

**May 9, 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 May 9, 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.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on May 9, 2023 at 8:30 p.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver  
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Zabrocki to approve the minutes of April 25, 2023.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on May 23, 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 May 9, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting of May 9, 2023.

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

Time of adjournment: 9:45 a.m.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson

# May 9, 2023

## Seward County Board of Commissioners

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County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of May 2, 2023 meeting.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Sheriff Vance was present to give information about the contract for the Task Force Building renovation. He said some of the materials have been delivered and a claim has been submitted for those costs. There was discussion about what offices will be at the Task Force Building when the renovation is complete. Sheriff Vance stated he wanted to move the Road Patrol out to the Task Force Building and that the County Attorney had contacted him and wanted the space he would be vacating at the Justice Center. It was stated there has not been any requests to move offices at a Commissioner's meeting. It was asked that the Sheriff and Attorney come to a meeting and give information about their plans.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve and sign the contract with Altar Construction for the Task Force Building Remodel.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve the claims for the period through April 28, 2023.

### SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH APRIL 28, 2023

ACKERMAN DESIGN & ENG	SE	\$480.00	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$211,679.27
ADP LLC	SE	\$3,587.35	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$97.99
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,636.96	SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	SE	\$684.54
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$714.65	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$6,545.75
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$33.99	ST OF NE DAS COMMUN	SE	\$1,152.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$19,404.91	JAMES STECKER	FE	\$643.92
ANCHOR PROMOTIONS	SU	\$584.97	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,359.03
BOB BARKER COMPANY	SU	\$610.72	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	EQ	\$898.00
BRENNAN, NIELSEN...LAW	SE	\$975.55	USPS	SU	\$10,000.00
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$49.28	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$951.73
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	FE	\$198.15
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$10,357.49	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,025.57
CLERK OF DIST COURT	SE	\$399.00	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,335.67

COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	SU	\$169.99	EHLERS ELECTRONICS	SE	\$114.95
COMFORT INN	TR	\$235.35	GWORCS	SE	\$3,543.67
CONNER PSYCH SERV	SE	\$425.00	HEARTLAND TIRES	EQ	\$9,499.35
CORI J STAVA	SE	\$586.00	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$39.95
DOUGLAS CO CLRK DIST CRT	SE	\$8.50	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	SU	\$1,620.22
E 911	SE	\$37,100.67	TRANSIT WORKS	SE	\$55.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,860.01	TROYER CONCRETE	SE	\$375.00
EGAN SUPPLY CO	SU	\$128.56	TRUCK CENTER CO	SE	\$53.86
EGR BIRKEL & WOLLMER	SE	\$4,037.50	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$53.96
ENGINEERED CONTROLS	SU	\$338.00	ANDERSON AUTO GRP	EQ	\$37,647.00
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$6,124.80	COMMUNITY PUBLISHERS	SE	\$155.00
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$13,529.53	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$1,775.50
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$294.50	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$2,023.30
GAGE COUNTY CLERK	SE	\$750.00	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$1,679.20
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SU	\$288.84	KIDWELL INC	SE	\$1,935.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	EQ	\$2,355.49	SEWARD SHERIFF TREASURY FND	FE	\$1,450.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$460.34	ALTAR CONSTRUCTION GRP	SE	\$61,085.55
INDOFF INC	SU	\$159.99	ARROWHEAD SCIENTIFIC	SE	\$339.59
JENNIFER JOAKIM	SE	\$950.00	A1 AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$3,133.14
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,807.76	CELLEBRITE INC	EQ	\$4,200.00
KINER SUPPLY CO	SU	\$60.78	GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$605.00
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$26.06	JONES BANK	SE	\$50.00
RELX INC	SE	\$213.00	MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$215.00
MAXIMUS INC	SE	\$2,413.61	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$35,279.86
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$728.66	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$351.36
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$112.50	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$307.24
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$43,056.07	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$114.98
VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94	SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO	SE	\$227.10
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,329.68	UPS	SU	\$11.59
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$2,915.44	URIBE REFUSE SERV	SE	\$156.00
NE PUB HLTH ENVIR LB	SE	\$105.00	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	SE	\$1,000.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$138.89	SALARIES		\$283,981.96
C. JO PETERSEN	FE	\$706.97	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
POLLACK AND BALL LLC	SE	\$641.25	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
QUILL CORPORATION	SU	\$133.03	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$302.50	DELTA DENTAL		
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	VSP VISION		
SEWARD CO BRIDGES	SE	\$11,500.00	WADDELL & REED		
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$703.14			

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

Motion Carried

Jon Regnier, Asst. Highway Supt., updated the Commissioners on activities of the Road Dept. He gave information about road concerns and noted he passed the Highway Superintendent's Certification.

The Commissioners discussed a right of way permit request on Van Dorn Road between 252<sup>nd</sup> and 266<sup>th</sup> Road and between 252<sup>nd</sup> Road and Oak Avenue, Milford. Regnier stated that their preference as to where the actual boring and knifing would occur is different than what the NextLink plans show. Dale Dishman of Nextlink was present and said they could accommodate that. Plans will be changed to reflect the request. Approval of the permit will be on a future agenda.

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked on a Great Plains request for upgrading for internet, received a road comment about right of way issues, received notice that a resident complained about Windstream work, worked on some issues with the Broadband Task Force and was asked to be on the committee to choose a new Director for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

Commissioner Hain reported she worked with HR on a uniform agreement and other matters, working with Middle Creek Printers on a logo, worked with the Highway Supt. in regard to signage for dumping and is working with the county's IT vendor on the commissioner's page of county website.

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with emails, worked on the panic button issue, checked some abandoned cemeteries and some roads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Region V meeting and will have Extension Board meeting and Visitors Committee meeting in the coming weeks.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he went to the Seward City Council meeting, attended the Nebraska Interlocal Risk Management Assn. (NIRMA) roundtable event and meeting, received a road issue complaint and a complaint about an abandoned cemetery.

The Commissioners considered a nomination for the 2023 Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to nominate Carla Zarybnicky to the 2023 NE Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:55 a.m.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to open the public hearing at 10:00 a.m.

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

Matt Starkey, Seward County General Assistance Director, stated that the hearing is for updating the General Assistance Guidelines for 2023. He gave information about updating the policy which is required every 2 - 3 years.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to close the public hearing at 10:07 a.m.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3754 to approve the proposed 2023 General Assistance Guidelines.

**RESOLUTION NO 3754 OF THE  
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, the county board of each county shall furnish such medical service as may be required for the poor of the county who are not eligible for other medical assistance programs and general assistance for the poor of the county. Such general assistance shall be in amounts established by the county board as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 68-133 and shall be adequate to ensure maintenance of minimum health and decency.

**WHEREAS**, each county shall establish a standard of need for medical services furnished, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 68-104, by the counties to indigent persons who are not eligible for other medical assistance programs. This standard shall not exceed the Office of Management and Budget income poverty guidelines.

**WHEREAS**, each county shall adopt written standards of eligibility and assistance for general assistance to poor persons. Such standards shall be in compliance with all applicable Nebraska Law;

**WHEREAS**, the standards established pursuant to Section 68-133 and all amendments to such standards shall be reviewed by the county on a biennial basis to ensure that such standards reflect changes in living standards and cost-of-living.

**WHEREAS**, Seward County has updated its written standards of eligibility and assistance for general assistance to poor persons.

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held Seward County to permit discussion and the presentation of testimony or evidence by interested persons regarding the new written standards. Notice of such hearing was published not more than twenty days nor less than ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper in general circulation throughout the county.

**WHEREAS**, X No one appeared to oppose the GA Guidelines

     Individuals appeared to oppose the GA Guideline

  X   No one appeared to support the GA Guidelines

     Individuals appeared to support the Guidelines

     Individuals appeared without commitment, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the attached written standards of eligibility and assistance for general assistance to poor persons is hereby adopted.

**FURTHER**, it shall be resolved that all prior written standards of eligibility and assistance for general assistance to poor persons is hereby rescinded and shall be null and void.

**FURTHER**, the General Assistance Director shall cause a copy of the new standards and amendments to such standards to be filed with the Department of Health and Human Services within (30) thirty days after their adoption by the county.

**FURTHER**, a copy of these standards and amendments shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours.

General Assistance Guidelines attached to Original Resolution.

Moved by: Ahmic                      Seconded by: Zabrocki                      May 9, 2023

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:11 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:15 a.m.

Dylan Wiemer and Sharon Powell of the Village of Utica were present requesting Seward County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for a lift station project

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Village of Utica's request for American Rescue Plan Act funds for a secondary lift station line in the amount of \$81,941.15.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for April 2023 in the amount of \$4,017.34.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for April 2023 in the amount \$19,703.75.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss strategy.

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

The Chairman restated that the reason for Executive Session was for strategy.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to go out of Executive Session at 11:20 a.m.

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

Motion Carried

The Chairman stated that strategy was discussed in Executive Session and no decisions were made.

Ahmic led discussion on the "Setting Bylaws for the Planning Commission" item on the agenda. Commissioners and the legal counsel gave their suggested changes. Ahmic will make the changes to the proposed bylaws and it will be discussed at a future meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki led discussion on the audit for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year item on the agenda. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, helped in making a proposed RFP. Zabrocki stated that bids are not required for this service. He stated he has contacted some CPA firms to see if they are interested in performing a county audit. After discussion, Zabrocki will get more information and the item will be put on a future agenda.

In regard to the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Ahmic said she will be contacting Mark Mainelli soon to get information for grants for which we want to apply.

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on May 16, 2023 are as follows:**

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of May 9, 2023

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

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Logo for the Seward County Road Dept. Safety Apparel
7. Discuss/Action – Audit for Seward County for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Executive Session – Strategy
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for May 23, 2023

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – E911 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Windstream to Present Phone Proposal to Replace Phone System for Seward County

10:20 a.m. Discuss/Action – Allo to Present Phone Proposal to Replace Phone System for Seward County

10:40 a.m. Discuss/Action – Great Plains to Present Phone Proposal to Replace Phone System for Seward County

11:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Unite to Present Phone Proposal to Replace Phone System for Seward County

11:20 a.m. Discuss/Action – Kidwell to Present Phone Proposal to Replace Phone System for Seward County

Zabrocki is absent at 12:18 a.m.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

Time of adjournment: 12:21 p.m.

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

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County Clerk

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Chairman