

# September 1, 2020

## 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 8:30 a.m. on September 1, 2020 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 September 1, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver  
Members: Mike Mundhenke, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding  
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer  
Absent: Member: Becky Paulsen

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.

Those officials giving updates to the Commissioners at their monthly meeting were Gary Petersen, Mike Vance, Brea Ehmen, Jeff Baker, Andrew Matney, Marilyn Hladky, Katrina Cole and Sherry Schweitzer.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, updated the Commissioners on his organization.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of August 25, 2020.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Mundhenke, Culver Motion Carried

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Mundhenke reported he checked a few roads.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he was unable to visit with City of Seward officials about a handicapped parking spot but was able to meet with constituents on several issues.

Commissioner Culver reported he met with several Dept. Heads, checked on road projects, and was going to meet with constituents about various subjects.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he did not have any meetings this week.

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, discussed the copy machines on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the courthouse. Due to their age, it may be cost savings to get new machines. She will bring more information to next week's meeting.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Mundhenke to authorize the Chairman sign the Surveyor Contract with Brian Foral.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Mundhenke to authorize the Chairperson sign the Surplus Property Disposal Request for the Detention Center.  
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3532 in regard to adding additional pledged securities from Jones Bank.

### Resolution No. 3532 of the Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank desires to pledge the following securities:

DESCRIP	CUSIP#	AMNT PLEDGED
DOUGLAS CO SID#484	259290EF7	270,000.00
DOUGLAS CO SID#473	25933EDB1	250,000.00
GORDON NE WTR G.O	372779DV5	250,000.00
ORD NE COMB UT REV	685747BA4	250,000.00

Whereas: the county funds need to be protected at all times.  
Therefore, let it be resolved, the above pledging is approved by this County Board.

Adopted: September 1, 2020

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Schmieding Absent: Paulsen  
Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Michael Mundhenke, Robert Vrbka,  
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board  
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Mundhenke, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to adopt Resolution No. 3533 in regard to adding additional pledged securities from Jones Bank.

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WHEREAS, the Jones Bank desires to pledge the following securities:

DESCRIP	CUSIP#	AMNT PLEDG	GURNAS CO
FURNAS CO SCH DIST 18	361091BNO	300,000.00	
DOUGLAS CO SID	25929MDU7	250,000.00	
SARPY CO SCH DIST 46	803787CX6	200,000.00	
SARPY CO SID	80377BHM7	300,000.00	

Whereas: the county funds need to be protected at all times. Therefore, let it be resolved, the above pledging is approved by this County Board.

Adopted: September 1, 2020

Moved by: Schmieding Seconded by: Vrbka Absent: Paulsen  
Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Michael Mundhenke, Robert Vrbka,  
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board  
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Mundhenke, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Mundhenke and seconded by Vrbka to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for JUNTO LLC for an event on September 18, 2020  
Affirmative Vote: Mundhenke, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Mundhenke to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for JUNTO LLC for an event on September 26, 2020

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Mundhenke, Vrbka, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed the jail inspection that the Commissioners are expected to visit quarterly. Due to covid, the Detention Center is not permitting visitors, so the quarterly visit will be delayed.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:28 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:30 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Mundhenke to open the public hearing for the adoption of the Seward County 20-21 Budget.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Chairman Culver read a statement that represents the budget message that is part of the budget.

No one appeared to oppose or support of said proposed budget.

Moved by Mundhenke and seconded by Vrbka to close the hearing at 9:36 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Mundhenke, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3534 in regard to adopting the 20-21 Seward County Budget.

### RESOLUTION # 3534 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, prepared by Sherry Schweitzer, Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Seward County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

DATED AND PASSED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF September, 2020.

Moved by: Vrbka    Seconded by: Schmieding    Absent: Paulsen

Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Michael Mundhenke, Robert Vrbka,

John K. Culver, Chairman of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Mundhenke, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Mundhenke and seconded by Schmieding to approve the claims for the period through August 21,2020.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH AUGUST 21, 2020

AAA ROOFING CO	SE	\$855.00	LIGHTFORCE USA INC	EQ	\$3,953.00
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,410.06	OFFICENET	SU	\$14.40
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$274.85	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$198.85
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$18,019.86	PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$58.10
AXON ENTERPRISES	SE	\$1,035.00	PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$4,340.00
BERRY LAW FIRM	SE	\$2,000.00	PITNEY BOWES INC	SU	\$343.41
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$201.84	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$164.94
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$285.30	REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$51.59
BLUESTEM FIBER LLC	UT	\$110.00	REDWOOD TOXICLGY LAB	SE	\$60.00
BOB BARKER CO	SE	\$125.60	REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58
BOBS MOBIL	SE	\$25.00	REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$1,926.00
BRYANLGH MED CENT	SE	\$155.00	ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH	SE	\$240.98
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$80.00	RUMERY LAWN	SE	\$50.00
CATHER & SONS CONST	SE	\$7,200.05	SEWARD COUNTY COURT	SE	\$4.25
CENTRAL SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$63,499.07	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FUND	FE	\$352,470.23
GREGORY C. DAMMAN	SE	\$631.75	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$397.20
DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	SE	\$36,082.30	SEWARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	SE	\$78.60
E 911	SE	\$38,690.83	SEW CO SHRF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$298.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$320.28	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$135.00
EGAN SUPPLY CO	SU	\$253.41	SPORTS EXPRESS INC	SU	\$611.00
ENCARTELE INC	SU	\$1,529.56	ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCTNG	SE	\$579.00
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	SE	\$16.95	ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC	SE	\$704.00
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$6,701.36	ST OF NE DEPT CORR.SERV	SE	\$4,158.75
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$1,519.38	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$4,683.48
GLADSTONE INC	SU	\$406.20	TELMATE LLC	SE	\$77.00
GLOBAL EQUIPMENT CO	SU	\$212.90	THOMSON REUTERS	SE	\$317.81
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,108.95	TOP QUALITY GLOVES	SU	\$233.00
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$22.00	UNL PRINT AND COPY SERV	SU	\$16.90
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$71.01	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$2,410.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$75.50	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	EQ	\$823.72
INDOFF INC	SU	\$124.94	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$931.86
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	SU	\$302.50	VILLAGE OF UTICA	FE	\$53.84
JEO CONSULTING GRP	SE	\$1,325.00	VISA	FE	\$3,794.65
MIKAELA JOBMAN	SE	\$1,200.00	VOLZKE FUNERAL HOME	SE	\$50.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$67,869.54	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$501.83
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,517.40	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$5,013.43
DAVID KIMBLE	SE	\$495.00	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	SE	\$666.00
LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$78.67	CANDICE WOOSTER LAW	SE	\$522.50
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$90.41	SUE WURM, CRT REPORTER	SE	\$165.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$175.00	YORK COUNTY EMA	SE	\$11.20
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$433.00	SALARIES		\$263,699.77
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$26.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$37,526.64	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
MOTOROLA	SU	\$71.43	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
NE CHLD SPRT ENFRC ASSC	SE	\$200.00	DELTA DENTAL		
NE HLTH & HMN SERV SYS	SE	\$90.00	VSP VISION		
NE PUB HLTH ENVIR LB	SE	\$105.00	WADDELL & REED		

Affirmative Vote: Mundhenke, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:38 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to open the hearing at 9:46 to "Set the Tax Request Different than the Prior Year."

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Mundhenke, Culver

Motion Carried

No one spoke in favor or opposed said tax request.

Moved by Mundhenke and seconded by Schmieding to close the Public Hearing at 9:49 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Mundhenke, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Mundhenke to adopt Resolution No. 3535 in regard to "Setting the Tax Request Different than the Prior Year."

**SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION No. 3535  
SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Seward County Board of Commissioners passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Seward County Board of Commissioners resolves that:

1. The 2020-2021 property tax request be set at \$9,316,765.00
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by -.2%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.277767 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Seward County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.295624 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Seward County will exceed last years by 6%.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2020.

Moved by: Vrbka    Seconded by: Mundhenke    Absent: Paulsen  
Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Michael Mundhenke, Robert Vrbka,  
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board  
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

NOTE 1: The Property Tax Request per the Budget Document is reported in total.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:55 a.m.

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

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to submit a job description for a Programs Coordinator for the Detention Center. This position is required in order for the Detention Center to house federal prisoners.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Mundhenke to approve the Programs Coordinator job description for the Detention Center.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Mundhenke, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Brea Ehmen, HR Director, joined discussion for the wage range for the job description for the Programs Coordinator. She gave information about how the wage was decided.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to put the wage of the Programs Coordinator of the Detention Center at \$20.35 an hour.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Mundhenke, Culver

Motion Carried

Hatfield also gave information about the Health Care for Incarcerated Persons Agreement.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the agreement for the Provision of Healthcare to Incarcerated Patients with the Detention Center.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Mundhenke, Culver Motion Carried

The 10:15 item will not be discussed as the item on the agenda needs to be clarified.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:15 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:30 a.m.

Cameron Soester of Milford Public Schools was present to request permission to barricade .75 miles of county road between 252<sup>nd</sup> and 266<sup>th</sup> for a Cross Country run on September 10, 2020. He stated that in recent years, the race, which is hosted by Milford Schools, was held at Doane College in Crete. He stated that Doane does not want to have it at their school due to COVID and Soester asked if the race could be run near Milford and include a county road.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to give permission to Milford Public Schools to use the West Milford road between 252<sup>nd</sup> and 266<sup>th</sup> road for Cross Country with the county providing the barricades to close off the county's road.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Mundhenke, Culver Motion Carried

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on September 8, 2020 are as follows:**

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 25, 2020
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 8, 2020 are as follows:**

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of September 1, 2020

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

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Inventories from Seward County offices
7. Discuss/Action – Res.- Authorize Chairperson to sign Annual Certification of Program Compliance for the Seward County Road Department
8. Discuss/Action – Copy Machines for 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in Courthouse
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 15, 2020

9:45 a.m. Public Hearing – Rezone a quarter section of real estate from A-1 District to TA-1 District located in H Precinct in the NE ¼ of Section 32, T11N R4E

Discuss/Action – Res. Rezone a quarter section of real estate from A-1 District to TA-1 District located in H Precinct in the NE ¼ of Section 32, T11N R4E

Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit to construct a new telecommunication tower for Viaero in C Precinct in the W ½ NW ¼ Section 35 T12N R2E

Discuss/Action – Res. – Conditional Use Permit to construct a new telecommunication tower for Viaero in C Precinct in the W ½ NW ¼ Section 35 T12N R2E

Moved by Mundhenke and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 10:50 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Mundhenke, Vrbka, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson