

March 26, 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 26, 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.

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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 Hain and seconded by Culver to approve the minutes of March 12, 2024.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Culver, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic Motion Carried

Hladky introduced her new employee, Jordan Koranda.

Hladky then gave an update of activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on April 9, 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 26, 2024
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 8:49 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, 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 9th day of April 2024.

County Clerk

Chairperson

March 26, 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 9:01 a.m. on March 26, 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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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of March 19, 2024.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Hain, Culver, Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to approve claims for the period through March 15, 2024.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MARCH 15, 2024

ADP INC	SE	\$1,292.70	SOUTH CENTRAL EMS	SE	\$2,386.80
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SU	\$577.02	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNT	SE	\$910.50
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$12.93	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$6,353.27
ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	UT	\$8,415.36	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$637.50
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$20,467.47	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	EQ	\$1,165.64
ASSOC ANESTHESIOLOG	SE	\$614.74	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	EQ	\$898.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$2,079.00	US POSTAL SERVICE	SU	\$10,000.00
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$360.00	USPS	SU	\$10,000.00
BRENNAN...LAW OFFICES	SE	\$837.60	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	SE	\$581.90
BUFFALO CO SHERIFF	SE	\$6.00	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SU	\$36.00
CALIBRE PRESS	SE	\$495.00	VISA	FE	\$2,668.61
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,625.00	VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$39.14	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	EQ	\$230.66
CASS COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$6.00	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,591.00
CHARTER COMMUNIC	UT	\$311.30	BLUE VALLEY DOOR CO	SE	\$822.00
ALEGENT CREIGHTON CLI	SE	\$22.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$7,880.20
MELINDA CLARKE	SE	\$600.00	FAIR MANUFACTURING	SU	\$3,967.43
CLIA LAB PROGRAM	SE	\$248.00	RONALD STACHURA	SE	\$620.00
CLINE WILLIAMS	SE	\$5,800.00	INTERSTATE POWER SYS	EQ	\$4,934.97
DAWSON CO SHERIFF	SE	\$19.37	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$126.18
DELL MARKETING L P	SE	\$1,553.14	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$23,168.99
RELENTLESS LLC	SE	\$699.00	KERFORD LIMESTONE CO	SU	\$12,133.99
DIAMOND DRUGS	SU	\$344.94	PROTECTION PROS INC	SE	\$1,650.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$73.53	MARTIN MARIETTA	SU	\$1,115.41
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	SU	\$111.90	MGX EQUIPMENT SERV	EQ	\$182,665.00
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$12,007.75	SPORTS EXPRESS	SU	\$971.85
GALLS LLC	SE	\$402.67	MIDWEST SERVICE	EQ	\$3,532.15
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$239.95	NE EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$70.91
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$1,634.60	NMC, INC	EQ	\$2,436.00

HERPOLSHEIMERS	EQ	\$1,060.03	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$1,719.10
HIRERIGHT LLC	SE	\$45.50	ROBIDOUX INC	SE	\$41.82
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$84.00	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$22,616.00
JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$7,329.90	SHAFFER COMMUNIC	EQ	\$458.77
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$22,271.21	SIOUX CITY TARP	SU	\$514.34
KONICA MINOLTA PREM	EQ	\$131.48	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE	EQ	\$2,601.06
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	SE	\$36.85	MURPHY TRACTOR	EQ	\$732,992.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$654.93	LIBERTY HOUSE	SE	\$61.25
MADISON CO SHERIFF	SE	\$17.90	NE RURAL RADIO ASSOC	FE	\$140.00
MARLIN MATULKA	SE	\$45.50	SEW CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$154,927.25
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$203.00	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$1,223.78
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$6,021.89	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$93.50
MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$111.70	VIGILANT SOLUTIONS, LLC	EQ	\$4,965.00
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$1,357.01	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$228.79
MIPS INC	SE	\$122.20	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNIC	SE	\$150.00
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$792.38	THE CHANGE COMPANIES	SE	\$733.69
NE NEBR JUVENILE SERV	SE	\$1,830.00	MIDLAND RADIO CORP	EQ	\$5,380.35
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$263.43	HUSKER AUTO GROUP	EQ	\$27,163.00
PELL REPORTING INC	SE	\$136.50	DAN'S CUSTOM WORKS	SE	\$1,682.70
PER MAR SECURITY SERV	SE	\$879.50	JEO CONSULTING	SE	\$1,800.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$68.50	CONNIE LANGUEIN	SE	\$15.00
PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$2,350.00	NESCA TRAINING	FE	\$510.00
POINT C HEALTH	SE	\$115.00	CIDNET	SE	\$1,773.96
POLLACK AND BALL LLC	SE	\$200.00	MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$432.59
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$64.00	SALARIES		\$291,554.83
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$2,996.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SACK LUMBER	SU	\$21.09	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$368.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDEN	SE	\$2,337.87	DELTA DENTAL		
SEW CO SHER UNCOL FEES	FE	\$365.00	VSP VISION		
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	SE	\$207.70	WADDELL & REED		
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$7,263.25			

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

Motion Carried

Highway Supt., Jon Regnier updated the Commissioners on activities of the Road Dept. He also gave information for the Resolution for the Beaver Crossing South Bridge Project.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3803 in regard to authorizing the Chairman to sign Construction Agreement with Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) for BRO-7748(1) Beaver Crossing South Bridge.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT – BK2423

Seward County
Resolution No. 3803

Whereas: Seward County is developing a transportation project for which it intends to obtain Federal funds; and

Whereas: Seward County as a sub-recipient of Federal-Aid funding is charged with the responsibility of expending said funds in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project; and

Whereas: Seward County and Mainelli Wagner and Associates, Inc. wish to enter into a Construction Engineering Services Agreement to provide Construction Engineering Services for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County that:

Misty Ahmic, Chair of the Seward County Board of Commissioners, is hereby authorized to sign the attached Construction Engineering Services agreement between the Seward County and Mainelli Wagner and Associates, Inc.

NDOT Project Number: BRO-7748(1)
NDOT Control Number: 13363
NDOT Project Description: Beaver Crossing South

Adopted this 26th day of March, 2024 at Seward Nebraska.

Moved by: Hain Seconded by: Zabrocki
Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Raegan Hain, John K. Culver, Darrell J. Zabrocki,
Misty Ahmic, Chair of the Board

Board/Council Member Hain
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Zabrocki seconded the motion
Roll Call: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

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

Commissioner Ahmic reminded everybody to complete their evaluations of appointed officials, so they are completed by budget time.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to open the bids for mowing abandoned cemeteries in Seward County.

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

Bids were received from:

Greenr Up Lawncare, Anton Buresh, Terry Plautz and GSEC, LLC. The awarding of the bid and signing of a contract will be put on next week's agenda.

Bottle Rocket Brewing Co. submitted a Special Designated Liquor License application for an event on April 23, 2024.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Bottle Rocket Brewing Co. for an event on April 23, 2024 at 925 280th Road, Seward, NE.

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

There was discussion about the clarification of a motion in regard to the costs for the Sunrise Road Project. The correct project was not listed on the agenda correctly. The Commissioners discussed if clarification was needed. No action was taken.

The Board discussed the gWorks cancellation fees for GIS service of various offices. The Road Dept. contract will need to be collected so that the Attorney's Office can review the early cancellation portion of the contract.

Commissioner Hain led discussion on the quote from Levander's Body Shop to apply decals to county vehicles. She stated she will send an email to all department heads who have a vehicle to schedule a time for the decal to be applied to their vehicle. She also suggested it be paid out of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Moved by Hain that the board approve the quote from Levander's Body Shop to apply the remaining county logo decals to county vehicles in the amount of \$770.00 to be paid out of ARPA funds. During discussion, it was noted they supplied an estimate, not a quote.

Motion Failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Hain will get more information on a quote for the work that will be done.

Commissioners recessed at 9:57 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Dan Policky, representing the Bee Buzz Run, was present to request county road closures on April 21, 2024 for the Bee Buzz Run event. The Commissioners discussed the event and the roads he wants to close. He explained the route he is requesting to close roads circles the Village of Bee and that safety is very paramount for him, so they have people on four-wheelers, people at intersections, etc. He said funds raised from the event are for the Bee Ballroom restoration. Commissioner Culver stated he would like to have the Sheriff's Dept. included in the safety of the run by having an officer at the barricades at intersections.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to approve the request for the Bee Buzz Run and request for barricades and county road closures on April 21, 2024 from 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the following roads: 238th Road and 252nd Road from Agnew Road to Rock Creek Road; and Agnew Road and Rock Creek Road from 238th to 252nd Road; and for collaboration with the Seward County Sheriff's Department for additional support.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he went to the Highway 15 project meeting, Seward City Council meeting, SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) Board meeting and a BRIDGES meeting.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he also went to the Highway 15 project meeting. He has a Visitors Committee meeting later today and will attend an event for them next week, as well as a Region V meeting.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Transportation working group meeting via Zoom, submitted the Bridge Investment Project (BIP) grant, worked at the Zoning office during the vacancy of the Zoning Administrator, worked on a job description, attended a Zoom meeting with the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) about ROW uniformity and creating standards for counties, attended County Government Day, attended a Zoom meeting with Congressman Mike Flood's staff, sent emails to state senators, looked into another Community Projects Fund (CPF) grant, worked on the Safe Street and Roads grant, attended the Water Leaders Academy Program in Kearney, attended a Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP) meeting yesterday, worked on broadband data, and received calls about roads.

Commissioner Culver attended a Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) meeting and received calls about road conditions.

Commissioner Hain reported she attended a meeting in Lincoln for the Opioid Settlement Funds Summit, the Ag Society meeting, met with the new Jail Detention Director, attended the Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP) meeting, checked roads and received several phone calls about road conditions. She also gave suggestions to the HR Office about various subjects.

Tiffany Allen, Asst. Human Resource Director, led discussion on the catastrophic leave hours request. An employee has requested the leave as provided in our Personnel Policy. She stated she has a note from the Dr. stating the employee is able to return to work on light duty, but the department has no light duty work for this employee. Commissioner Hain suggested options for the employee to be able to work on light duty in the department. The Commissioners discussed finding opportunities for this employee to work on light duty in other departments. Some Commissioners wondered if catastrophic leave is applicable as this time.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to deny the request for 80 hours of catastrophic leave for Employee 010158.

The Commissioners then looked at the newly revised job description for the Zoning Administrator and how to give the HR office direction on posting the vacant decision. Allen handed out a proposed new job description and asked the Commissioners to review it. The position will be offered at 30 hours/week. The wages were determined by a salary study conducted last year. Ahmic has been working in the office to keep it open and stated there are a lot of things that need to be updated/worked on in the office. The approval for the new job description will be on next week's agenda.

During the Legislative Update item on the agenda, Commissioner Hain stated she is following a bill in regard to opioid settlement and Commissioner Ahmic stated she was contacted by the media about LB 1375 which removes hearings from Planning Commissions. LB 1067, the elimination of Inheritance, was also discussed. It was encouraged to contact our Senator on this bill.

Commissioner Hain led discussion of grant funds. She stated she has been gathering data and has been receiving letters of support which will be included with the grant as it is submitted. Commissioner Ahmic gave information about the grants she is working on and new grants that she has identified for Seward County and other entities as well.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on April 2, 2024 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 26, 2024

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Consider Quote from Levander's Body Shop to Apply Decals to County Vehicles
7. Discuss/Action – Clarify Motion in Regard to Engineering Fees for the 420th Road Project Community Projects Fund (CPF) Grant
8. Discuss/Action – Legislative Update
9. Discuss/Action – Grant Funds being Sought by Seward County
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for April 9, 2024

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Revised Zoning Administrator Job Description & Salary; Give Human Resources direction on Posting for Vacant Description

9:30 a.m. Public Hearing – Application for a Re-Zone from TA-1 Transitional Agricultural to C-2 Commercial in the NW ¼ of Section 4 Township 9 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res – Re-Zone from TA-1 Transitional Agricultural to C-2 Commercial in the NW ¼ of Section 4 Township 9 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

9:45 a.m. Public Hearing – Development Permit to Build and a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Telecommunications Tower in Precinct A in the SW ¼ of Section 16 Township 12 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. & Findings of Facts – Development Permit to Build and a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Telecommunications Tower in Precinct A in the SW ¼ of Section 16 Township 12 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Development Permit to Build and a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Telecommunications Tower in Precinct O in the SW ¼ of Section 9 Township 9 Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. & Finding of Facts – Development Permit to Build and a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Telecommunications Tower in Precinct O in the SW ¼ of Section 9 Township 9 Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 11:41 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 2nd day of April 2024.

County Clerk

Chairman