

March 9, 2021
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 March 9, 2021 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 March 9, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding,
Darrell Zabrocki
Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson
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 February 23, 2021.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried
Abstain due to absence: Ahmic

Hladky updated the Commissioners on the activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 23, 2021 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 9, 2021
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 8:34 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Brandy Johnson, the undersigned Deputy 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 23rd day of March 2021.

Deputy County Clerk

Chairperson

March 9, 2021

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 March 9, 2021 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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Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson

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 Schmieding to approve the minutes of March 2, 2021.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Terry Wicht, Highway Superintendent, updated the Commissioners on activities of his office.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Milford City Council Meeting, Seward County Community Development Partnership Meeting and received compliments from several constituents on road conditions.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he checked road conditions.

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with various correspondence, met with a few employees, attended a Four Corners Health Department Meeting via Zoom, attended an E911 Board meeting and checked road conditions.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Region 5 meeting and met with the Building & Grounds Superintendent regarding a tree on the Courthouse lawn.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council Meeting, attended an E911 Staff Meeting, attended a Traffic Incident Management Meeting with the E911 Director, attended an E911 Board meeting and visited with the Human Resources Director.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Clerk of District Court Fee Report for February 2021 in the amount of \$3,513.06.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for February 2021 in the amount of \$16,397.00.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Updated Fee Schedule for Sheriff/Jail.

Seward County Sheriff & Detention Center Fees

- Copies - \$0.25
- Copies Emailed - \$1.50
- Accident Report Copies (Insurance Co Req) - \$2.00
- Fingerprints - \$15.00
- Title Inspection - \$10.00
- Offsite Title Inspection - \$15.00
- Gun Permit - \$5.00
- Copies with Disk - \$10.00
- Accident Report Copies (Those Involved in Accident) – No Charge
- Postage Paid by Requestor
- Urinalysis Testing - \$10.00
- Daily House Arrest Electronic Monitoring Fee - \$10.00
- Weekly Work Release Fee - \$105.00

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3569 to allow Jones Bank to withdraw Pledged Securities.

**Resolution No. 3569 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners**

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

DESCRIP	CUSIP#	MARKET VALUE
DODGE CNTY NE	256444AWD	120,000.00

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: Schmieding Seconded by: Ahmic 03/09/2021
 Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell J. Zabrocki
 Chair of the Board: John K. Culver
 Attest: Brandy M. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3570 to allow Cattle Bank to Pledge Additional Securities.

**Resolution No. 3570 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners**

WHEREAS, the Cattle Bank and Trust Co. desires to make additional pledging of the following securities dated 2/26/2021:

CORTLAND, NE GO WATER--CUSIP #220628BT7 IN THE AMOUNT OF 100,000.00

Whereas: County deposits need to be fully insured. Therefore, let it be resolved, the above additional pledging, as of 2/26/2021, by the Cattle Bank & Trust Co. is approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Zabrocki 03/09/2021
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell J. Zabrocki
Chair of the Board: John K. Culver
Attest: Brandy M. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

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

Terry Wicht was present to discuss the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association claim damage for Fiber Optic Damage by the Road Department. A Windstream line was cut near Pleasant Dale, which resulted in more than \$50,000 in damage. Wicht stated that he has set up a workshop with Diggers Hotline for his crew, assigned a new construction lead and will be taking disciplinary action against the employee who cut the line.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for bids for Mowing Abandoned Cemeteries.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for January 2021, in the amounts of \$1334.00 and \$779.11, respectively.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to designate Union Bank & Trust of Seward as a Seward County Depository.

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

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to request approval for the County Employee Appreciation Committee to plan the Employee Appreciation gathering for 2021.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Employee Appreciation Committee to plan the Employee Appreciation gathering for 2021.

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

Hatfield stated that State Statute allows for the Employee Appreciation Committee to spend up to \$50 per employee on the Appreciation gathering. The past two years, the Commissioners set the amount at \$40 per employee, but due to rising costs for food and other expenses involved in such an event, she requested that the Commissioners allow \$45 per employee for the 2021 gathering.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to set the dollar amount to \$45 per employee for the 2021 County Employee Appreciation gathering.

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

Recessed at 9:38 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to open the Hearing at 10:00 a.m. on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan for Seward County.

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

Terry Wicht explained the various projects on the plan. There were questions asked about the different projects.

Brett Baker, a member of the Public, presented a packet of information requesting that East Seward Road be included in the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan.

Joel Navis, Jim Varney and Tom Jorgensen, all members of the public, spoke in favor of adding East Seward Road to the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to close the Public Hearing at 10:36 a.m.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioner Zabrocki stated that he would like to see the East Seward Road project added to the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, stated that they can pass the Resolution today in regard to the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan and amend it later to add East Seward Road to the plan after it's been reviewed by Legal Counsel.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to Adopt Resolution No. 3571 in Regard to the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan.

Moved by Vrbka to Amend the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan to Include East Seward Road. Schmieding stated that he would like to include East Seward Road, but would like Legal Counsel to resolve issues with the interlocal between the City of Seward and the County first.

Vrbka withdrew his motion.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3571
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat 39-2115 through 39-2119 require annual development and filing with the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards (NBCS) a One- and Six-Year Plan of highway, road, and street improvements based on a priority of needs and calculated to contribute to the orderly development of an integrated statewide system of highway, roads, and streets.

WHEREAS, a One- and Six-Year Plan was prepared and proposed to the governing body.

WHEREAS, an advanced notice was published in the local newspaper, stating that a public hearing will be held on the proposed One- and Six-Year Plan, was held in the County Commissioner's Room in the Seward County Courthouse, Seward, Nebraska, on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 10:00 am.

WHEREAS, an advanced notice was posted at the following places where it was likely to attract attention: Seward Post Office, Seward County Courthouse, Seward Memorial Library and the Seward City Hall.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on the proposed One- and Six-Year Plan, as stated in the advance notices, on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 at 10:00 am

WHEREAS, the One- and Six-Year Plan as approved by resolution of the governing body on March 9th 2021 at 10:40 a.m.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska, that the aforementioned approved One- and Six-Year Plan is hereby adopted for submittal to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards (NBCS).

Adopted this 9th day of March 2021 at Seward, Nebraska.

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Zabrocki 03/09/2021

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

Chair of the Board: John K. Culver

Attest: Brandy M. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 16, 2021 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 9, 2021

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allow

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Planting of New Tree on Courthouse Lawn
7. Discuss/Action – Abandoned Cemetery Assignments to Commissioners
8. Discuss/Action - Agenda for March 23, 2021

9:45 a.m. Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit Application for the Replacement and Installation of KOLN/KGIN, Channel 10/11 Telecommunications Tower located in K Precinct in the SE ¼ SE ¼ Section 27, Township 10 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action -Res - Conditional Use Permit Application for the Replacement and Installation of KOLN/KGIN, Channel 10/11 Telecommunications Tower located in K Precinct in the SE ¼SE ¼ Section 27, Township 10 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res – Accept Treasurer’s Certificate of Tax Sale held March 1, 2021

Discuss/Action – Accept Treasurer’s List of Sold and Unsold Properties from the March 1, 2021 Tax Sale

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 10:47 a.m.

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

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Brandy Johnson, the undersigned Deputy 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 16th day of March 2021.

Deputy County Clerk

Chairman