding the budget and how funds are allocated to the road department, completed background requirements for Blue Valley Community Action, and worked with Telecom on Legislative Bill 176.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a Safety Committee meeting, attended a Seward City Council meeting, attended a Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) executive board meeting, attended a Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) meeting, attended a 911 board meeting, attended a BRIDGES meeting, and attended a Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the Highway Superintendent and Commissioner Ahmic regarding training for the road department and the magnets being used to pick materials up off county roads, had a meeting with the Emergency Manager and Commissioner Pekarek to discuss edits to the Crisis Communication Plan, met with the Aging Services Program Manager and attended an Aging Advisory Board meeting, reviewed legislative information, is currently reviewing the updated employee safety manual and emergency action plans for the West Wing, received emails and phone calls from constituents, met with the Pretrial Diversion Director regarding the plans and implementation of the Juvenile Justice plan.

Ray Foreman, Veterans Service Officer, introduced the January 2025 Veteran of the Month, Larry Blecha.

Blecha gave information about his service with the Nebraska National Guard, where he enlisted in 1978. After returning for college at UNL, he took an active duty position in 1983. He worked in the Lincoln/Seward area until he retired in 2004.

No one was in attendance to give the presentation about NextLink's Broadband Coverage for Seward County.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to accept the resignation of Don Olson from the Aging Advisory Board.

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

The Commissioners Recessed at 9:34 a.m.

The Commissioners Reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

Tana Fye was present for the Public Defender contract item on the agenda. Fye, who has served as a Deputy Public Defender in the past, is currently the managing attorney at FGH Law Firm in Shelton. Her firm will be opening an office in Seward beginning February 1st. The contract for Seward County's Public Defender will also begin on February 1st and run through June 30, 2027.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chair to sign the Public Defender contract with Tana Fye from FGH Law Firm, LLC, for Services running from February 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

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

The Commissioners Recessed at 9:55 a.m.

The Commissioners Reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

Jon Regnier, Highway Superintendent and Trever Trebilcock, Assistant Highway Superintendent, were present to request publishing the date & time of the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan Hearing.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Highway Superintendent to publish the date and time of the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan hearing to be held February 25, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Commissioner Reports, Cont'd:

Commissioner Ahmic gave an update on current legislation, including bills regarding zoning and elections.

Roxanne Knutson, Human Resources Director, was present along with Regnier and Trebilcock to request approval of a Team Lead/Training Assistant Position for the Road Department. This job description has been written as a training position that is not a supervisory role. There was much discussion regarding the various needs within the department and options for how to structure job duties to best meet those needs. It was decided to table this item for now, and the Road Department liaisons (Hain & Ahmic) will work with the Highway Superintendent to form a plan on what this potential

job description could look like, as not all of the Commissioners are in favor of this position as it's presented right now. It will be brought back at a later date.

Commissioner Schmieding is absent at 11:08 a.m.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on February 4, 2025 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Public/Organizations/Officials
4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of January 28, 2025

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Commissioner Reports
6. Discuss/Action - Consider Estimate from Middle Creek Printing for Seward County Vehicle Decals
7. Discuss/Action - Legislative Update
8. Discuss/Action - Agenda for February 11, 2025.

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action - Res – Revised Seward County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Pekarek, Ahmic

Motion Carried

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County of Seward) ss.

I, Brandy Johnson, the undersigned Deputy 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 4th day of February 2025.

Deputy County Clerk

Chairman