

June 27, 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 27, 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 27, 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 Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of June 20, 2023.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to designate the State printshop to be the printer for the "Postcard Bill" postcards.

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

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on July 11, 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 27, 2023
4. Discuss/Action -Protest Hearings
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 8:45 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Hain, 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 11th day of July 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

June 27, 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 27, 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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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 Ahmic to approve the minutes of June 20, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported that news of funding for a grant will be announced today. She was asked by HR to write an article for the newsletter on behalf of the Board, will be working on Thursday with the HR Dept. and Butler County, who is having salary issues, and attended the Planning Commission meeting last night.

Commissioner Hain reported she received several calls on road conditions, attended a meeting with the HR Dept., Sheriff, and Detention Center on employee matters, sat in on an exit interview, and noted that she has received questions/comments about the use of fireworks in the county with the current dry conditions.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a Blue Valley Community Action meeting, a Planning & Zoning meeting, received various emails and will be setting up an interview for the Public Defender.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he received calls about the Public Defender position, attended a Visitors Committee meeting and checked roads.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a BRIDGES meeting and received an estimate for courthouse silhouette lights.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP), and Matt Howe, Chairperson of the SCCDP Board, were present to give the organization's annual report and request for ongoing financial support.

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, was present to discuss a Revised Everbridge Mass Notification System Quote for \$7,141.81 per year for 3 Years with cost to be split 50/50 between Seward and York Counties.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman to sign a Revised Everbridge Mass Notification System Quote for \$7,141.81 per year for 3 Years with cost to be split 50/50 between Seward and York Counties.

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

Matt Starkey, Veteran's Service Officer/Public Transit Director, was present to discuss a new car for the county fleet. He gave details about the price arrived with a dealer for a 2023 Chevrolet Equinox.

Moved by Ahmic to approve the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Equinox for the public transit/fleet department from Duteau Chevrolet in the amount of \$19,130.00; \$18 080.00 for the purchase, and \$250 for the deductible which will be paid from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:43 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Starkey was also present to submit his resignation as the Veteran's Service Officer/Public Transit Director. He stated he has taken the position of Veteran's Service Officer for Buffalo County.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to reluctantly accept the resignation of Matt Starkey as the Veteran's Service Officer/Public Transit Director.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3761 that we amend the budgets that have gone over FY 22-23.

**RESOLUTION # 3761 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the budget of the Seward County Building and Grounds was set at \$56,162.00 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, necessary expenditures of said office is going to result in the expending over that amount, and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists requiring that said budget be expanded as provided by law, and

WHEREAS, said additional funds to be applied to said budget must be appropriated from a General Fund Budget of Seward County, Nebraska;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the budget of the Seward County Building and Grounds is increased in the amount of \$31,000.00 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, resulting in an amended budget of \$595,162.00 AND

AND FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the sum of \$31,000.00 which has been added to the budget of the Seward County Building and Grounds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be appropriated from the Miscellaneous General Budget.

Dated this 27th day of June 2023.

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

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3762 amending the Election Commissioner's budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to reflect an increase of \$10,000.00.

**RESOLUTION # 3762 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the budget of the Seward County Election Commissioner was set at \$99,250.00 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, necessary expenditures of said office is going to result in the expending over that amount, and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists requiring that said budget be expanded as provided by law, and

WHEREAS, said additional funds to be applied to said budget must be appropriated from a General Fund Budget of Seward County, Nebraska;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the budget of the Seward County Election Commissioner is increased in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, resulting in an amended budget of \$109,250.00 AND

AND FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the sum of \$10,000.00 which has been added to the budget of the Seward County Election Commissioner for the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be appropriated from the Miscellaneous General Budget.

Dated this 27th day of June 2023.

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

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:55 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

Starkey was present to discuss the "Reorganization of the Public Transit/Veteran's Service Departments item on the agenda. Currently, his position is Director of the Veteran's Service and Public Transit. Starkey led discussion that he believes the Public Transit Department Director needs to be Full time and not part of the Veterans Service Department. He said he believes the operation of the Public Transit Dept. warrants full time and the Veterans Service Officer position could be part time. Commissioner Ahmic stated that she has talked with Starkey on the issue and said that many times, Veterans are not able to see Starkey due to Public Transit demands. Starkey stated that in 2020 - 2021 the average was approximately 800-1,000 rides per month and now it is at an average of 1200 rides per month. A new law in 2022 was passed for Veteran's that also brings new work for that part of his current job. It

was requested a new job description, supervision information and any other changes in responsibilities be in writing before this is approved.

Wicht was present to give information on a lease for a tractor.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman sign a 1-year tractor lease with AKRS Equipment in the amount of \$3,375.00.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:27 a.m.

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

The Commissioners discussed use of the courthouse lawn for the public. Lately, there have been many organizations that request use of the courthouse lawn for a variety of activities and some requests have been from religious organizations for private events. The Commissioners have considered setting a policy for these requests. They directed Eric Hofer, Building and Grounds Supt., to draft a policy for the Board to look at.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, presented an addendum to a contract for 5 additional CID tablets for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign Addendum One with Encartele for 5 additional CID Tablets for the Detention Center.

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

Sherry Leising, a leader of the Staplehurst Livestock Club, along with Lily and Logan Hain were present to request to plant a memory tree at the courthouse. Leising stated Don Dierberger was a person that was an advocate for 4-H and recently passed away. The club would like to honor him by planting a tree in memory of him and place a plaque by the tree.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki that we have the Staplehurst Livestock Club plant a tree in memory of the Dierberger family in the courthouse yard.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver

Abstain: Hain

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed logos for Seward County. Commissioner Hain worked with Middle Creek Printing and used the County flag for the graphics. Hain will get information for decals for county vehicles/equipment.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the logos from Middle Creek Printing for County departments.



(Office name at bottom of logo would differ each department)

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners briefly discussed infrastructure related grants.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on July 3, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Discuss/Action – Claims for the Period Through June 23, 2023

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Commissioners for June 27, 2023 at 11:35 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 3rd day of July 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman