

March 23, 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 23, 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 23, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, 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 Vrbka to approve the minutes of March 9, 2021.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on April 13, 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 23, 2021
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 9:00 a.m.
Vrbka Schmieding Ahmic Zabrocki Culver

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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 13th day of April, 2021.

County Clerk

Chairperson

March 23, 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 23, 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.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on March 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, 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 Vrbka to approve the minutes of March 16, 2021.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., informed the Commissioners about road conditions with the rainy weather we are currently having.

Andrew Matney, 911 Director, reminded the Board about National Severe Weather Awareness week.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with the Zoning Administrator, the Veteran's Service Officer and some constituents. She worked on the courthouse tree project and received calls about roads.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the Upper Big Blue NRD meeting last week and also received calls about road conditions.

Commissioner Culver reported he participated in the Four Corners Health District briefing, a Blue Valley Community Action meeting, a Seward County only briefing with Four Corners, a Seward/Saline Solid Waste meeting and received calls from the public about various zoning and road conditions.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he has a Visitors Committee meeting this week, received calls about railroad crossings and went with the Building and Grounds Supt. to a local nursery and tentatively chose a courthouse tree.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a BRIDGES meeting the previous week, held a meeting with the 911 director, participated in the Seward County only briefing with Four Corners, and worked on the courthouse tree project.

The Board discussed Legislative Bill 310 which was in regard to decreasing Inheritance Tax. It was decided that each Commissioner would send their own letter of opposition to our legislative representative.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign the Surplus Property Disposal Request from the Road Dept. with salvage disposal.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign the Surplus Property Disposal Request from the Road Dept. with disposal by sale.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Surplus Property Disposal Request from the Road Dept. with disposal by trade-in.

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

The Board then discussed an engineering study for railroads. Wicht stated that the study shows we have redundant signs near a railroad crossing since the railroad is responsible for signage. He stated the Road Dept. is removing the redundant signs. He will send a letter to the railroad indicating their action.

The Commissioners discussed adding an East Seward Road Project to the 1 & 6 year Road Plan. Wicht wanted to know if the Board wanted him to add it to the plan. Zabrocki stated the City of Seward has roughly \$500,000 towards an engineering study for the project. He stated that our County Attorney's opinion is that it is a county road. He suggested if there is Federal money available, to pave it to the homeowner's curb, but not to the highway. Brett Baker, a homeowner living in the area, spoke on the issue. He said there were many incentives between the City and County to work on it and suggested a Commissioner be appointed to a committee.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to direct the Highway Supt. to publish a Notice for a Public Hearing regarding an amendment to the 1 & 6 year Road Plan.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to open the bids at 9:38 a.m. for mowing the Seward County abandoned cemeteries.

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

Bids were received from Express Lawn Care, Havco Lawncare LLC, Virgil Timblin and Gary Hull. Bid will be awarded at next week's meeting.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:43 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:47 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed color options for painting the Courthouse domes. Eric Hofer, Building and Grounds Supt., had samples for the Commissioners to look at. Ahmic stated that maybe a small choice of colors be given and asked of the public. Schmieding thought that may take too much time since the company that will be painting it wants to start on the project. The Commissioners will look at the paint samples and the decision will be made at next week's meeting.

The Commissioners discussed the planting of a new tree for the north side of the Courthouse. Hofer and Commissioner Schmieding went to a greenhouse and located a Black Hills Spruce tree at a cost of \$425.00.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to purchase a Black Hills Spruce for the north side of the Courthouse at a cost of \$425.00.

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

Andrew Matney, 911 Director, asked the Board to pay out 320 hours of comp time. He said there are several employees that are close to the maximum amount of comp time allowed. Culver stated this has happened before and questioned why employees have so many hours. Zabrocki stated he felt the payout of comp time is necessary.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the request to pay out 320 hours of compensatory time to 911 dispatchers.

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

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 30, 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 23, 2021
4. Discuss/Action – Claims through the period of March 19, 2021

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Accept Resignation of the Public Defender
8. Discuss/Action – Award Abandoned Cemetery Mowing Bids
9. Discuss/Action – Res. – Proclamation for the NACO Executive Director
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for April 6, 2021

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res. – Cond. Use Permit for a Television Communications Tower located in the SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 27 Township 10 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action -Res. – Admin. Replat to create Kortmeyer Replat located in J Precinct in the SE ¼ SE ¼ Section 20 Township 19 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. – Short Form Plat to create Tannahill Addition in J Precinct in the East ½ SW ¼ of Section 11, Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Dale Niemann - TransCanada Pipeline Project - Landowners concerns with road access at 392nd and Old Mill Road

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Color Options for Painting of Courthouse Domes and Clock Tower

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 10:17 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, 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 30th day of March 2021.

County Clerk

Chairman