

March 28, 2023

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 28, 2023 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: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Deputy County Assessor: Tanya Woolsey

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 Hain to approve the minutes of March 14, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Woolsey updated the Commissioners on activities of their office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on April 11, 2023 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 28, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 8:34 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, 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 11th day of April 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

March 28, 2023

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 28, 2023 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 Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve claims for the period through March 17, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MARCH 17, 2023

ADP LLC	SE	\$2,982.15	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SU	\$1,227.57
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$30.82	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$360.07
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$180.59	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$753.23
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$19,242.40	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$20.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$3,568.75	VISA	FE	\$3,458.69
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$360.00	VOLZKE FUNERAL HOME	SE	\$1,375.00
BOB BARKER COMPANY	SE	\$158.64	WATER ENGINEERING	SE	\$1,050.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SE	\$33.99	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,201.43
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$310.97	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$1,399.50
CLERK DIST CRT-DICKINSON	SE	\$9.47	ZABKA PERDUE FUNERAL	SE	\$465.00
CULLIGAN	SE	\$70.75	DUKE AERIAL, INC	SE	\$485.00
JACK DANIEL	SE	\$30.14	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$812.36
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$238.00	FREDS AUTO ELECTRIC	SE	\$169.00
EATON CORPORATION	SE	\$76.55	CLINTON BUCHANAN	SE	\$2,900.00
ELECTION SYS & SOFTWARE	SU	\$1,243.48	GWORCS	SE	\$1,386.00
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE/TALX	EQ	\$283.90	HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$47.00
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$12,364.53	KERFORD LIMESTONE CO	SU	\$6,742.65
GALLS LLC	S	\$165.37	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$18.00	NE ASSN OF CO ENG & HWY SUP	FE	\$110.00
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$883.85	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$2,122.26
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$271.37	ROSE EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$8,133.00
IHS PHARMACY	SU	\$103.92	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	SE	\$646.04
INDOFF INC	SU	\$4.99	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE	EQ	\$3,949.57
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$21,766.96	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	UT	\$713.80
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$131.48	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$103,842.00
RYAN KRENK	SE	\$8.52	CHAPTERS BOOKS & GIFTS	SU	\$29.58
STEPHANIE LUEBBE	SE	\$11.80	JEANNE WIEMER	SE	\$269.45
SUE MEDINGER	SE	\$5.90	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$4,522.50
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$114.40	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$166,673.52
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$455.45	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$263.20
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$11,713.22	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$125.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,329.68	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$771.40
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$65.00	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$100.80

NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$84.00	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$328.30
NEBR PUBLIC HLTH ENVIR LB	SE	\$420.00	MIDWEST STORAGE SOL	SE	\$5,589.63
NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL	SE	\$316.00	ART WEARS LINCOLN	FE	\$1,895.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSN	FE	\$210.00	FAST FORENSICS LLC	SE	\$10,300.00
NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$110.00	JONES BANK	SE	\$250.00
DALE NIEMANN	SE	\$13.10	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$605.92
SCOTT PEKAREK	SE	\$14.42	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$15,600.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$375.60	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$367.85
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$71.00	911 CUSTOM	SE	\$160.00
RAMADA COLUMBUS	TR	\$192.00	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNICATE	SE	\$150.00
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$16.00	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR	EQ	\$55,448.70
ZOE RICHERT	SE	\$18.34	NE REG INTEROPERABILITY	SE	\$2,400.00
BRENT SCHLUCKEBIER	SE	\$1.97	SALARIES		\$281,463.28
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$10.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$210.36	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO ROAD FND	FE	\$1,000,000.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD SMILES	SE	\$377.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$12,679.00	VSP VISION		
ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTG	SE	\$785.28	WADDELL & REED		
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,295.47			

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

Motion Carried

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht and E911 Director, Spencer Conradt updated the Commissioners on activities of their departments.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with Matt Wullenwaber of Mid-American Benefits, attended a task force for transportation grants for Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), talked with an attorney from NACO about our vacant Public Defender position, met with the Hwy Supt. and also discussed the proposed new zoning regulations with a constituent.

Commissioner Hain reported she attended the Ag Society meeting, met with the HR office on various matters, participated in a NACO training, worked on letters of support for grants, met with County Attorney, attended the Road Foreman's meeting, attended a Four Corners Health Dept. meeting, and met with Matt Wullenwaber of Mid-American Benefits.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Blue Valley Community Action meeting, checked roads and met with the E911 Director about next year's budget.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will attend a Visitors Meeting later today and Extension Board meeting next week. He received comments about the Courthouse elevator being inoperable at the present time. He also checked roads and bridges.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he completed his county liaison contacts in regard to being a board member for Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Assn. and attended a SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) and BRIDGES meeting.

Matt Wullenwaber of Mid-American Benefits was present to give information about the Seward County Health Insurance Plan which is a partially self-funded program. He gave information about current costs and options for the next year.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve a 5% premium increase for the Seward County Health Insurance Plan.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the new health insurance plan documents.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to open bids for the mowing of abandoned cemeteries.

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

Bids were received from: Anton Buresh, Greenr-Up Lawncare and Wergin's Lawn Service. The bid will be awarded next week.

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht was present to request approval to advertise for culvert and rock and gravel bids.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Road Dept. to advertise for Culvert bids.

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

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:56 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

Matt Starkey, Veterans' Service Office/Public Transit Director, was present to discuss a Corrective Action Plan for a Federal Funding Report. The report submitted for last year did not include the financial costs for the new bus. Seward County only paid 10% of the cost and Federal and State funds aided in the rest of the costs.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman sign the Corrective Action Plan for Public Transit in response to NE Dept. of Transportation Letter dated 3/1/2023.

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

Commissioner Hain led discussion about grants applied for by Seward County. She stated that she received information back encouraging Seward County to apply for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding and letters of support could be included in the application. Letters of support were garnered from several people/organizations that will be included in the grant application.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to sign letters of support for Community Project Funding Grants.

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

During discussion of the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Commissioner Ahmic reported she is waiting for information on costs of a project presented for a grant.

During discussion of Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, Commissioner Hain suggested that for safety, the Road Dept. could use some Level 2 T-Shirts that have reflective material on them. A light jacket, 3 t-shirts with a Seward County emblem was discussed and would be paid for from County ARPA funds. Hain will get an estimate of costs.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on April 4, 2023 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 – Budget Preparation Recommendations
5. Discuss/Action – Approve minutes of March 21, 2023
6. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 28, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

7. Commissioners Reports
8. Discuss/Action – Award bids for the Abandoned Cemeteries

9. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman to sign Contract for Mowing the Abandoned Cemeteries
10. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
11. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
12. Discuss/Action – Agenda for April 11, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res. – FY 23-25 Public Transit 5311 Operating Assistance Application

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action - Res. – Volzke Farms Subdivision Short Form Plat in Precinct E in the SW ¼ of Section 4 Township 11 North Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. – Platinum Ranch Short Form Plat in Precinct J in the SW¼ of Section 12 Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res. – Snow and Ice Removal Policy for Seward County

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Public Hearing – Proposed 1 & 6 Year Road Plan

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 10:27 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, 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 4th day of April 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman