

October 22, 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 22, 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.

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Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic
Members: Raegan Hain, John Culver 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of October 8, 2024.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver, Hain, Ahmic Motion Carried

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on November 12, 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 22, 2024
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to adjourn at 8:49 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Culver, Schmieding, Zabrocki, 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 12th day of November 2024.

County Clerk

Chairperson

October 22, 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 22, 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.

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a. Minutes of October 15, 2024
- b. Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for August 2024 in the amount of \$1,628.00 & \$949.90 respectively

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver, Ahmic

Voting Yes: Hain, but stated she was not present on October 15, 2024. Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to approve the claims through October 11, 2024.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH OCTOBER 11, 2024

ACCESS RECVABLES MGT	SE	\$852.00	SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	SU	\$92.58
ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$3,712.72	SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$654.75
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$134.33	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTG	SE	\$795.50
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$57.06	ST OF NE DAS COMMUN	SE	\$2,688.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$21,489.99	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$8,892.53
JOLENE ASCHENBRENNER	SE	\$45.00	THOMSON REUTERS	EQ	\$1,184.90
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$894.64	ULINE	SU	\$60.00
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$1,117.77	UNL AEM BUSINESS CNTR	SE	\$11,202.82
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$550.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$40.01
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$480.00	VISA	FE	\$7,766.11
BLUE VALLEY COMM ACT	SE	\$14,149.00	VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94
BOB BARKER CO	SE	\$1,070.22	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	EQ	\$230.66
BRENNAN, NIELSEN	SE	\$3,999.55	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$1,053.00
BURESH LAWN CARE	SE	\$700.00	YORK COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$18.50
CENTRALSQUARE TECH	EQ	\$10,880.10	ZABKA PERDUE FUNERAL	SE	\$780.00
KAITLIN CHAPMAN	SE	\$34.84	BARCO MUNICIPAL PROD	EQ	\$8,409.31
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$333.59	BEATRICE CONCRETE	SU	\$5,454.88
MARY CLABAUGH	SE	\$228.00	BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$140.05
CLERK OF DIST COURT	SE	\$801.00	CENTRAL STATES HYDR	EQ	\$2,845.64
CONTINENTAL FIRE	SE	\$926.50	CHEMSEARCH	SE	\$1,240.70
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	TR	\$249.90	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$93.90
CULLIGAN	SE	\$49.00	G & P DEVEL LANDFILL	SE	\$641.09
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$322.98	HEARTLAND TIRES	EQ	\$451.90
JENNIFER EICKHOFF	SE	\$14.74	HELENA AGRI-ENT	SE	\$1,760.00
ES&S	SU	\$4,371.78	HYDRAULIC EQUIP SERV	SU	\$4.00
ELECTRONIC CONTRACT	SE	\$612.50	JOHNSON SAND & GRAV	SU	\$43,873.92
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	SE	\$243.75	NMC, INC	EQ	\$27,449.97

FARMERS COOP	SU	\$33,745.41	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$1,018.19
FEHLHAFERS	SE	\$24.00	OVERHEAD DOOR CO	SE	\$404.00
BRIAN FORAL	SE	\$580.05	PAC N SAVE	SE	\$1,061.86
GALLS LLC	SE	\$241.82	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO	SE	\$106.31
GBE CPA	SE	\$1,325.00	POWERPLAN	SE	\$156.42
GENERAL REPORTING SERV	SE	\$120.90	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	SU	\$14.28
GLADSTONE INC	SE	\$986.75	TRUCK CENTER CO	SE	\$63.54
HALL COUNTY COURT	SE	\$4.00	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	EQ	\$696.38
HAMPTON INN-COLUMBUS	TR	\$428.00	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$55.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	EQ	\$1,749.88	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$5,615.04
KEARNEY INVEST CORP	TR	\$214.00	CHAPTERS BOOKS	SU	\$99.13
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$514.20	SEW CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$141,648.61
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$21,676.97	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$149.80
KINER SUPPLY CO	SU	\$1,579.20	MOMS MEALS	SU	\$275.00
KONICA MINOLTA FINANCE	EQ	\$394.44	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$427.70
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$55.30	STEVE TODD	SE	\$193.80
LANGUAGE LINE SERV	SE	\$108.40	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$195.30
LEE ENTERPRISES	SE	\$275.00	ART ON DISPLAY	FE	\$200.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$501.23	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$962.04
RELX INC	SE	\$3,216.00	FIRST WIRELESS	UT	\$482.00
MAXIMUS INC	SE	\$2,600.00	GENE STEFFY AUTO	EQ	\$46,135.00
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$228.41	MILFORD A/C & APPL	SE	\$160.00
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$2,095.44	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$202.54
MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$3.11	SUNSET LAW ENFORCE	SE	\$118.80
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$891.35	TRANSUNION RISK & ALT	EQ	\$654.20
KRYSTEL NABER	SE	\$9.38	WESTERN OIL II	SU	\$241.29
NEBR DEPT OF LABOR	SE	\$398.00	DILLON WILLIAMS	SE	\$1,157.30
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$2,456.01	VIGILNET	SE	\$139.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$35.00	SAXMAN ONE	SE	\$300.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$8.50	REED ELECTRIC	SE	\$2,780.97
PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$19.00	SPORTS EXPRESS	SU	\$142.20
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$9,325.75	CIDNET	SE	\$2,408.72
SAUNDERS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$50.20	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	FE	\$1,000.00
SEWARD CO CHAMBER	SE	\$3,840.00	SALARIES		\$306,831.61
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$1,250.75	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$2,580.06	AMERITAS DENTAL		
SEWARD CO PUB TRANSIT	SE	\$32.00	AMERITAS VISION		
SEWARD CO SHERIFF	SE	\$38.80	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO TREASURER	FE	\$15.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$113.09	POINT C FSA		
JOY SHIFFERMILLER	SE	\$100.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

Motion Carried

Commissioner Hain stated she looked into a claim from Kirkham Michael and realized they are providing work for the Nebraska Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) for a grant, but that those scope of services were not in the contract nor did Seward County want them to provide the services. They also discussed engineering services provided by Mainelli & Associates for road projects and that work provided by all engineering firms will be scrutinized and other companies may be used in the future for various projects.

Jon Regnier, Highway Supt., updated the Commissioners on work in his dept.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Hain reported she spent time in the Road Dept. asking questions about claims, participated in the Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP) meeting, will be provided data and reviewed the current draft to the Comprehensive Juvenile Plan, met with the Aging Services Director, started a line of communication with the village clerks about their knowledge and help from the League of Municipalities.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) meeting this past week, the County Safety Committee meeting and received two letters for the Seward/Saline Solid Waste Committee thanking them for a contribution for a project(s).

Commissioner Ahmic reported she facilitated the Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP) meeting, met with the Building & Grounds Supt. about an emergency exit at the West Wing and explained the changes that could possibly be made in the building, attended a Housing meeting, worked with Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) in regard to a court case. She also gave information about a grant and HUD, had a meeting with the Water Academy, received complaints abouts our road naming project, and worked with the Village of Staplehurst Chair.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he gave information about the 4-H/FFA tribute project at the fairgrounds. He said he will be having a meeting at Apace and gave information about a Polio Plus event.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a meeting with the HR Director about the 457 Plan, a Seward City Council meeting, a BRIDGES meeting, a 4th of July meeting, a SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SEND) meeting. He will have a Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) meeting and a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) Conference the remainder of the week.

The Commissioners discussed raising the limit of the credit card for the County Attorney's Office.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the requested increase of an additional \$2,000 for a new limit of \$4,000 on the Seward County Attorney credit card and will be effective until December 31, 2024.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to adopt Resolution No. 3823 in regard to authorizing the Chair to sign the Highway Supt Certification.

**RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE
YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
2024**

Resolution No. 3823

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2501 through 39-2505 detail the requirements that must be met in order for a county to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and

Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each county must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment(s) of the County Highway Superintendent(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form; and

Whereas: The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the county highway superintendent's appointment, i.e., meeting minutes showing the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable) and Class of License (if applicable), the type of appointment, i.e., employed or under contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another county and/or incorporated municipality), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

Whereas: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the County Board authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form by the County Board Chairperson.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Seward County is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form(s).

Adopted this 22nd day of October 2024 at Seward, Nebraska.

*Certification form for dates 01/01/24 – 12/31/25 attached to Resolution

County Board Members

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

County Board Member Hain

Moved the adoption of said resolution

Member Culver Seconded the Motion

Roll Call 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as adopted

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 29, 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 22, 2024

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Organizations/Officials
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Agenda for October 29, 2024

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Veteran of the Month

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action - Wellbeing Initiative Inc – Consider Opioid Funding Application

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) – Request permission to use the Courthouse Lawn for the Christmas Festival on Nov. 30, 2024 and the Santa House on Thursdays 6-8 pm, Saturdays and Sundays in December 1-3 pm

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 10:02 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Culver, 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 29th day of October 2024.

County Clerk

Chairman