

July 26, 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 26, 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 26, 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 Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of July 19, 2022.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Assessor's 3 Year Plan of Assessment.

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

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on August 9, 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 July 26, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 8:42 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 9th day of August 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

July 26, 2022
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 July 26, 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 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, Bob Vrbka, 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.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., reported on activities of the Road Department including updates from a UNL representatives visitation involving the Missile Base Site.

Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., brought an agreement for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3694 in regard to approving the Federal Aid Agreement to replace Bridge # 8001115 south of Beaver Crossing.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT – BL2236

Seward County
Resolution No. 3694

Whereas: Seward County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain Federal Funds; and

Whereas: Seward County understands that t must strictly follow all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project; and

Whereas: Seward County and Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County that:

John Culver, Chair of the Seward County Board of Commissioners, is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between Seward County and NDOT.

Seward County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement.

NDOT Project Number: BRO-7080(55)

NDOT Control Number: 13521

NDOT Project Name: Beaver Crossing Southeast

Adopted this 26th day of July, 2022 at Seward Nebraska.

The Board of Commissioners of Seward County

Robert Vrbka, Darrell J. Zabrocki, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,

John K. Culver, Chairman of the Board

Board/Council Member Zabrocki

Moved the adoption of said resolution

Member Ahmic Seconded the Motion

Roll Call: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Resolution Adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of July 19, 2022.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with the E911 Director, attended a meeting for the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership and met with Greg Butcher, Seward City Administrator.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he checked an abandoned cemetery problem and attended an Upper Big Blue NRD meeting.

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with road issues, received constituent phone calls, and met with Clerk of the District Court on various issues.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Southeast Nebraska Development District meeting and a Visitors Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he went to the Seward City Council meeting, BRIDGES meeting and a 4th of July meeting and talked with Greg Butcher, Seward City Administrator.

Matt Starkey, Veterans Service Office/Public Transportation Director, was present to give information to the Board about damages to a van used for Public Transportation. He stated NIRMA, the County's liability insurance offered \$2,450.00 for it since it was totaled during the recent hailstorm.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to accept the offer from NIRMA insurance in the amount of \$2,450.00 for a 2008 Chevy Uplander with the proceeds going into the Public Transit sinking Fund for future purchase.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to adopt Resolution No. 3695 in regard to naming the Seward County Treasurer the Investment Officer and allow to invest per state and county policies.

Resolution No. 3695 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

Whereas: It is in the best interest of the County to invest surplus funds.

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Seward County Treasurer is the County's Chief Investment Officer. Furthermore, as chief investment officer, is directed by this Board to invest Seward County surplus dollars within the parameters of the State Statutes, the general County investment policy as adopted by this County Board in 1988, and Board approved subsequent amendments.

Moved by: Schmieding Seconded by: Vrbka
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Dated this 26th day of July, 2022
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3696 in regard to authorizing the County Treasurer invest idle funds into Designated Depositories.

Resolution No. 3696 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

Whereas: currently, the Seward County Treasurer has County funds invested into: checking accounts, money markets, traditional certificates of deposit, Nebraska Federal Investment Trust, and Short-Term Federal Investment Trust.

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Seward County Treasurer is allowed to invest Seward County idle funds into the above instruments.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Robert Vrbka,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Adopted: 7/26/2022
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3697 in regard to authorizing the County Treasurer to invest funds into various bank offerings.

Resolution No. 3697 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

Whereas: the Seward County Treasurer may invest county funds into the following designated depositories: Cattle Bank & Trust, Jones Bank, Union Bank (Seward), Farmers and Merchants Bank of Milford, First Bank of Utica, and Union Bank (Lincoln).

Therefore, let it be resolved this County Board allows the Seward County Treasurer to invest liquid idle county funds into the above designated depositories.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Schmieding
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Adopted July 26th, 2022
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Lutz & Company PC Agreement for assistance in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) reporting.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign the Audit Scope correspondence with the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Emergency Manager's Annual Return of Disposed Items.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners briefly discussed the actual writing of grants for the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda.

There was no discussion on ARPA Funds disbursement.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:59 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:05 a.m.

The Commissioners started budget meetings with officials. The first meeting was with Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., and Heidi Fleischman, Office Manager for the Road Dept., was also in attendance.

The next budget meetings were with Ann Dobesh, Extension Educator; Carina Sanchez, HR Director; Gary Petersen, Emergency Manager; Carrie Sermeno for the District Judge Office; Tera Koetter, Clerk of the District Court; and Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk.

The Commissioners recessed at 12:09 p.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 12:52 p.m.

The Commissioners also went through other miscellaneous budgets and had discussion on the information already presented.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on August 2, 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 July 26, 2022
5. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through July 22, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Request permission to place Electronic Sign for the Seward County Fair on the SW Corner of the Courthouse Lawn
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
10. Discuss/Action – Budget Discussion-Callbacks
11. Discuss/Action – Agenda for August 9, 2022

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 3:12 p.m.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, 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 2nd day of August 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman