

# July 9, 2019

## 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 9, 2019 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 9, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver  
Members: Mike Mundhenke, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen  
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 to Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to approve minutes of June 25, 2019

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Paulsen, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Valuation Protest Hearings were held for those filing protests. The first hearing was for Jill Payne who did not appear.

Hladky gave her recommendation for the protest.

Moved by Vrbka and Mundhenke to make no change in the valuation for Protest # 3 filed by Jill Payne for real estate described as Lot 6 & 7, Block 43, Wrights 3<sup>rd</sup> Add., Utica, NE.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Paulsen, Culver Motion Carried

The next protest was for Stephen Kolb who did not appear.

Hladky gave her recommendation for the protest.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to reduce the value based upon the testimony and evidence presented for Protest # 4 for Stephen Kolb indicating a clerical error to \$455,034 on real estate described as part of the SW ¼ Section 15 Township 9 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Mundhenke, Paulsen, Culver Motion Carried

John Gadeken and Heather Vorm were in attendance at the next protest hearing and made comments about the recent flooding destroying some of their property.

Hladky gave her recommendation for the protest.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to have no change for Protest # 5 filed by Heather Vorm for real estate described as Part of Section 1, Township 9 Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Paulsen, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners then considered their Report of Destroyed Property Valuation Protest # 1 filed by Vorm.

Hladky gave her recommendation.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to change the valuation for Destroyed Real Property Form # 1 filed by Heather Vorm for real estate described as part of Section 1, Township 9 Range 3 East of the 6th p.m. and after receiving information presented at the protest hearing from the assessor, reduce it to a total of \$16,544.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Vrbka, Schmieding, Mundhenke, Culver Motion Carried

The next protest was for Tanya and Lindley Williams who made comments about their property protest.

Hladky gave her recommendation for the protest.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to reduce the value based upon the testimony and evidence presented for Protest # 6 for Lindley & Tanya Williams indicating a clerical error to \$240,273 on real estate described as part of the NW ¼ Section 30 Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Vrbka, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to re-approve Tax List Corrections No. 270-16R, 271-17R and 272-18R.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Vrbka, Schmieding, Mundhenke, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Mundhenke to approve Tax List Correction No. 170-18P and 273-18R.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

There was no discussion on Change of Valuation Notices or the Assessor Update.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on July 16, 2019 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of July 9, 2019
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

8:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Valuation Protest Hearings

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to adjourn at 9:30 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Paulsen, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

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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 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson

July 9, 2019  
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 9:30 a.m. on July 9, 2019 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 Commissioners convened on July 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver  
Members: Mike Mundhenke, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen,  
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 Mundhenke and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of July 2, 2019.

Affirmative Vote: Mundhenke, Vrbka, Paulsen, Culver

Abstain: Schmieding as he was not in attendance at said meeting. Motion Carried

Marilyn Hladky, Assessor, and Bob Dahms, Treasurer, requested a dedicated fiber line for their virtual server. They discussed this with Great Plains Communications who already has fiber into the Courthouse. They stated the contract, if approved, would be for 3 years. She stated internet costs for other offices in the county are paid out of the Misc. General budget so they would like this cost to be treated the same.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Assessor and Treasurer to move forward with Great Plains Communications for a dedicated fiber line to be paid out of the IT Budget in the County Misc. General Fund.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Mundhenke, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to open the bids at 9:42 a.m. for supplying and hauling gravel.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Mundhenke, Paulsen, Culver Motion Carried

Two bids were received: Johnson Sand and Beatrice Sand and Gravel

Andy Forney of DA Davidson was present to give information on the quotes submitted for refinancing bonds for the Detention Center. Brad Slaughter with Ameritas gave information on the quote he furnished to the Board. The information will be studied and the issue will be put on the agenda next week.

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, requested the Board to authorize him to apply for a grant that helps pay for operating costs for his office.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Mundhenke to authorize the Emergency Manager to apply for the 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver                      Motion Carried

Petersen also explained the Southeast Region Interlocal Agreement item also on the agenda.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the Southeast Region Interlocal Agreement.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Paulsen, Mundhenke, Culver                      Motion Carried

Mike Janssen, Building and Grounds Supt., gave information about a cleaning company that was hired recently for cleaning the Justice Center. The company hired did not perform the duties as required and a new company needs to be hired. He said he has budgeted for the additional cost of going with a different company.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Clean Pro with a cost of \$1,600 per month.

Affirmative Vote: Paulsen, Schmieding, Vrbka, Mundhenke, Culver                      Motion Carried

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Mundhenke reported he received several complaints about roads.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he checked roads.

Commissioner Culver reported that he visited with the Highway Supt. about road conditions, checked roads, and reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he received some inquiries about roads and welcomed those in attendance at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at the National Guard Museum.

Commissioner Paulsen worked on internal issues.

Moved by Mundhenke and seconded by Vrbka to approve the Special Designated Liquor Permit for Bottle Rocket Brewery LLC for an event on July 27, 2019 at Junto Winery.

Affirmative Vote: Mundhenke, Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Culver                      Motion Carried

Moved by Mundhenke and seconded by Vrbka to accept Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for June 2019 in the amount of \$4,494.29.

Affirmative Vote: Mundhenke, Vrbka, Paulsen, Schmieding, Culver                      Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to accept County Clerk Fee Report for June 2019 in the amount of \$22,161.40.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Paulsen, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Culver                      Motion Carried

Moved by Mundhenke and seconded by Schmieding to accept the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Settlement of Accounts.

Affirmative Vote: Mundhenke, Schmieding, Vrbka, Paulsen, Culver                      Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman sign the contract with Region V Systems for emergency Protective Custody Services.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Mundhenke, Paulsen, Culver                      Motion Carried

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**Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows**

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Accept County Treasurer’s Annual Investment Report
7. Discuss/Action - Compensation Policy Freeze as Policy is under Revision and No Wage Changes without Commissioner Approval
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for July 23, 2019

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Carrie Rodriguez/Probation District Report/Budget

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award bid for Supplying and Hauling of Gravel

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Trenah Bader – Building home on minimum main. road (Davey Rd. between 420 & 434) -Request to bring E ½ mile of Davey Road to code/standards and gravel it

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res. - Refinancing Bonds for the Justice Center

Moved by Mundhenke and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 10:39 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Mundhenke, Vrbka, Schmieding, Paulsen, Culver Motion Carried

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Chairman