

# October 8, 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 October 8, 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.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on October 8, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic  
Members: Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki  
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer  
County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky  
Absent: Member: John Culver

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 September 23, 2024.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

Discussion was held about setting levies. According to law, all entities that want a levy set for them must file a budget with the County Clerk by September 30 of that year. The Village of Staplehurst did not submit a budget. Last year, a different village did not submit a budget by the deadline. In that instance, the Board set a levy according to their tax request from the prior year. In this case, members of the Board decided that for this year, they would do the same thing for Staplehurst but send a letter to all villages that in the future, if they do not file their budget by the deadline, no levy will be set.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3821 in regard to setting the levies for the following Seward County Entities:

### Resolution 3821 of the Seward County Board of Equalization

WHEREAS, Pursuant to State Statute 77-1601, each County Board of Equalization shall each year, on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of October levy the necessary taxes for the current year if within the limit of the law, AND,

WHEREAS, These levies shall include the amounts for operations of county government and shall also include all levies necessary to fund tax requests certified and authorized as provided in sections 77-3442 to 77-3444.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Seward County Board of Equalization hereby levies the taxes as requested and certified, for the various political subdivisions as set forth in Exhibit A attached and incorporated b reference herein.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024

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

10/8/24				
Exhibit A				
SEWARD COUNTY LEVIES				
2024-2025				
SUBDIVISION	FUNDS - List each one separately	VALUATION	FINAL LEVY	2023-2024 Tax Request
<b>County</b>				
Seward County	General	\$3,784,863,148	0.254234	\$9,622,427.00
Seward County	Debt Service	\$3,784,863,148	0.018495	\$700,000.00
Seward County	Veteran's Aid	\$3,784,863,148	0.000000	\$0.00
<b>Total Seward County</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>0.272729</b>	<b>\$10,322,427.00</b>
<b>Schools</b>				
SD#5-Milford	General	\$831,286,966	0.932289	\$7,750,000.00
SD#5-Milford	Special Bldg.	\$831,286,966	0.000000	\$0.00
<b>Total Milford School Dist</b>			<b>0.932289</b>	<b>\$7,750,000.00</b>
SD 9-Seward	General	\$2,007,893,020	0.669932	\$13,451,515.00
SD 9-Seward	Bond	\$2,007,807,100	0.080494	\$1,616,162.00
SD 9-Seward	Spec. Bldg.	\$2,007,893,020	0.020123	\$404,040.00
<b>Total Seward School Dist.</b>			<b>0.770549</b>	<b>\$15,471,717.00</b>
SD#67-Centennial	General	\$1,740,088,893	0.433725	\$7,547,201.00
SD#67-Centennial	Bond - K-12	\$1,740,088,893	0.046347	\$806,472.00
SD#67-Centennial	Special Bldg.	\$1,740,088,893	0.034905	\$607,385.00
<b>Total Centennial School District</b>			<b>0.514977</b>	<b>\$8,961,058.00</b>
<b>Cities &amp; Villages</b>				
Beaver Crossing	General	\$26,470,960	0.441994	\$117,000.00
Bee	General	\$17,004,412	0.450000	\$76,519.86
Cordova	General	\$9,459,338	0.116287	\$11,000.00
Garland	General	\$15,135,937	0.450000	\$68,111.72
Goehner	General	\$15,887,626	0.290571	\$46,164.82
Milford	General	\$161,920,085	0.437607	\$708,573.80
Milford	Bond	\$161,920,085	0.042305	\$68,500.00
Pleasant Dale	General	\$17,778,910	0.400000	\$71,115.64
Seward	General	\$720,938,042	0.299000	\$2,155,604.74
Seward Airport	General	\$720,938,042	0.035000	\$252,328.31
Staplehurst	General	\$14,037,565	0.299969	\$42,108.33
Utica	General	\$68,470,638	0.334589	\$229,095.02
Utica	Bond	\$68,470,638	0.084633	\$57,949.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
J Precinct Cemetery	General	\$214,570,375	0.000783	\$1,680.00
Pleasant Dale Cemetery	General	\$211,998,655	0.000847	\$1,795.00
Seward County Ag. Society	General	\$3,784,863,148	0.010568	\$400,000.00
Seward Fire District	General	\$3,091,160,807	0.019190	\$593,207.19
Seward Fire District	Sinking	\$3,091,160,807	0.006225	\$192,430.00
Seward Fire District	Bond	\$3,091,160,807	0.012124	\$374,785.00

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on October 22, 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 October 8, 2024
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 8:22 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: ZH Schmieding Ahmic

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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

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Chairperson

**October 8, 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 9:00 a.m. on October 8, 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.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on October 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic  
Members: Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki  
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer  
Absent: Member: John Culver

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 Hain to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a. Minutes of October 1, 2024
- b. Zoning Fee Report for September 2024 in the amount of \$975.00
- c. District Court Fee Report for September 2024 in the amount of \$6,760.68
- d. County Clerk Fee Report for September in the amount of \$38,498.50

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki Hain Schmieding Ahmic

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve claims for the period through September 27, 2024 but deny Claim # 24100078 to Mainelli and Associates.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

ADP INC	SE	\$2,969.10	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$19,075.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$222.33	VERITAS LEGAL ASSOC	SE	\$17,143.56
AERNI LAW, LLC	SE	\$387.50	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,463.34
ALLO COMMUN	UT	\$5,495.71	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$72.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$21,474.08	VISA	FE	\$579.06
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$878.67	WATER ENGINEERING	SE	\$210.00
BURESH LAWN CARE	SE	\$700.00	CANDICE WOOSTER LAW	SE	\$3,348.04
HOLLY BURNS, MA, LIMHP	SE	\$267.88	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$19,886.00
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,625.00	YORK COUNTY COURT	SE	\$127.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$39.14	EHLERS ELECTRONICS	SE	\$83.85
CAPITAL CITY TRANSFER	SE	\$467.40	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$636.99
CATTLE BANK & TRUST	SE	\$208.68	RONALD STACHURA	SE	\$285.00
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$14,867.69	HAMILTON EQUIP CO	EQ	\$12,500.00
CUMMINS SALES	EQ	\$665.23	HEARTLAND TIRES	SE	\$120.12
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$22.80	HYDRAULIC EQUIP SERV	SE	\$21.75
E 911	SE	\$39,183.83	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$31,788.67
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$5,908.81	MASTER MAGNETICS	EQ	\$7,121.03
EGR BIRKEL & WOLLMER	SE	\$410.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
ES&S	SU	\$9,701.81	MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$275.00
FILLMAN LAW	SE	\$1,243.75	MIDWEST SERVICE	EQ	\$998.80
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SU	\$10.00	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$54.62
HERPOLSHEIMERS	EQ	\$1,149.35	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$51.07
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$464.99	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$127.99
J S WURM & ASSOC	SE	\$101.25	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$20,804.66
CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON	SE	\$487.50	BURDEN SALES CO	EQ	\$290.55
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$21,649.77	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$53.96
KOTIK & MCCLURE, ATTY	SE	\$1,012.50	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$17,489.62
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.00	BEAVER CROSS CHAMBER	FE	\$2,500.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$3,282.77	SEWARD COUNTY BRIDGES	FE	\$2,500.00
LIFEGUARD MD	SE	\$201.00	WHATS THE SCOOP	FE	\$2,500.00
MADISON CO SHERIFF	SE	\$29.90	BERN'S BODY SHOP	FE	\$1,000.00
EMILY MANNING	SE	\$31.37	RELENTLESS LLC	SE	\$4,950.00
MARLIN MATULKA	SE	\$756.63	MAXMILIAN MCKEEVER	SE	\$14,682.56
MATTSON RICKETTS LAW	SE	\$282.00	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNIC	UT	\$1,327.78
MCHENRY, HASZARD	SE	\$1,157.75	HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$1,397.00
MCKESSON MEDICAL	SU	\$191.07	MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$472.38
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$451.83	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$167.99
MID-AMERICAN INS	FE	\$46,775.55	UTICA BODY & PAINT	SE	\$400.00
SPORTS EXPRESS	SU	\$220.50	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNICAT	SE	\$150.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$904.25	NORRIS PUBL POWER DIST	UT	\$590.43
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,264.46	FELSBURG HOLT & ULLEVI	SE	\$4,865.00
MORROW, POPPE	SE	\$5,888.84	KIRKHAM, MICHAEL	SE	\$2,543.00
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$305.97	MARVIN PLAN CONSULT	SE	\$4,300.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$855.00	SEWARD CO GENERAL FND	FE	\$675,000.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$48.14	CENTRALSQUARE TECH	EQ	\$10,244.75
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$5,212.50	NEBRASKA APCO/NENA	SE	\$516.00
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$214.00	CENTURYLINK	SE	\$4,572.89
SEI EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$150.00	UNITE PRIVATE NETWORK	SE	\$327.00
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$112,103.50	SALARIES		\$306,194.39
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$341.10	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD SHERIFF UNCOL FEE	FE	\$350.00	AMERITAS DENTAL		
JOY SHIFFERMILLER	SE	\$2,056.25	AMERITAS VISION		
SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$7,959.75	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
NE DAS STATE ACCNTNG	SE	\$1,221.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
NE DAS COMMUNIC	SE	\$1,382.40	POINT C FSA		
SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$17,722.21	WADDELL & REED		
SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$2,050.00			

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

During the Public/Organizations/Officials time on the agenda, Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, introduced Gary Petersen, Emergency Manager, honoring him for 30 years of service to Seward County.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, Planning Commission meeting, participated in the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) Roundtable Zoom meeting, and took the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) appraiser to all the Seward County owned real estate.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will attend the Tree Board meeting tonight and the Extension Board meeting on Thursday. He will also attend the 4-H Appreciation Night in the later part of October.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Milford City Council Meeting, a meeting with Marvin & Associates on the zoning regulations, met with a new Planning Commission member, met with the Judges about the Public Defender contract, put together an RFP for a grant writer, participated in a Zoom meeting with Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), attended the Planning Commission meeting, received road complaints, received a call from US Cellular about broadband.

Commissioner Hain reported she participated in a call with jail staff about programming needs, worked on the possible legislation for the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Legislative Conference this week, met with the Road Dept. staff about renaming a road, gave information about the Tire Recycling event, followed up on a road ditch issue near Utica, reviewed the RFP for the grant writer, and received phone calls about road conditions.

Heidi Fleischman, Office Manager for the Road Dept., presented a resolution for the Board's consideration. It was to change a road from Minimum Maintenance to Local.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3822 in regard to approving the change of a Road Classification of 168<sup>th</sup> Road North of Adams from Minimum Maintenance to Local.

RESOLUTION NO. 3822 OF THE  
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the roadway located in Seward County described as follows: 168<sup>th</sup> Road starting at the SE Corner of Section 10, Township 10, Range 4E, and at SW corner of Section 11, Township 10, Range 4E thence North approximately 1600 feet, currently has a State Functional Classification of "Minimum Maintenance" as classified by the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the functional classification of "Minimum Maintenance" roads consist of (a) roads used occasionally by a limited number of people as alternative access roads for areas served primarily by local, collector, or arterial roads or (b) roads which are the principal access roads to agricultural lands for farm machinery and which are not primarily used by passenger or commercial vehicles;

WHEREAS, Seward County plans to make improvements to this roadway in the future to allow for use by passenger or commercial vehicles in order to provide access to a residence;

WHEREAS, since the roadway will be used by passenger and/or commercial vehicles, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §39-2013, the appropriate functional classification should be "Local"; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska, respectfully request the Nebraska Department of Transportation

change the functional classification and designate said segment of roadway to be functionally classified as "Local."

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

Moved by: Hain                      Seconded by: Zabrocki

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

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

The Board discussed the agreements with Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) that were on the agenda.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chair to sign the Public Member Agreement with Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP).

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chair to sign the Funding Disbursement Agreement with Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP).

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 15, 2024 are as follows:**

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of October 8, 2024

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

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Organizations/Officials
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Agenda for October 22, 2024

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 9:34 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

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County Clerk

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Chairman