

# October 24, 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 October 24, 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 October 24, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver  
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki  
Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson  
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 Hain to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 meeting.

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

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

### **Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on November 14, 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 October 24, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the October 24, 2023 meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization at 8:57 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Zabrocki, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson

# October 24, 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 October 24, 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.

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Present: Chairperson: John Culver  
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki  
Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson

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 the October 17, 2023 meeting.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve claims for the period through October 13, 2023.

### SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH OCTOBER 13, 2023

ADP LLC	SE	\$2,697.00	REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$32.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$51.19	SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$30.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$21,056.20	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$321.68
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$360.00	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$91.69
BOB BARKER CO	SU	\$109.22	SEWARD SMILES	SE	\$380.00
BRENNAN, NIELSEN LAW	SE	\$1,211.95	SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	SE	\$197.07
BURESH LAWN CARE	SE	\$700.00	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$965.00
CABELL CO SHERIFF	SE	\$25.00	SEND D	FE	\$8,628.00
CAPITAL AUTOGLASS	SE	\$49.95	ST OF NEB DAS STATE ACCNTNG	SE	\$795.50
CASA	FE	\$41,400.00	STEPHANIE FLYNN LAW	SE	\$5,420.56
CENTEC CAST METAL	SU	\$1,526.20	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$7,075.43
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$310.78	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$2,214.50
CHI HEALTH CO CARE	SE	\$81.00	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SU	\$213.66
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$7,271.70	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$1,142.91
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	EQ	\$399.98	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$253.79
CULLIGAN	SE	\$28.00	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	FE	\$20.00
DIAMOND DRUGS	SU	\$245.47	VISA	FE	\$5,022.26
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$404.99	VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE/TALX	SE	\$147.88	WELLS FARGO FINAN LEAS	EQ	\$230.66
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$4,003.44	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$11,018.55
FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$380.58	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$1,438.00
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$986.32	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$39.91
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$60.00	BROKEN ARROW EXCAVATING	SE	\$9,190.00
GALLS LLC	SE	\$170.79	COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPL	SU	\$147.84
GRAHAM TIRE	SU	\$648.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$19,545.89
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,568.74	EQUIPMENT BLADES	EQ	\$808.21
HAMPTON BY HILTON	TR	\$476.00	GERHOLD CONCRETE	SU	\$4,605.80
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$453.11	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$13,881.84

HITZ TOWING INC	SE	\$373.06	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$64.00	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES	EQ	\$5,200.00
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	TR	\$980.00	NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UT	\$52.66
KEARNEY INVESTMENT CORP	SE	\$344.85	NMC, INC	SE	\$2,870.10
HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$288.39	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$1,604.34
INDOFF INC	SU	\$67.97	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	SU	\$150.82
INTL ASSOC ASSESSING OFFICE	FE	\$240.00	OVERLAND READY MIXED	SU	\$1,161.90
JONES BANK	SE	\$248.18	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$926.19
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,790.58	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO	SE	\$192.44
KOTIK & MCCLURE, ATTYS	SE	\$1,010.01	POWERPLAN	SE	\$59.28
LA QUINTA INN & SUITES	TR	\$1,507.63	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	SU	\$1,872.51
LEE ENTERPRISES	SE	\$325.00	PIZZA KITCHEN	SU	\$93.95
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$2,370.81	VALENTINO'S SEWARD	SU	\$237.93
LIFEGUARD MD, INC	EQ	\$199.00	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$1,475.00
LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$93.45	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$588.00
SUSAN MAGILL	SE	\$525.00	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$8,813.72
MATAGORDA CO SHERIFF	SE	\$75.00	JR AUDIO	SE	\$1,000.00
MATTSON RICKETTS LAW	SE	\$3,500.00	JEFF NELSON	SE	\$780.00
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$476.26	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$1,531.78
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$2,213.20	SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	EQ	\$260.00
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$1,255.84	TRANSUNION RISK & ALT	SE	\$436.00
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$524.98	WESTERN OIL II	SU	\$191.55
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	SE	\$6,251.45	SARGENT DRILLING	SE	\$88,984.71
MORROW, POPPE	SE	\$1,091.25	BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$12,518.70
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$411.23	CIDNET	SE	\$2,693.22
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$150.00	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	SE	\$1,000.00
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	FE	\$90.00	SALARIES		\$296,376.58
NEBRASKA.GOV	FE	\$16.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
ONESOURCE	SE	\$225.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
PER MAR SECURITY SERV	SE	\$548.64	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
POLARIS LAW GRP	SE	\$66.50	DELTA DENTAL		
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$1,244.25	VSP VISION		
PRINTELECT	SU	\$199.95	WADDELL & REED		
QUADIANT	SE	\$79.80			

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

Motion Carried

### Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, attended the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) meeting and worked on E911 items.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will attend a Visitors Committee meeting.

Commissioner Culver attended a Blue Valley Community Action meeting, attended the county Safety Committee meeting, attended a Planning Commission meeting, and dealt with various correspondence.

Commissioner Hain reported she attended a legislative discussion meeting, gave a presentation to the Utica Senior Center, has been working with Aging Services and Aging Partners, attended a NIRMA Conference, inspected several roads and reached out to Road Department about some problem areas, spoke with Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy about water and sewer infrastructure, and is working on edits for a job description.

Commissioner Ahmic attended a legislative discussion meeting, gave updates on the Allo phone transition in county offices, received feedback on the Safe Streets and Roads grant, worked with Zoning, had calls regarding water conservation, worked on Public Transit items, attended Scare at the Fair, worked on some items for the Veterans Service Officer, attended Buddy Check, and attended the Planning Commission meeting.

Jon Regnier, Assistant Highway Superintendent, was present along with Adam Mace from Mainelli Wagner & Associates to give their recommendation for the awarding of the bid for Milford East Paving Project C-80(591).

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to award the bid for the Milford East Paving Project C-80(591) to Pavers, Inc with a total project amount of \$689,635.51.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:44 a.m.  
The Commissioners reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

Regnier, Jeff Fleischman, Road Department Shop Foreman, and Zach Happel of Murphy Tractor and Equipment were present to discuss the request from the Road Department to use the Inheritance Fund to help purchase either one or two new motor graders. The Road Department would like to either trade or auction four motor graders and get two new ones. The quoted price from Murphy Tractor for two machines is \$739,992.00, not including the trade in value of the equipment. The bid from NMC Cat is \$635,520.00 including the trade in value and the maintenance agreement. Both bids include the Sourcewell government contract amount. Culver asked Fleischman which brand he preferred, to which Fleischman stated pros and cons of each. Happel said Murphy Tractor will still honor their trade value until the new machines are delivered, so if the county chooses to try to auction the four motor graders that are being discarded, they don't sell and the new ones haven't been delivered, the old machines can still be taken on trade. Zabrocki stated that he would like to explore the option of trying to sell the old ones at auction and if they don't sell, then trade them out.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the request from the Road Department to accept the Sourcewell bid from Murphy Tractor & Equipment for the purchase of two motor graders in the amount of \$732,992.00, with \$98,142.00 to be paid by the Special Road Fund and the remaining balance of \$634,850.00 to be paid out of Inheritance, with any proceeds from the sale of the four old motor graders to be paid back to the Inheritance Fund.

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

Roxanne Knutson, Human Resources Director, and Tiffany Allen, Assistant Human Resources Director, were present to discuss the reclassification of the Public Transit Assistant Director position and wage. Currently, there is a Public Transit Director and a Coordinator/Dispatcher position in Public Transit. The Coordinator has been completing more tasks in place of the Director than what is included in that position's job description. In order for the department to grow, Human Resources would like to reclassify the Coordinator position to Assistant Director to better define the role of that position. As a result of this reorganization, there will be changes to the salary line items in the Public Transit budget made in the future. Currently, the Coordinator position salary is \$19.13/hour. With the new added duties, it is requested to be changed to \$20.67/hour. Culver stated that he would like the new job description to read that this position will have *minimal* supervisor duties, rather than no supervisor duties, since the Assistant will fill in in the absence of the Director when the Director is gone.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the reclassification of the Public Transit Assistant Director's position and wage. The position will pay \$20.76/hour which equates to \$43,000.00 annually.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3784 to allow Jones Bank to Withdraw Pledged Securities.

RESOLUTION NO. 3784 OF THE  
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS the Jones Bank & Trust desires to withdraw the following securities as it was pledged to the Seward County Treasurer on April 29, 2019 and will be sunk on November 15, 2023:

<u>DESCRIP</u>	<u>CUSIP#</u>	<u>MARKET VALUE</u>
VERDIGRE NE	923393AW2	\$180,000.00

WHEREAS the County Deposits will still be protected at all times.

LET IT BE RESOLVED that this County board accepts the above withdrawal of security pledging by the Jones Bank as of 10/24/2023.

Dated this 24 day of October, 2023.

Moved by: Schmieding                      Seconded by Zabrocki

Ayes: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Hain,

John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Brandy M. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Sheriff Fee & Mileage Report for August 2023 in the amounts of \$1726.00 and \$847.02.

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

Motion Carried

During the Infrastructure Related Grants discussion, Adam Mace from Mainelli Wagner & Associated reported on the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant and discussed the timelines of submitting the grant information. During the discussion on the Safe Streets and Roads Grants, Ahmic reported that the county will need to have a comprehensive safety action plan to complete this grant.

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 31, 2023 are as follows:**

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of October 24, 2023

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

5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for Monday, November 6, 2023

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the October 24, 2023 Seward County Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 2023.

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County Clerk

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Chairman