

# March 12, 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 March 12, 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 March 12, 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 February 27, 2023.  
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Hain, Culver, Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to approve Tax List Corrections 431-23R in the name of Jon Hempel, 432-23R in the name of Larry Hudkins and 433-23R in the name of USCOC Nebraska Kansas LLC.

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

The Commissioners reviewed the permissive exemptions application provided by the Assessor.

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities in her office.

### **Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 26, 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 March 12, 2024
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 8:42 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Culver, Schmieding, 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 WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson

# March 12, 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 March 12, 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.

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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 Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the consent agenda consisting of: approving the minutes of March 5, 2024; Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for February 2024 in the amount of \$4,004.70; County Clerk Fee Report for February 2024 in the amount of \$20,091.85; and the County Treasurer Pledged Security Report for February 2024.

Commissioner Hain stated she was not at the March 4, 2024 meeting.

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

Ann Dobesh and Emily Manning were present to give information about a claim they submitted from UNL for internet.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Culver to approve the claims for the period through March 1, 2024.

### SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MARCH 1, 2024

ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$6,976.59	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$288.04
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$457.56	JOY SHIFFERMILLER	SE	\$8,381.52
AERNI LAW, LLC	SE	\$350.00	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$6,433.25
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$15.19	ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC	SE	\$1,382.40
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$297.10	NE DEPT OF CORR.SERV	SE	\$2,800.85
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$20,725.86	STEPHANIE FLYNN LAW	SE	\$6,704.20
ART ON DISPLAY	SE	\$88.00	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$6,763.90
ASSOC ANESTHESIOLOGIST	SE	\$74.80	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$737.50
BRENNAN, NIELSEN	SE	\$568.45	THAYER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$33.60
ALEAGENT CREIGHTON CLINI	SE	\$44.00	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SU	\$781.04
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$10,868.55	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	SE	\$344.00
CLERK OF THE DIST COURT	SE	\$283.00	UNIV OF NEB - LINCOLN	SE	\$1,200.00
CLINCH LAW FIRM	SE	\$2,472.00	UNIV OF NEB-LINCOLN	SE	\$300.00
COAST TO COAST COMPUTE	SE	\$812.91	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$1,583.23
CONNER PSYCH SERV	SE	\$425.00	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$12,003.08
CULLIGAN	SE	\$37.75	CANDICE C WOOSTER LAW	SE	\$143.75
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$22.06	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$8,316.50
E 911	SE	\$68,009.36	BADGER BODY & TRUCK	SE	\$53.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,210.66	BEATRICE CONCRETE CO	SU	\$24,907.43
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$845.99	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,612.13

FILLMAN LAW OFFICE	SE	\$625.00	BUTLER CO LANDFILL	SE	\$281.50
GAGE COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$26.22	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$19,148.10
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$108.00	G & P DEVEL LANDFILL	SE	\$40.42
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$382.05	HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$57.00
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$341.99	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$11,249.00
GUARDIAN RFID	SE	\$20.00	KERFORD LIMESTONE CO	SU	\$29,269.55
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$18.50	KRIHA FLUID POWER CO	SE	\$94.33
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$182.32	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$778.28
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$412.73	MIDWEST SERVICE	SE	\$3,171.00
INPATIENT PHYSICIAN	SE	\$259.74	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$132.63
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$401.55	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$39.95
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,936.77	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$649.45
KOTIK & MCCLURE, ATTYS	SE	\$8,011.46	POWERPLAN	SE	\$791.74
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$69.03	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$20,689.83
RELX INC	SE	\$222.00	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$224.95
LOWER PLATTE WEED MGT	FE	\$200.00	TRUCK CENTER CO	SE	\$118.48
EMILY MANNING	SE	\$27.27	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$694.85
MATTSON RICKETS LAW	SE	\$196.90	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$55.81
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$33.06	VILLAGE OF GOEHNER	UT	\$798.00
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$2,750.63	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$53.84
MID-AMERICAN INS	FE	\$46,922.65	VAN KIRK BROS CONTRACT	SE	\$326,161.11
SPORTS EXPRESS	SU	\$1,016.85	MILFORD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$136.50
MIDWEST DOOR	SE	\$12.00	SEWARD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$449.40
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,386.34	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$176.40
MARK MOORE	SE	\$8,892.32	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$176.00
MORROW, POPPE	SE	\$2,458.13	NEB STATE PATROL	SE	\$1,782.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$40.00	URIBE REFUSE SERVICES	SE	\$156.00
NE COUNTY COURT ASSN	FE	\$5.00	NE JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSN	SE	\$175.00
NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL	SE	\$122.00	UPPER BIG BLUE NRD	SE	\$746.72
NEBRASKA.GOV	FE	\$5.00	ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	UT	\$1,439.32
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$35.00	CENTURYLINK	SE	\$1,636.79
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$113.50	FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$2,065.00
CA MARKETING, INC	SE	\$1,843.07	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	SE	\$316.00
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$768.75	ST NE DAS STATE ACCTNG	SE	\$115.00
POTTAWATTAMIE SHERIFF	SE	\$36.00	CIDNET	SE	\$3,223.15
QUILL CORPORATION	SU	\$430.57	SALARIES		\$297,183.59
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
RIXSTINE TROPHY	SU	\$22.80	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SAFELITE FULFILLMENT	SE	\$721.90	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$194,182.71	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$78.93	VSP VISION		
SEWARD CO ROAD FUND	FE	\$600,000.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

Motion Carried

Sheriff Mike Vance was present to introduce Brandon Noordhoek who is the new Detention Center Director.

Jon Regnier, Highway Supt., and Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, updated the Commissioners on activities of their department/office.

Tiffany Allen, Assistant HR Director, gave information about the retirement of the Zoning Administrator.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to accept the retirement of Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Director, effective March 7, 2024.

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

Motion Carried

Allen also needed direction on the filling of that position. Commissioner Ahmic led discussion that she has talked to the Highway Supt. about the Weed portion of the job and asked if it can be taken over by the Road Dept. Regnier was present and said they will take care of spraying brush as they previously had. Regnier said that he visited with a Weed Supt. in another county and had received information on how the position could be in the Road Dept. There were questions about the hours needed for the Zoning part of the job. If the Zoning Administrator part of the job is done correctly now, it may need to be a position itself. It was decided to put the Weed portion of

the job under the Road Dept. and make the Zoning position a 30-hour job. The Commissioners also talked about the funding for this position.

The Board discussed the 1- & 6-Year Road Program and the information from the hearing last week.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3802 in regard to adopting the 1- & 6-Year Road Program for Seward County.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3802  
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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:30 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 City Hall, and the Seward Memorial Library.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on the proposed One- and Six-Year Plan, as stated in the advance notices, on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:30am.

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 12th day of March 2024 at Seward, Nebraska.

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

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

Motion Carried

The Board then discussed issues with the new sign truck in the Road Dept. Commissioner Culver led discussion and reported that the new sign truck had issues upon completion when attempted to be picked up at the vendor. Regnier stated after those issues were fixed and the truck was delivered, issues again were discovered. Tony Rodocker of the Road Dept. said small issues have come up after having it a short time. Jeff Fleishman, Shop Foreman, gave information about what he thought of the issues; that the truck is a very nice piece of equipment and said the issues are small. After discussion, it was decided to ask the vendor to fix the last few issues the Road Dept. is still having with the truck.

Assessor, Marilyn Hladky was present to discuss the gWorks cancellation fees for GIS Services for Assessor, Road Dept., Clerk's Office and Zoning/Weed Dept. item on the agenda. The Assessor has chosen to go with a different vendor and the contract for that office is expiring soon. The Road Dept., County Clerk and Weed/Zoning Dept. will then also have to change and their contracts were not up for renewal. Because of this, those offices will need to pay a fee to end

their contracts. Ending the contracts soon will still be less costly than fulfilling the contracts with gWorks.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 10:55 a.m. to discuss strategy.

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

The Chairman re-stated the reason for Executive Session was for strategy.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to come out of Executive Session at 11:39 a.m.

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

The Chairman stated only strategy was discussed and no decisions were made.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Letter of Agreement with Marvin Planning Consultants for Zoning Regulation Completion and Updates in the amount of \$13,500 to be paid out of the Inheritance Fund.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion about additional features with the new Allo phone system. She had a list of additional features, and each Commissioner was asked to talk to the offices in which they are liaison to and see if they would like to have any of them. She also gave a copy of the 1<sup>st</sup> bill received from Allo. Various features of the new phone system and costs were discussed.

Commissioner Hain led discussion about the quote for the decals for county vehicles. She received a quote for a 12-inch decal and a 15-inch decal.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the estimate from Mustang Graphic for a 12-inch decal for county vehicles in the amount of \$1,682.70 to be paid out of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on the Oliver Borchers-Williams on Broadband Challenge process item on the agenda. The idea is to have Mr. Borchers-Williams take a look at the census blocks and of organizations like Kinetic who are reporting they are serving county residents at certain speeds of internet. There are some residents who will be asked to take speed tests to see if they are, in fact, getting the speed of internet their provider is stating. Discovery of those areas not getting adequate internet will help get funding for underserved areas via a grant.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to engage Oliver Borchers-Williams as an independent contractor to help with the broadband challenge and with the County Attorney's Office drafting a contract and the funds coming from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF).

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

Legislative Update item on the agenda was led by Commissioner Ahmic who updated information she received about LB 1067, the elimination of the Inheritance Bill.

Under the Grant Funds item on the agenda, Commissioner Hain reported she confirmed with Congressman Flood's office that we received \$3 million for paving 420<sup>th</sup> Road with Community Projects Fund (CPF). The total estimated amount for the road project is \$8 million. The next round of grants has also been released. Community Projects Fund (CPF) was also awarded to Staplehurst, Milford and Seward who each got \$1 million. Bridge Investment Program (BIP) and Safe Streets and Road grants were also discussed.

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he went to the Seward City Council meeting, traveled to other counties for the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA), attended the broadband task force meeting, a Public Transit meeting, went to the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) roundtable webinar, and received a call

about roads. He said he met with the Building & Grounds Supt. about the humidity problem in the Justice/Detention Center.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Region V meeting yesterday and will go to a Broadband meeting this evening. He will go to the Visitors Committee meeting and Ag Banquet in the near future.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Milford City Council meeting, worked on HR issues, went to the Public Transit meeting, attended the Broadband Task Force meeting, went to the Extension Office to learn about podcast, checked in at Public Defender office, called Mainelli Wagner Engineers office and stated the fleet vehicle is almost in, and is spending a lot of time in the zoning office.

Commissioner Culver attended the Garland Village Board meeting and sat in on an interview with HR. He will attend the Broadband meeting, the Bee and Pleasant Dale village board meetings and will go to a Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) meeting.

Commissioner Hain reported she and Ahmic have been working on the Grant Writer position, is going to Beaver Crossing trustee meeting, and is working on emails. She is also working on getting information on various grants.

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 19, 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 March 12, 2024

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

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Authorize Chairperson to sign letter of support for Seward County Application for Community Project Funds.
7. Discuss/Action – Gworks Cancellation Fees for GIS Services of Assessor, Road Dept., Clerk’s Office and Zoning/Weed Dept.
8. Discuss/Action – Legislative Update
9. Discuss/Action – Grant Funds being Sought by Seward County
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for March 26, 2024

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Southeast Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) request to place pinwheels on courthouse lawn for Child Abuse Prevention Month

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement with Kirkham Michael for 420th Road Project

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 12:50 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Culver, 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 WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

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County Clerk

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Chairman