

# May 23, 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 23, 2023 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 23, 2023 at 8:30 a.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 Ahmic to approve the minutes of May 9, 2023.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the following Tax List Corrections: 409-20R for Melvin & Clarice Bolte, 410-20R for Dennis & Patricia Hill, 411-20R for Connie R & Donald Hoile, 412-20R for Vernon & Diane Nowacki, 413-20R for Ronald & Kathryn Tucker, 414-23R for accelerated taxes for 2023 for Robert & Coleen Menze.

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

### **Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on June 13, 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 23, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic adjourn the May 23, 2023 Board of Equalization meeting.

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

Time of adjournment: 9:02 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson

# May 23, 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 May 23, 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.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on May 23, 2023 at 9:04 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Zabrocki to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting.

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

Motion Carried

There was a short discussion about a claim being paid with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the claims through the period of May 12, 2023.

### SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MAY 12, 2023

ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	SEWARD CO TREASURER	SE	\$30.00
ACKERMAN DESIGN	SE	\$151.00	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$143.63
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,551.05	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$1,286.52
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	EQ	\$135.13	SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORP	SE	\$3,024.00
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$38.20	SPARETIME	SU	\$77.92
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$444.32	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTNG	SE	\$785.28
AMERICAN JAIL ASSOC	FE	\$100.00	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,450.84
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$19,279.41	THOMSON REUTERS	FE	\$1,795.91
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,555.51	VALENTINO'S SEWARD	SU	\$161.61
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$360.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	SE	\$2,736.39
BOARDERS INN & SUITES	TR	\$190.00	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$20.00
BOB BARKER CO	SE	\$1,984.23	VISA	FE	\$6,521.84
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$392.11	VOLZKE FUNERAL HOME	SE	\$50.00
BRYAN MEDICAL CENTER	SE	\$61.50	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,140.00
CENTEC CAST METAL PROD	EQ	\$813.74	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$1,008.00
CHARTER COMMUN	UT	\$310.97	BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$356.39
CORNHUSKER INTL TRUCKS	SE	\$215.00	G & P DEVEL LANDFILL	SE	\$41.49
CUMMINS SALES & SERVICE	EQ	\$3,930.79	RONALD STACHURA	SE	\$1,383.86
DELL MARKETING L P	SE	\$290.34	HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$77.00
DIAMOND DRUGS, INC	SU	\$232.33	KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY	SU	\$227.27
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$3,112.65	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$175.00
EGAN SUPPLY CO	SU	\$3,780.47	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$255.32
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	SE	\$81.98	MIDWEST MACHINERY	SE	\$172.87

FARMERS COOP	SU	\$15,839.43	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES	EQ	\$2,575.00
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$26.25	MILLER SEED	SU	\$300.00
FRYE FRAZEY & ASSOC	SE	\$17,100.00	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$98.40
GALLS LLC	SE	\$639.22	NMC, INC	SE	\$5,246.94
GWORKS	SE	\$21,323.00	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$1,473.10
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$243.25	POWERPLAN	EQ	\$4,130.39
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$386.99	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$21,758.00
KEARNEY INVESTMENT CORP	FE	\$235.90	SNAP-ON INDUSTRIAL	EQ	\$12,080.90
HSI EMERGENCY CARE SOL	SE	\$2,031.50	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$713.80
INDOFF INC	SU	\$32.97	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$145.61
INPATIENT PHYSICIAN ASSOC	SE	\$126.54	CATTLE BANK & TRUST	FE	\$87,880.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$1,821.83	CHAPTERS BOOKS	SU	\$55.16
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,681.88	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING	SE	\$1,063.50
KANSAS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY	TR	\$19.00	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$1,632.50
DAVID KIMBLE	SE	\$189.00	DELTA DENTAL OF NE	SE	\$234.53
KINER SUPPLY CO	SU	\$282.77	VISION SERVICE PLAN INS	FE	\$15.57
KIRBY ROTH INSURANCE	SE	\$100.00	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$68.75
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$131.48	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$100.80
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.69	NATL ASSN DRUG COURT	SE	\$1,590.00
LANGUAGELINC INTERPRET	SE	\$21.00	PETERS, BRIAN	SE	\$231.25
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$1,090.09	MORGAN CAMPBELL	SE	\$102.67
MARLIN G MATULKA	SE	\$298.70	JONES BANK	SE	\$50.00
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$31.10	LANGUAGE LINE SERV	SE	\$142.50
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$448.57	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$936.21
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$3,700.03	TRANSUNION RISK	SE	\$616.40
MILLS & REITER	SE	\$617.50	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$1,007.72
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$2,942.65	VIGILNET	SE	\$208.50
NEBR ASSN OF ZONING	FE	\$40.00	NATL CURRICULUM & TRAIN	SE	\$1,718.98
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$183.00	THE CHANGE COMPANIES	SE	\$383.88
NEBR PUB HLTH ENVIR LB	SE	\$210.00	ENGINEERED CONTROLS	EQ	\$64,450.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	FE	\$17.00	UNIVRSL BRDBND CONSULT	SE	\$234.00
NEXTLINK AIS	SE	\$110.00	APCO INTL	SE	\$384.00
ONESOURCE	SE	\$36.50	FIRST WIRELESS	UT	\$9,022.66
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$187.98	GEOCOMM INC	UT	\$5,989.00
PAC N SAVE	SU	\$228.66	HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$153.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$170.00	NOTARY PUB UNDERWRITERS	SE	\$95.00
PEREZ INTERPRETING	SE	\$200.00	WAHLTEK	SE	\$2,703.75
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$1,007.92	CIDNET	SE	\$2,877.66
CA MARKETING, INC	SE	\$1,225.59	SALARIES		\$282,460.55
POLLACK AND BALL LLC	SE	\$2,631.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
QUADIENT FINANCE USA	SE	\$242.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
QUADIENT LEASING USA	EQ	\$231.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$22.46	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$2,354.37	VSP VISION		
SEWARD CO SHERIFF	SE	\$20.50	WADDELL & REED		
SEW CO SHERIFF UNCOL FEES	FE	\$372.00			

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

Motion Carried

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the County Clerk's Special Election by Mail Report for the Milford Special Election held on May 9, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Lawrence Jensen was present to ask about a bridge one mile north of Cordova on Yankee Hill Road and why it was taken off the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Commissioner Hain said she had visited the site of the bridge and had visited with Mr. Jensen on the issue. The bridge is in very bad shape and on a minimum maintenance road. It was explained that those wishing to use the bridge can access their fields another way and that projects have to be prioritized in order to be on the Plan.

The Commissioners discussed the request from Wicht to change to 10-hour days for the Road Department. Wicht explained that the construction crew and the truck drivers are already on 10-hour days, but not his maintenance crew. He would like to add his construction crew to the

10-hour day timeframe. The Commissioners discussed the request and those employees that it would affect and decided to wait until a later date to consider the request.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3757 in regard to authorizing the Chairman to sign the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation Agreement for work on the Bee Spur Bridge.

RESOLUTION NO. 3757 OF THE  
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA FOR PROJECT NO. STP-S80B (114).

Be it resolved by the Commissioners of the County of Seward, Nebraska, that:

1. The county shall enter into an Agency Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project No. STP-S80B (114) for the purpose of bridge improvements on State Spur S80B ("Spur S80B") within Seward County.
2. The county commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of Seward County.
3. This resolution will be marked Exhibit "C" and a copy attached to each Original Agreement.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF MAY 2023.

Moved by: Zabrocki                      Seconded by: Hain  
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: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver                      Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed the Potential Dust Control Test to McKelvie Road between 196<sup>th</sup> Road and Hwy 34 item on the agenda. Both he and the Commissioners have received many complaints about the dust. Wicht stated our Road Dept. employees will prep the road and then a product called DustLock will be applied by the DustLock Company. A grant was awarded to help with the cost that will be paid ½ by the County and ½ by the company. The Commissioners asked Wicht to wait one week and make sure the funds are available in his budget and report on details that came up during discussion.

Wicht stated the present loader in the Road Dept. has over 9,000 hours on it and either needs to be overhauled or a new one needs to be purchased. He has requested a new one be purchased from Sourcewell, which is a procurement company for state and local governments. He was able to get quotes for several companies through Sourcewell and gave that information to the Commissioners. He stated he does have the funds in his budget and is asking if he can purchase one or if they want him to go out for bids for this piece of equipment.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to purchase a new John Deere Loader from Sourcewell in the amount \$266,743.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:31 a.m.  
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:36 a.m.

Ann Dobesh of the Extension Office was present to ask if county funds could be used for staff apparel. She stated the staff does get one piece of apparel from the University and would ask that she be able to purchase one for them from the County. It would have the University logo on it.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain that the Extension Office staff apparel purchase be approved.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed the proposed phone system for Seward County. Last week presentations were given by Windstream, Allo, Unite and Great Plains. Commissioner Culver stated he felt service and support is important as well as the billing. Other Commissioners stated they also felt past issues with timing to address downtime was very important. Spencer Conradt, 911 Director, was present and stated that there have been many times in the past 60 days that there have been issues with the current phone company and support has not been timely. All Commissioners voiced their recommendations.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept Allo as the new phone provider for Seward County.

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

Motion Carried

Roxanne Knutson, Interim HR Director, brought several agreements for the Commissioners consideration related to our annual health insurance plan with Mid-American Benefits, Inc. as our Third-Party Administrator (TPA).

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman to sign the Hines Agreement, Midland's Choice Appendix A, Mid-American Benefits Administrative Service Agreement and Reinsurance Agreement all for the 2023-2024 Health Insurance Renewal Plan.

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

Motion Carried

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Ahmic reported she checked abandoned cemeteries, received comments about roads and trash, met with the HR Director, worked with the Hwy Supt. and Commissioner Hain on job descriptions, had a meeting with UNL Extension, and worked with a group involved with finding a new Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Director.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with Aging Partners staff and then attended their quarterly meeting, participated in a Zoom meeting with Continuum, worked with the Hwy Supt. and Commissioner Ahmic about various road matters, met with Lawrence Jensen, received calls about road matters, attended the Road Dept. Foreman meetings, worked with a printer concerning a county logo, delivered cookies to the Sheriff's Office and talked to Extension Staff about items for abandoned cemeteries.

Commissioner Culver reported he received calls about road concerns, met with Court Clerks and Judges, and has a special meeting for 911 this week. He also stated he talked with an architect who is working on a dome in another county who wants to look at our courthouse dome as they are similar.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he met with Extension Office staff, had a Visitors Committee meeting, attended the Rotary Banquet, and has a meeting this week with the staff of the Extension Office

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council, attended a BRIDGES meeting, received calls about various items, got in touch with the Magic Lights vendor about the courthouse silhouette lights around the courthouse and worked with the audit RFP.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to note that a discussion was held during the Executive Session held on May 17, 2023 and that the Board reached a consensus and action was taken on that basis and to ratify that action.

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

Motion Carried

In regard to the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Ahmic reported she is waiting on traffic counts for specific roads for the Planning Grant for the Safe Streets and Road Grant. Other various information about grants was discussed.

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on May 30, 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 23, 2023

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

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for June 6, 2023

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn the May 23, 2023 Commissioners meeting.

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

Time of adjournment at 11:46 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

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County Clerk

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Chairman