

June 13, 2023

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 13, 2023 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 13, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of May 23, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on June 20, 2023 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 13, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Protest Hearings
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting.

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

Time of adjournment at 8:44 a.m.

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 20th day of June 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

June 13, 2023

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 13, 2023 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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Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2023 meeting.

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

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for May 2023 in the amount of \$2,979.95.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for May 2023 in the amount of \$42,325.50.

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

Eric Hofer, Supt. of Building and Grounds, was present to give information about his budget for 2022-2023. He explained that he had extra costs, specifically for insurance, batteries for major equipment, roof and chime repair, etc. He will go over his budget this year and wanted the Commissioners to know about it. A resolution will be passed before the end of the fiscal year to accommodate for the overage.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Commissioners Workshop last week, worked on a grant application and received calls about zoning issues. She also reported on funds coming from the federal government to Nebraska for Broadband.

Commissioner Hain reported she attended the Board of Equalization and County Commissioners workshop, followed up with road issues and met with HR on training.

Commissioner Culver reported he also attended the County Commissioners Workshop, received calls about a zoning issue and valuation questions.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Extension Office Board meeting and a Region V Board meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he had a meeting with the County Clerk about the audit RFP, attended the County Commissioners workshop and the Seward City Planning Commission meeting.

Shari Weber and Heather Lytle of the Blue Valley Community Action organization were present to give their annual report and request for a continued contribution for the next fiscal year.

Carmen Hinman, Shannon Koranda and Cait Park of the Hope Crisis Center organization were present to give their annual report and request for a continued contribution for the next fiscal year.

Michelle Meyer of the Seward Kiwanis was present to request permission to use the Courthouse lawn on Wednesday June 28, 2023 from 5-7 pm to provide free activities for families to participate in during the Farmers Market.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the request for Kiwanis to use the Courthouse lawn on Wednesday June 28, 2023 from 4-7 pm to provide free activities for families to participate in during the Farmers Market.

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

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Director, and Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, were present to discuss the Everbridge Mass Notification System Quote for notifications to Seward County residents. Seward County partners with York County so costs are split 50/50. The quote for total cost was \$7,141.80 per year for three years and Seward County's share is then half of that. Petersen stated there are presently about 2,000 people in Seward County signed up for notifications. With this new system, all people would be signed up via their cellphone and could opt out to receive certain notifications. A public awareness campaign will provide information to residents.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman sign the Everbridge Mass Notification System quote in the amount of \$7,141.81 per year for three years with the cost to be split 50/50 between Seward and York Counties.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:27 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:30 a.m.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to discuss a hiring bonus for the Detention Center. There are currently three open Correctional Officer positions which have been vacant for quite some time. She asked that the bonus be moved to Tier three of the Hiring Bonus Policy of Seward County.

Moved by Hain to approve the hiring bonus for the Detention Center Tier three for the three open positions.

The motion died for lack of a 2nd.

Moved by Hain to approve the hiring bonus for the Detention Center Correctional Officer positions for Tier three with an effective date 6/13/2023.

The motion died for lack of a 2nd.

Commissioner Hain stated the Detention Center has had open positions for quite some time and feels there is the feeling of "burnout" amongst employees due to the mandated overtime.

Hatfield said very few applications have been received for the positions in the past few months.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to approve the hiring bonus for correction officers within the Detention Center to Tier three effective June 13, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Culver, Ahmic

Voting No: Zabrocki, Schmieding

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 10:43 a.m.

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

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht was present to ask the Board to consider a lease with Arvest for a mini excavator.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign a 1-Year lease with Arvest for a Mini-Excavator in the amount of \$6,175.00.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners then considered appointing two members to the Seward County Visitors Committee. Two members resigned and thus the need for appointing two new members. Schmieding recommended Mary Meyer and Becky Latka.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to appoint Mary Meyer and Becky Latka for the Seward County Visitors Committee.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda. Commissioner Ahmic had asked Mainelli Wagner & Associates to help her and was waiting for information, but informed the Board she received very little help from them. Ahmic stated she will try to work on the application in the weeks to come. It was discussed there are resources available on the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) website.

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, was present to discuss the members on Grievance Board. Due to all the Grievance Board members being appointed with staggering terms, the Commissioners representative needs to be appointed since the term expires June 30, 2023.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to re-appoint Spencer Conradt to fill the Board of Commissioners position on the Grievance Board.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding

Voting No: Hain, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Failed

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to appoint Spencer Conradt to the Grievance Board for the 2023-2028 term.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 11:06 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 11:15 a.m.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

Motion Carried

The Chairman restated the reason for Executive Session was for personnel.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to go out of Executive Session at 12:54 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

The Chairman stated that while in Executive Session, personnel was discussed, and no decisions were made.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to go into Executive Session at 12:54 p.m. to discuss personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

Motion Carried

The Chairman re-stated that the Executive Session is for personnel.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to go out of Executive Session at 1:25 p.m.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

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Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on June 20, 2023 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 13, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the Period through June 9, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Accept Zoning Director’s Fee Report for April 2023 - \$4,750.00
8. Discuss/Action – Accept County Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for April 2023 – \$1,491.00 and \$591.79
9. Discuss/Action – Authorize Chairman to Sign Lease Agreement with CASA
10. Discuss/Action – Reformation of the Seward County Aging Services Commission
11. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
12. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
13. Discuss/Action – Agenda for June 27, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Matt Kasik/Region V Services Annual Report and request for contribution for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

9:30 a.m. Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit for Contracted Landscapes for real estate in H Precinct in the NE ¼ of Section 31 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. & Finding of Facts - Conditional Use Permit for Contracted Landscapes for real estate in H Precinct in the NE ¼ of Section 31 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6thp.m.

Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit for Industrial Tower D/B/A Viaero Wireless for real estate in B Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 12 Township 12 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. & Findings of Facts - Conditional Use Permit for Industrial Tower D/B/A Viaero Wireless for real estate in B Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 12 Township 12 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res – Authorize Chairman to Sign 1 Year Lease With Arvest for a Mini Excavator

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 1:28 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Hain, 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 20th day of June 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman