

October 11, 2022

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 11, 2022 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 11, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, 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 Zabrocki to approve the minutes of September 27, 2022.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve Tax List Correction 190-22P.

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

There was lengthy discussion about not receiving a budget from the Village of Bee in order to set a levy for them. Deputy County Attorney Barb Armstead recommended setting the same tax request as last year.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3713 in regard to setting levies for Seward County entities.

Resolution 3713 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 15th 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 by reference herein.

Dated this 11th day of September 2022

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Zabrocki
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell J. Zabrocki,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Woolsey updated the Commissioners on activities of the Assessor's office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on October 25, 2022 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 11, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 9:05 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 25th day of October 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

October 11, 2022
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 9:10 a.m. on October 11, 2022 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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Present: Chairperson: John Culver
 Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of October 4, 2022.
 Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the claims for the period through September 30, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$123.46	SEWARD CO SHERIFF UNCOL FEES	FE	\$345.00
AGING SERVS FUND	FE	\$21,183.00	SEWARD CO TREASURER	FE	\$110.00
AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$696.00	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$342.86
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$20.62	SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	SU	\$142.15
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIP	EQ	\$90.00	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$6,527.75
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SU	\$173.09	SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORP	EQ	\$3,031.40
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$19,666.96	S. E. NEBRASKA DEVELOP. DIST	FE	\$12,022.00
BIZCO INC	EQ	\$27,237.52	ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC	SE	\$448.00
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$566.58	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$3,129.77
BRENNAN...LAW OFFICES	SE	\$1,146.25	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO	SU	\$5,488.00
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	EQ	\$910.87
CEDARS	SE	\$218.25	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,689.62
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$12,720.11	VOLZKE FUNERAL HOME	SE	\$1,085.00
CLERK OF THE DIST COURT	SE	\$524.00	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	FE	\$198.15
CONNER PSYCH SERVICES	SE	\$385.00	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,017.39
DES MOINES STAMP	SU	\$117.20	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$3,005.50
DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	SE	\$31,339.91	YORK CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.50
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$25.90	ACE IRRIGATION	EQ	\$10,144.00
E 911	SE	\$57,056.67	ARVEST EQUIP FINANCE	FE	\$6,175.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$748.39	KENNETH E PANKOKE	SE	\$583.56
EHLERS ELECTRONICS	SE	\$110.00	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$141.06
KEARNEY HOSPITALITY	TR	\$245.90	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$135,553.77
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$271.00	FEHLHAFERS INC	SE	\$40.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS	EQ	\$730.14	HYDRAULIC EQUIP SERV	SE	\$260.98
HOBSON AUTO	SE	\$361.99	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$34,655.22
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$479.51	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
INDOFF INC	SU	\$813.87	NE EQUIPMENT	SE	\$11.81
JEO CONSULTING GROUP	SE	\$1,263.12	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$51.34
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,088.91	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$74.99
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$20.62	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO	EQ	\$950.22
MADISON CO SHERIFF	SE	\$46.28	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	SE	\$307.30
MAXIMUS INC	SE	\$2,600.00	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$29,858.50
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$26.00	SEWARD ELECTRONICS	SE	\$23.99
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$127.50	THE SHOP, INC	SU	\$250.00
MID-AMERICAN INS	FE	\$46,679.48	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$53.48
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$877.84	ASPEN EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$5,630.00
MILWKEE CO CLRK CIR CRT	SE	\$30.21	AGING PARTNERS	SE	\$244.44
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,329.68	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$170.10
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$352.98	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$387.10
ONESOURCE	SE	\$128.50	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$219.80
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$406.21	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$5,795.07
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$65.00	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$5,354.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$50.00	N TEXAS TOLLWAY AUTH	TR	\$22.38
PHELPS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.00	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUN	SE	\$150.00
PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	SU	\$140.80	SPEC TRAINING SERV	SE	\$539.90
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$4,759.50	MIDLANDS CONTRACTING	SE	\$23,319.05
QUADIENT LEASING USA	FE	\$81.98	LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$277.54
KEARNEY LODGING	TR	\$158.00	SALARIES		\$288,548.74
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$1,503.14	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$20,012.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SAUNDERS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.50	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO CHAMBER	SE	\$58,350.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$707.00	VSP VISION		
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$252,377.50	WADDELL & REED		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$80.56			

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

Motion Carried

During public comment Raegan Hain made comments about the Geocharged Project on Highway 34 near Tamora.

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, updated the Board about activities of his office.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Emergency Manager to apply for the Emergency Manager Performance Grant.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Milford City Council meeting, a meeting with the Zoning Administrator and a representative of JEO, met with a sub-committee of the Planning Commission, met with the HR Dept., started a genealogy grant, attended a meeting with Zoning Administrator about spraying a noxious weed with a drone.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he researched road complaints and turned in information to the Assessor's office.

Commissioner Culver reported he worked with various emails he received.

Commissioner Schmieding reminded everybody about the tree planting at the National Guard Museum on October 17, 2023. He attended an Extension Board meeting and will attend the City of Seward Tree Board meeting tonight.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, viewed the last series of a TIF seminar via Zoom, and attended the NIRMA HR Roundtable seminar also via Zoom.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for September 2022 in the amount of \$9,623.61.

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

The Commissioners discussed the NE Dept. of Agricultural Land Owner Drone Spraying Grant. Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, led discussion about the issue. She stated that phragmites, a noxious weed, are clogging up floodways and drainage areas and because of it, the water was not traveling correctly. She stated that there are grants for spraying with drones and said that she has located 30 areas needed to be sprayed. She and Commissioner Ahmic showed pictures of the drone used for spraying some areas in Seward County.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for September 2022 in the amount of \$39,662.52.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3714 in regard to allowing First Bank of Utica to replace a letter of credit.

**Resolution No. 3714 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners**

WHEREAS, The FIRST BANK OF UTICA desires to replace an irrevocable letter of credit, number 72404, which expired 10/05/22, and will be replaced by an irrevocable letter of credit, number 76935, in the amount of \$3,450,000.00. The effective date is 10/05/2022. The expiration date is 10/04/2023.

Whereas: County funds need to be fully protected; therefore, let it be resolved, the irrevocable letter of credit replacement is approved by this County Board.

Date Adopted: 10/11/2022

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Zabrocki
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Robert Vrbka,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, was present to talk about the Rising Stars Leadership Program. The Board stated they thought the program was a very worthy program, but felt that since it starts in a week, it was too soon to find an employee to participate. The cost is \$1,350 for the program and can be paid with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:58 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to have the Board consider the agreements involving the Goehner Paving to Beck's Hybrid project.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request to sign the Economic Opportunity Agreements for Project C-80(687) Goehner Paving to Beck's Hybrid.

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

The Commissioners discussed the vacancy of the Clerk of the District Court Position. Tera Koetter, Clerk of the District Court, is resigning October 16, 2022. The current Deputy, Sheila Lueders, was present and said she would be willing to be appointed Clerk of the District Court for the remainder of the term, which ends January 4, 2022.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to appoint Sheila Lueders, Deputy Clerk, as Clerk of the District Court for the remainder of the term effective October 17, 2022.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with BRIDGES from July 1 2022 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$11,500.

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

The Commissioners discussed the November 8, 2022 meeting. The County Clerk asked that the Board have a limited agenda due to November 8th being Election Day.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to set a limited agenda for November 8, 2022.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign a Surplus Property Disposal Equipment Request for the Emergency Manager.

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

During Infrastructure Related Grants discussion, Commissioner Ahmic reported that she has helped the Seward County Genealogical Society with preservation of school records.

During Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds item on the agenda, Ahmic reported that the new Garland Village Clerk contacted her about County ARPA grants. Ahmic helped them with information about applying for funds.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 18, 2022 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 11, 2022

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 – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for October 25, 2022

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn 10:21 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka Zabrocki Ahmic Schmieding Culver

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 18th day of October 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman