

June 30, 2020

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 30, 2020 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 30, 2020 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 by Vrbka and seconded by Mundhenke to approve the minutes of June 23, 2020.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Culver

Abstain: Paulsen, as she was not in attendance at said meeting. Motion Carried

The first protest hearing was for Amy Haberman who was not in attendance at said hearing.

Hladky gave her recommendation for any change in the valuation.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to accept the Assessor's recommendation and not change the value of \$198,189 for property protested by Amy Haberman on real estate described as Lot 11, Zima Subdivision, Utica, NE.

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

The next hearing was for Thomas and Debra Van Steenhoven who were not in attendance at said hearing.

Hladky gave her recommendation for any change in the valuation.

Moved by Mundhenke and seconded by Vrbka after review of the property, reduce the value to equalize with other like property to \$244,087 and described as Lots 14 & 15, Block 1, Mary R Spears Add., Seward, NE for property owned by Thomas and Debra Van Steenhoven.

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

The next hearing was for Robert Kempf who was not in attendance at said hearing.

Hladky gave her recommendation for any change in the valuation.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to accept the Assessor's recommendation and not change the value of \$81,032 for property protested by Robert Kempf on real estate described as Lot 6, Block 26, HMR Addition, Seward, NE.

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

The last hearing was for Robert Daniels who was in attendance at said hearing. He gave reasons why he feels his property is overvalued.

Hladky gave her recommendation for any change in the valuation.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to accept the Assessor's testimony and recommendation and not change the value of \$160,478 for property protested by Robert Daniels on real estate described as Lot 15, Block 1, East Moffitt Addition, Seward NE.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Paulsen, Mundhenke Culver
Abstain: Schmieding
Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on July 7, 2020 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 30, 2020
4. Discuss/Action – Protest Hearings

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Mundhenke to adjourn at 8:55 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Paulsen, 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 7th day of July 2020.

County Clerk

Chairperson

June 30, 2020
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 30, 2020 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 30, 2020 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.

The Commissioners discussed having Farmers Market return to the Courthouse lawn.

Carol Albrecht represented the Farmers Market and said she is requesting the Farmers Market return to the Courthouse Square. There isn't as much business at its current site which is the parking lot of Pac N Save.

Moved by Mundhenke and seconded by Schmieding to allow the Farmers Market return to the Courthouse Square.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Mundhenke to approve the minutes of June 23, 2020.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Culver

Abstain: Paulsen, as she was not in attendance at said meeting. Motion Carried

During the Public/Officials/Boards time on the agenda, Jeff Baker, Veterans Service Officer/Public Transit Director, explained why the Public Transit Office went over its budget. He stated it was because of purchases necessary for COVID 19 sanitizing.

Board Reports:

Commissioner Mundhenke reported he had received a comment from a constituent about the railroad blowing horn near their new house and wanted to know how to stop it. He also checked roads.

Commissioner Vrbka reported that he checked roads and inspected a drainage issue of which he was made aware.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Seward/Saline Solid Waste Meeting, checked on roads and worked on other various county business.

Commissioner Paulsen reported she has a meeting tomorrow in regard to the East Seward Road Project of the City of Seward.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he worked with the Visitors Committee last week and worked on various correspondences.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP), and Chairman of the Board, Ed Koster, were present to give information about their organization. Jank and Koster briefly gave information about 2 documents which the Board will be asked to sign for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year in regard to the funding of this organization.

Jank also was present to request a sign be placed on the courthouse square for a retail promotion. He described the promotion and asked if a sign could be placed on the southwest corner of the courthouse lawn.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Mundhenke to give permission to place a double-sided roadside sign to promote "Spend the Weekend in Seward" activities for July 6 – 12, 2020.

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

Terry Wicht was present to give information on the need to declare a FEMA representative for the 2019 flooding disaster.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Mundhenke to appoint Highway Supt., Terry Wicht, as the FEMA Representative for the Federally Declared Disaster of March 2019.

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

Discussion was held on county operations due to the coronavirus. It was mentioned that there are lines of customers when the Driver's License Examiners are here are Wednesdays.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman sign the Audit Engagement Letter with the State of Nebraska for the 2019-2020 audit.

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

Marci Fehlhafer, Executive Director for CASA, was present to give information about her organization and request for funding for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to adopt Resolution No. 3524 in regard to allowing the withdrawal of pledged securities by Jones Bank.

Resolution No. 3524 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank desires to withdraw the following securities:

DESCRIP	CUSIP#	MARKET VALUE
SARPY CO SCH DIST 37	80377OLH7	598,900.00
FN FM2772	3140X6CJ8	1,045,935.15
FNR 2015-92 PA	3136AQUZ1	858,404.81
OMAHA NE HOTEL BONDS	681663CJ7	572,150.00
VLY CNTY SCH DIST 5	919563CU8	197,421.90

TOTAL MARKET VALUE 3,272,811.86

WHEREAS: County will still be fully protected. Therefore, let it be resolved, the above withdrawal by the Jones Bank is approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Paulsen 06/30/2020
Ayes: Becky Paulsen, Robert Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Mike Mundhenke
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Mundhenke to accept the letter of resignation of Ron Nissen, County Surveyor effective July 3, 2020 and a letter of thanks be sent to him thanking him for his years of service.

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

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, explained a grant that could be applied for that would help with some expenses due to the Corona virus.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Sheriff’s Office and Detention Center to apply for the Nebraska Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund (CESF) Grant.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Paulsen to adopt Resolution No. 3525 in regard to adding funds to the Public Transit budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

RESOLUTION # 3525 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the budget of the Seward County Public Transit was set at \$224,730.00 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, necessary expenditures of said office are 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 Public Transit is increased in the amount of 3,500.00 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, resulting in an amended budget of \$228,230.00

AND FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the sum of \$3,500.00 which has been added to the budget of the Seward County Public Transit for the 2019-2020 fiscal year shall be appropriated from the Miscellaneous General Budget.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Paulsen 06/30/2020

Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Robert Vrbka, Becky Paulsen, Mike Mundhenke

John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 10:06 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:15 a.m.

Megan Kahler of BRIDGES informed the Board about documents for the 2020-2021 Community Based Grant.

Moved by Paulsen and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman sign the following documents: Community Based Grant Sub-Award for the Seward High School's SCIP Program, Community Based Grant Sub-Award for Centennial Teammates, Community Based Grant Sub-Award for Seward County Community Planning & Aid, and the GrantVantage Memorandum of Understanding.

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

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4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of June 30, 2020
5. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through June 26, 2020

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for July 14, 2020

Moved by Mundhenke and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 10:24 a.m.

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

Motion Carried

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County Clerk

Chairman