

July 5, 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 July 5, 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 July 5, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
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 Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of June 21 2022.

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

The first valuation protest hearing was for Protest # 22-5 in the name of Megan Heiser. She was not in attendance at said hearing.

Hladky gave information and her recommendation for said valuation protest.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka that after inspection and review of the property, to reduce the value to \$177,360.00 due to correction of property components for property owned by Megan Heiser on property described as Lots 1 & 2, Block 2, Original Town, Bee, NE and known as Protest # 22-5.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 8:38 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 8:40 a.m.

The next protest hearing was for Protest # 22-6 in the name of Sheryl Kay Wilson who was not in attendance as said hearing.

Hladky gave information and her recommendation for said valuation protest.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki, that after inspection and review of the property, to reduce the value to \$114,135.00 due to correction of property components for property owned by Sheryl Kay Wilson on property described as Lots 13 & 14, Block 11, Original Town, Bee, NE and known as Protest # 22-6.

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

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

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.

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, updated the Board on activities of her office.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of June 21, 2022.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve claims through the period of June 24, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JUNE 24, 2022

ADP LLC	SE	\$2,542.15	AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$2,767.50
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$23.70	BENES SERVICE CO	EQ	\$855.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$164.78	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$224.03
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$18,830.85	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$19,612.70
ASHI & 24-7 EMS REMITTANCE	SE	\$134.00	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$119.10
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SE	\$29.87	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$3,906.78
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	SE	\$119.99	JASON BUTZKE	SE	\$1,123.68
DON'S PIONEER UNIFORMS	SE	\$144.24	MATHESON TRI-GAS	SE	\$142.21
ELECTION WORKERS	SE	\$9,116.53	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$41.25
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$183.75	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SE	\$440.68
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNIC	UT	\$1,488.85	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES	EQ	\$5,625.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$128.16	MILLER SEED	SU	\$1,320.00
INDOFF INC	SU	\$5.98	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$120.94
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,988.35	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO	SE	\$231.12
JW AUTO SALES	EQ	\$176,549.00	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$10,173.38
KIRBY ROTH INSURANCE	FE	\$50.00	OMAHA MAGAZINE	SU	\$1,155.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$131.48	SEWARD KIWANIS	FE	\$500.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$122.46	GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SU	\$317.50
HOLLY MATZKE	SE	\$22.50	JOHN E REID & ASSOC	SE	\$600.00
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$48,310.58	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$1,425.00
MIDWEST OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$39.99	JONES BANK	SE	\$150.00
NIOBRARA LODGE	TR	\$192.00	NE EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$10,500.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$220.20	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$237.73
SECRETARY OF STATE	SU	\$30.00	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	FE	\$167.99
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$108,271.68	HUMAN RELATIONS MEDIA	SU	\$912.67
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$743.00	NEBRASKA GENERATOR	EQ	\$30,000.00
ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC	SE	\$1,152.00	GEOCOMM INC	SE	\$5,814.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,004.50	BOB BARKER COMPANY	SE	\$142.76
TELMATE LLC	SE	\$52.00	SALARIES		\$274,339.75
TWIN RIVERS HEALTH CARE	SE	\$45.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
US POSTAL SERVICE	SU	\$10,000.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
VERIZON WIRELESS	UT	\$872.80	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
VISA	FE	\$8,475.36	DELTA DENTAL		
WINDSTREAM	UT	\$856.37	VSP VISION		
ZABKA PERDUE FUNERAL	SE	\$515.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked with JEO Consulting Group in regard to the proposed Zoning update, talked to Highway Supt. about a railroad closing, met with the Clerk and Treasurer about escrow accounts, worked with HR on issues, checked on Courthouse amenities on the 4th of July, checked with officials of the Village of Utica about a grant to help with communication during electrical outage.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he checked on storm damage and road issues.

Commissioner Culver checked storm damage and road damage, talked to Hwy Supt. on road issues, reviewed some projects, emails.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he had a Visitors Committee meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting and 4th of July Committee meeting.

Harrison Helmer, Executive Director of BRIDGES, and Corey Cooney, President of BRIDGES Inc., were present to give their annual report and request for a contribution for the next fiscal year.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3692 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to withdraw pledged securities.

**Resolution No. 3692 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners**

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

DESCRIP	CUSIP#	MARKET VALUE
FHR 4759 NM	3137FDKUS	975,689.20
FHR 5162 LM	3137H46R6	803,342.10
FNR 2021-75 KD	3136BJV28	810,481.06
TOTAL RELEASED		2,589,512.36

WHEREAS: County will still be fully protected.

Therefore, let it be resolved, the above withdrawal by the Jones Bank is approved by this County Board.

Adopted this 5th day of July 2022.

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

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to accept the Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for April 2022 in the amount of \$1,327.00 and \$606.16 respectively.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the agreement for Emergency Protective Services with Region V Systems.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:28 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:30 a.m.

Bryce Nolde was present to discuss the condition of roads in Commissioner District # 4. He stated he has problems with deliveries for his construction company. He stated he felt the roads were not being maintained as they should be. Commissioner Culver gave him information about road work and labor problems Seward County is facing. Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present and said that a person was hired for that area and conditions should improve.

Korey Reiman, Public Defender, was present to give information about a manslaughter case he is currently defending. He requested the costs be paid out of the Inheritance Fund as his budget cannot handle a major case as this. The Commissioners approved his request.

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator, gave information about an Administrative Plat the Commissioners are asked to consider.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to the adopt Resolution No. 3693 in regard to approving Plum Bush Farm in the SE ¼ of Section 33 Township 33 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

**RESOLUTION No. 3693 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS Gabriel J Burkey and Jenny M Burkey own 3.67 acres of land and have applied for an Administrative Subdivision, to purchase a total of 6.763 acres of land and divide into lot 1 of 5.72 acres, and lot 2 into 5.46 acres and is described as a tract of land in the Southeast 1/4 of, Section 33, Township 10N, Range 2E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Administrative Subdivision shall be called the PLUM BUSH FARM Administrative Subdivision and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on June 13th, 2022, to consider the Administrative Subdivision, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended to approve the PLUM BUSH FARM ADMINISTRATIVE SUBDIVISION, with a vote of 6 For, 0 against, and 3 Absent and Not Voting, and

WHEREAS X No one appeared to oppose the subdivision

___ Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision

X No one appeared to support the subdivision

___ Individuals appeared to support the subdivision

___ Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve or Deny the PLUM BUSH FARM ADMINISTRATIVE SUBDIVISION, with Resolution No. 3693 .

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic 07/05/2022
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell J. Zabrocki, John K. Culver , Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer , Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners discussed the agenda items about possible projects that could be funded through grants through the infrastructure bill that was recently passed by the federal government. Ahmic stated there are several grants available and villages in Seward County have mentioned they have projects that would possibly be covered by the grants. She would like to compile projects and then look for a grant for each project. Identifying a project and hiring a grant writer was also discussed. Ahmic will make a spreadsheet of the projects and the subject will be on next week’s agenda.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to ask the Commissioners’ consideration for two leases and an agreement in regard to a bridge project.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign a John Deere one-year lease for a 6145M tractor in the amount of \$3,375.00.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign a one-year lease for a Mini Excavator with Arvest for \$6,175.00.

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

The Commissioners discussed the agreement with Soy Transportation Coalition which would pay for engineering services for a bridge project. According to the agreement, we would have to fund the bridge in the next two years and use their design of the bridge. The Commissioners had questions/reservations about the agreement, so they have chosen not to sign the agreement. This will be put on next week's agenda for consideration.

Sheriff Mike Vance presented an agreement with the Village of Utica for patrolling services.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka and agreement with the Village of Utica for patrolling services.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to accept the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:40 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:45 a.m.

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, was present to request approval for catastrophic leave for Employee # 0047. According to the Personnel manual, the request must be approved by the Commissioners.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to go into Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. to discuss personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

The Chairman stated the members of the Board, the County Attorney and the HR Director will be in the Executive Session.

The Chairman re-stated the reason for Executive Session was for Personnel.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to go out of Executive Session at 11:04 a.m.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve five hours of catastrophic leave for Employee # 0047 with the requested additional hours to be re-submitted to the Board with additional documentation.

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

The Commissioners discussed American Rescue Plan Act. Ahmic reported she received a call from the firm helping the Village of Bee and Staplehurst Village in regard to their projects for which they would like Seward County ARPA funds.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on July 12, 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 July 5, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports

6. Discuss/Action – Accept County Clerk Fee Report for June 2022 - \$31,681.59
7. Discuss/Action - Request approval of 2nd Addendum and Host Agreement between G & P Development and the Seward/Saline Solid Waste Agency
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for July 19, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Authorize Chairman to sign Sponsored Research agreement with Soy Transportation Coalition to Secure \$10,000 for ridge Project C008002710 on 294th Road between Holdrege and Adams Street

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Carmen Hinman/Hope Crisis Center – Annual Report and Request for Contribution

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 11:15 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 12th day of July 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman