## June 11, 2024 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 June 11, 2024 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 June 11, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic

Members: Raegan Hain, John Culver, 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 Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of May 28, 2024. Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Hain, Culver, Ahmic Motion Carried

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve Tax List Correction 205-24P – accelerating the taxes on business equipment for Dragon Fly Café & Bakery.

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

Motion Carried

# Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on June 25, 2024 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

- 1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Discuss/Action Approve minutes of June 11, 2024
- 4. Discuss/Action Assessor Information Update

8:00 a.m. Hea

Hearings for Valuation Protest(s)

Discuss/Action – Decision on Valuation Protest(s)

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 8:56 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

State of Nebraska) County of Seward) ss.

County Clerk

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.

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Chairperson

## June 11, 2024 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 June 11, 2024 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.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on June 11, 2024

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic

Members: Raegan Hain, John Culver, 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.

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

- a. minutes of June 4, 2024
- b. District Court Fee Report for May 2024 in the amount of \$3,052.24
- c. County Clerk Fee Report for May 2024 in the amount of \$26,752.25

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

Jon Regnier, Highway Supt., updated the Commissioners on activities of the Road Dept.

#### **Commissioner's Reports:**

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, the Community Projects Fund (CPF) webinar, an event at the National Guard Museum, BRIDGES meeting, Road Safety Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) webinar, a hazard mitigation meeting, Seward City Planning and meetings with the Highway Dept, Treasurer's Office and County Attorney.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the National Guard Museum event and a Region V meeting. He has an Extension Board and Visitors Committee Board meetings later in the week.

Brandy Hafer, Public Transit Director, presented an agreement with the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) and her department for the Commissioners.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chair to sign the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) Supplemental Agreement P12171-01.

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

Hafer also updated the Commissioners on the purchase of new vehicles for the Public Transit Department.

#### **Commissioners Reports (Cont.)**

Commissioner Ahmic reported she followed up with Allo pertaining to billing, participated in the Community Projects Fund (CPF) webinar, met with a representative of Senator Hughes' office, attended a meeting about 911 addresses, the National Guard Museum event, Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) training, and a meeting with Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) about housing.

Commissioner Culver reported he had a meeting with representatives of G&P Landfill, had a conversation with the Chair of the Veterans Service Committee and met with the Veterans Service Officer.

Commissioner Hain reported she participated in the Community Projects Fund (CPF) webinar and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) Zoom meeting, attended the National Guard Museum event, met with members of the Fair Board, received comments about road conditions, and met with the Emergency Manager and Commissioner Zabrocki about the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Brandon Noordhoek, Detention Center Director, presented two quotes for meal service for the Detention Center. The least costly contract would reflect an increase of over \$50,000 from last year. The Commissioners will look into other possible options and the subject will be on the agenda at a later date.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:43 a.m. The Commissioners re-convened at 9:46 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed applying for a grant for a scrap tire event in 2025. Present for the discussion were Regnier and Heidi Fleschman, Office Manager for the Road Dept. She gave information about the next round of grants for a tire recycling event and needed specific details in order to apply for the grant. Hain said this next grant for a recycling event may need to be held in a different site rather than the fairgrounds. An idea of having it at the Missile Base Road Shop was suggested and a date of Sept. 27 & 28, 2025. The grant last year was for 350 tons of recyclable rubber. This next grant would include a request for 500 tons.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:56 a.m. The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed the Power DMS Policy Software as requested by the Human Resource Dept. Roxy Knutson, HR Director, and Chelsea Smith, Operations Manager for the Sheriff's Office, were present to discuss it.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chair to sign the Power DMS Policy Software for Countywide Implementation for \$14,633.65 to be paid in Year 1 and \$12,983.65 paid in Year 2 with \$10,000 for Year 1 to be paid out of the Sheriff Drug Fund; \$2,133.65 to be paid out of the Jail budget and \$2500 out of the HR Director's budget Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver, Ahmic Motion Carried

The Commissioners talked about grant funds generally. Hain gave information about the latest webinar she participated in. Also listening to the webinar were Commissioners Zabrocki and Ahmic.

Sheriff Mike Vance and Captain Melby along with Knutson were present to discuss the request for a trainer rate for the Sheriff's Office Deputies. Melby stated officers need to be trained by certified personnel. Knutson said currently there are training rates in the Road Dept. and the Detention Center. Commissioner Zabrocki stated he felt training is a duty of a Command Officer or Captain and should already be included in their wage. It was suggested a policy be made to address this issue.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to authorize a trainer rate for the Sheriff's Office deputies for field training in the amount of \$1.25 an hour.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Culver, Schmieding, Ahmic

Voting No: Zabrocki Motion Carried

Commissioner Culver led discussion on the Veteran's Service Committee appointment/
Reappointment subject on the agenda. In attendance was Dan Kovar, Chair of the Veteran's
Service Committee, and Ray Foreman, Veteran Service Officer. Barb Armstead, Deputy
County Attorney, gave information about the appointments to this committee according to
statutes. She stated that three names need to be presented to the Commissioners for
appointment or reappointment to the Committee. There are two people that need to be
appointed and Mr. Kovar said he had only one name to present to the Board of Commissioners

at this time. He was urged to find additional names to give to the Board. Commissioner Culver will help find names who might volunteer to be on the committee.

Alison Rook, Aging Services Director, was present to answer questions for the Subaward Contract approval request for her department.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chair to sign the Aging Partners Subaward Contract with the City of Lincoln.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Culver, Schmieding, Zabrocki **Motion Carried** 

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Culver to go into Executive Session at 10:55 a.m. for personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Culver, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic **Motion Carried** 

The Chair re-stated the reason for Executive Session was for personnel.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Hain to go out of Executive Session at 11:31 a.m. Affirmative Vote: Culver, Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic **Motion Carried** 

The Chair stated personnel was discussed and no decisions were made.

### Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on June 18, 2024 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

- 1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Discuss/Action Approve minutes of June 11, 2024
- Discuss/Action Claims for the period through June 7, 2024

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

- 5. Discuss/Action Public/Officials/Boards
- 6. Commissioners Reports
- 7. Discuss/Action Grant Funds being Sought by Seward County
- Discuss/Action Agenda for June 25, 2024 Discuss/Action Shari Weber/Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) Annual 9:15 a.m. Report and Request for Contribution
- Discuss/Action Carrie Rodriguez/Probation Annual Report and Requested 9:30 a.m. Amount for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year
- 10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Jonathan Jank/Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) – Annual Report and Request for Contribution
- 10:30 a.m. Public Hearing – Amend the Seward County Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Discuss/Action – Res. – Amend the Seward County Budget for Fiscal Year 23-24
- Discuss/Action Executive Session Personnel 11:00 a.m.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to adjourn at 11:34 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Culver, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic **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 WHE	REOF, I have	hereunto	set my	hand	and	affixed	my	official	seal	this	18 <sup>th</sup>	day
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