

September 10, 2024

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A Special Budget meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on September 10, 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 September 10, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic
Members: Raegan Hain, John Culver, 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 Hain to open the public hearing at 8:31 a.m. for consideration of the Seward County Budget for 2024-2025.

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

Chair Ahmic read a statement about the petty cash accounts that the county authorizes and also a statement about this year's budget. She made other comments about the current year's challenges with costs the county has no control over but services the county needs to supply.

Commissioner Hain also made comments about the current year's budget.

Kelly Scott was present and asked a question about clarification of an abbreviation in the handout presented at said hearing.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to close the hearing for the Seward County budget at 8:45 a.m.

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

Moved to Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn the Seward County 2024-2025 budget meeting at 8:46 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, 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 17th day of September 2024.

County Clerk

Chairman

September 10, 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 upon adjournment of the budget hearing meeting at 8:46 a.m. on September 10, 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 September 10, 2024 at 8:46 a.m.

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 Culver and seconded by Hain to approve the minutes of August 27, 2024.

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

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office. She noted that the Cities of Seward and Milford are required to participate in the Postcard Hearing.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on September 24, 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 September 10, 2024
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

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

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Culver, Schmieding, Hain, 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 24th day of September 2024.

County Clerk

Chairperson

September 10, 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 upon adjournment of the Seward County Board of Equalization meeting at 8:50 a.m. on September 10, 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 September 10, 2024 at 8:50 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic
Members: Raegan Hain, John Culver, 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 Hain to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a. Minutes of September 3, 2024
- b. Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for August 2024 in the amount of \$5,550.79
- c. County Clerk Fee Report for August 2024 in the amount of \$25,261.81

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to approve the claims for the period through August 30, 2024.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2024

ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	VERITAS LEGAL ASSOC	SE	\$1,289.50
ADAMS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$36.50	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$1,575.42
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$373.73	VISA	SU	\$779.73
AERNI LAW	SE	\$1,282.95	CANDICE WOOSTER LAW	SE	\$6,462.08
ALLO COMM	UT	\$5,347.93	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$109.51
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$61.20	ESRI	SU	\$990.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$21,706.49	HEARTLAND TIRES	SU	\$255.95
AUTO OWNERS INS	FE	\$50.00	INLAND TRUCK PARTS	SU	\$258.38
BRENNAN...LAW	SE	\$5,618.69	SPORTS EXPRESS	SU	\$185.25
CEDARS	FE	\$1,200.00	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	EQ	\$1,349.26
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$16,245.73	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$54.19
CLERK OF DIST COURT	SE	\$182.00	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$51.07
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	TR	\$899.70	POWERPLAN	SE	\$160.73
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$9.70	SEWARD CO TREASURER	FE	\$44.00
E 911	FE	\$27,813.15	SEWARD ELECTRONICS	SE	\$89.86
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$463.54	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$54.44
FARM & HOME PUBLISH	SU	\$650.00	PAVERS INC	SE	\$402,706.62
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$6,675.94	VAN KIRK BROS CONTRACT	SE	\$379,703.20
GALLS LLC	SE	\$626.94	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$5,607.50
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$134.50	ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$41,859.54
GBE CPA	SE	\$3,355.00	DIAMOND DRUGS	SU	\$4,477.34
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$239.95	E911 WIRELESS FND	FE	\$2,899.88
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$179.98	SEI EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$10,000.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	EQ	\$1,288.43	GERKENSMEYER FARM	SE	\$250.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$232.38	HOLLY MATZKE	SE	\$125.00
JENNIFER JOAKIM	SE	\$662.50	ROBERT MATZKE	SE	\$125.00

CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON	SE	\$525.00	JOANN SIECK	SE	\$250.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$21,894.35	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$1,911.30
KOTIK & MCCLURE, ATTY	SE	\$1,270.33	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$2,459.40
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.70	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$1,887.80
EMILY MANNING	SE	\$260.48	DETECTACHEM	SE	\$1,179.12
MCHENRY, HASZARD	SE	\$2,377.75	MDT SPORTING GOODS	SU	\$1,614.51
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$94.29	CREATIVE PROD SOURCING	SU	\$472.40
MID-AMERICAN INS	FE	\$47,260.11	SEWARD CO WEED FND	FE	\$130.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$2,350.20	SUNSET LAW ENFORC	SE	\$1,863.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,264.46	URIBE REFUSE SERV	SE	\$156.00
MORSE WATCHMANS	SE	\$631.00	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$167.99
NE ASSN CNTY OFFICIALS	FE	\$95.00	REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$96.82
NE SHERIFFS ASSN	FE	\$200.00	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	FE	\$1,000.00
OREILLY AUTOM	SE	\$75.98	NATL CURRICULUM & TRAIN	SE	\$2,216.70
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$47.45	REED ELECTRIC	SE	\$2,235.00
POLLACK & BALL	SE	\$6,818.75	ELSBURY CONSTRUCT	SE	\$29,088.87
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$214.00	SEON DESIGN (USA) CORP	SE	\$20,081.00
RUMERY LAWN	SE	\$165.38	CONNIE LANGUEIN	SE	\$40.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	FE	\$20.00	ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC	SE	\$844.80
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$245,034.67	CENTURYLINK	SE	\$15,038.72
SEWARD CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.50	LANGUAGE LINE SERV	SE	\$9.44
SEWARD SHERIFF UNCOL FEES	FE	\$375.00	UNITE PRIVATE NETWORKS	SE	\$516.87
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$23.99	CIDNET	SE	\$2,012.33
JOY SHIFFERMILLER	SE	\$824.75	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$98.79
SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$6,398.75	SALARIES		\$309,633.97
SOFTWARE UNLTD CORP	EQ	\$3,334.54	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SOUTHEAST COMM COLLEGE	SE	\$1,087.00	AMERITAS DENTAL		
STEPHANIE FLYNN LAW	SE	\$3,888.09	AMERITAS VISION		
JOSHUA STRUBLE	SE	\$179.56	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$8,849.49	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$250.00	POINT C FSA		
CHRISTINA THORNTON	SE	\$375.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to open the Public Hearing at 8:54 a.m. to Set the Tax Request Different than the Previous Year.

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

No one appeared to make any comments for or in opposition of said tax request.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Culver to close the public hearing at 8:56 a.m.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting and the Seward City Planning Commission meeting, attended a meeting with the HR Office in regard to an employee benefit, participated in the roundtable Zoom meeting of the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA), will work with NIRMA about appraising the county buildings and reported a grant was received from Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA).

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Apace monthly meeting along with the Region V Systems meeting and will have an Extension Board meeting, FFA Luncheon and Visitors Committee meeting in the coming weeks.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Milford City Council meeting, met with a constituent on a county issue, worked on legislative items in regard to the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Conference, visited with various Dept. heads and worked on an IT item.

Commissioner Culver reported he was made aware of an incident in the HOPE Crisis office.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the Aging Services Directors on several matters, contacted an NRD about pivots and the problem of them damaging the road when the water diverts onto the road., received notice that another Opioid Settlement was received, reviewed the hazard mitigation plan, met with HR Director on a personnel issue, reviewed budget documents for the Four Corners Health Dept., sent grant information to the Detention Center staff, and continues to work on finding volunteers for the Tire Recycling event.

There was discussion about legal correspondence between officials/employees of Seward County. Commissioner Ahmic led discussion that legal correspondence from the County Attorney's Office should not be forwarded to others.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Bottle Rocket for the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) Farm to Table Event on September 22, 2024 at the Dairy Barn at 2484 McKelvie Rd, Seward, NE.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Culver, Ahmic Motion Carried

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, led discussion about an easement in Ruby for a tornado siren.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chair to sign an Electric Service Agreement with Norris Public Power for a siren on Ruby Road in the NW ¼ of Section 15 Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Culver, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chair to sign a Right of Way Request for a siren located on Ruby Road in the NW ¼ of Section 15 Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Culver, Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3819 in regard to approving the Seward County Budget for 2024-2025.

**RESOLUTION #3819 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, a proposed Seward County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, prepared by Sherry Schweitzer, Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the Seward County Board of Commissioners the 9th day of July 2024.

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, 2024 to June 30, 2025, 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 July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

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 this 10th day of September 2024.

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

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3820 in regard to Setting the Property Tax Request Different than the Previous Year for the Seward County 2024-2025 Budget.

**SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 3820
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 2024-2025 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	\$ 9,622,427
Debt Service Fund:	\$ <u>700,000</u>
Total:	\$ 10,322,427
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 5.03%
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 \$.278724 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Seward County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.272729 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 DECREASE last year’s by 2%
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2024.

Dated this 10th day of September 2024.

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

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:22 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:27 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed the inventories submitted of the various offices of Seward County as required by law. Each Commissioner took the inventory of the office in which they are liaison to in order to check items listed. The approval of the inventories will be on a future agenda.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:33 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:40 a.m.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to go into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. for personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

Ahmic reiterated the Executive Session was for personnel.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Culver to go out of Executive Session at 11:05 a.m.

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

Ahmic stated that only personnel was discussed, and no decision(s) were made.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 17, 2024 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a) Minutes of the Budget Meeting of September 10, 2024
 - b) Minutes of the Regular meeting of September 10, 2024
 - c) Utility Permit for Windstream to replace temporary facilities at 294th and Bluff Road that were put in place during recent Bridge Replacement

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Organizations/Officials
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 24, 2024

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Authorize Chair to sign Jail Medical Staffing Contract with Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc.

9:30 a.m. Public Hearing - Noxious Weed Force Control on Seward County Real Estate Described as Parcel Numbers: 800020871, 800020960, 800021029, 800021037, 800021045, 800021053, 800021193, 800021282, 800099567 & 80002091

Discuss/Action - Noxious Weed Force Control on Seward County Real Estate Described as Parcel Numbers: 800020871, 800020960, 800021029, 800021037, 800021045, 800021053, 800021193, 800021282, 800099567 & 80002091

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Jerry Berggren/Berggren Architects – Courthouse Maintenance Project

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Culver to adjourn at 11:14 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Culver, Schmieding, Hain, 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 17th day of September 2024.

County Clerk

Chairman