

# September 14, 2021

## 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 September 14, 2021 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 14, 2021 at 8:37 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver  
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, 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 Vrbka to approve the minutes of August 24, 2021.  
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

### **Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on September 28, 2021 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 14, 2021
4. Discuss/Action – Set Levies for Seward County Taxing Entities
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 8:59 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson

# September 14, 2021

## 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 September 14, 2021 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 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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 Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 7, 2021.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the budget meeting minutes of September 7, 2021.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the claims for the period through September 3, 2021.

### SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

ADV CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,439.57	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,050.44
ADV OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$104.35	UNL CAREER SERVICES	SE	\$500.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$15.99	VERIZON WIRELESS	UT	\$1,880.14
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$16,596.39	VISA	FE	\$307.12
APPLIED CONCEPTS INC	SE	\$124.30	VOLZKE FUNERAL HOME	SE	\$75.00
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$13,979.14	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	SE	\$198.15
CLERK OF THE DIST CRT	FE	\$467.00	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$837.68
COMPUTER HARDWARE	SU	\$329.00	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$893.00
CONSOLIDATED MGMT CO	SE	\$17.48	KENNETH PANKOKE	SE	\$207.88
CULLIGAN	SU	\$64.50	CATERPILLAR FIN SERV	FE	\$5,100.00
DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	SE	\$30,436.59	TOPPING OUT INC	SE	\$1,179.75
E 911	SE	\$17,971.35	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$322.89
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$821.74	RONALD STACHURA	SE	\$89.95
EHLERS ELECTRONICS	SE	\$110.00	HAVELOCK WELDING	SE	\$820.00
EXPRESS LAWN CARE	SE	\$700.00	HEARTLAND TIRES	SU	\$876.75
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$372.53	HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$64.00
JONATHAN FRAZER	SE	\$1,444.00	JIM DEFREECE AUTO	SE	\$350.00
GALLS LLC	SU	\$316.43	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	FE	\$403.70
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SE	\$609.36	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$80,800.69
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$32.06	MAINELLI WAGNER	SE	\$2,775.00
HEARTLAND AUTO BODY	SE	\$250.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$95.43	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$77.70
KEARNEY INVEST CORP	SE	\$359.80	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES	SE	\$14,078.40

HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$552.61	NE EQUIPMENT INC	SE	\$18.50
INDOFF INC	SU	\$23.98	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$54.06
JANA S WURM	SE	\$150.00	NEXTLINK AIS	SE	\$74.99
JENNIFER JOAKIM	SE	\$1,415.50	NMC, INC	SE	\$2,646.51
JONES BANK	SE	\$325.97	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$627.06
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$13,871.94	PENNER'S TIRE	SE	\$57.32
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$131.48	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	SE	\$341.12
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$25.77	ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH	SE	\$917.60
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$93.50	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$19,771.95
MID-AMERICAN INS GROUP	FE	\$40,873.25	STRAIGHT-LINE STRIPING	SE	\$21,690.55
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$462.06	TRANSIT WORKS	SE	\$265.00
MIDWEST OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$39.99	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$48.50
MILLS & REITER	SE	\$655.50	GFWC SEW WOMAN'S CLB	FE	\$137.90
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,268.29	LIBERTY HOUSE	FE	\$500.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$30.00	SEWARD CO AG SOCIETY	FE	\$1,250.00
NEB DEPT OF REVENUE	FE	\$500.00	DELTA DENTAL OF NEB	SE	\$59.94
NE LAW ENF TRNING CT	FE	\$576.00	VISION SERVICE PLAN	FE	\$23.29
NEB PUB HLTH ENV LAB	SE	\$210.00	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$132.22
NEBRASKA.GOV	SE	\$220.00	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$58.00
OFFICENET	SE	\$169.06	AIRWORX UNMANNED SOL	SE	\$1,357.00
ONESOURCE	SE	\$139.30	GA PREC PROF QUAL RIFLES	SU	\$8,738.65
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$993.91	GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$605.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$65.00	INVENTORY TRADING CO	SU	\$875.00
PIP MARKETING	SE	\$103.50	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$575.00
PLATTE CO SHERIFF DEPT	SE	\$18.59	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$1,544.77
POLK CO SHERIFF	SE	\$16.00	SECURITY EQUIP INC	SU	\$159.00
QUADIENT LEASING	SU	\$81.98	TRANSUNION RISK	FE	\$300.00
RAMADA MIDTOWN	TR	\$288.00	WATCH GUARD VIDEO	SE	\$13,438.00
RR DONNELLEY	SE	\$63.18	ENCARTELE INC	SE	\$3,088.72
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$886.00	THIS OLD HOUSE	SU	\$8.00
SEW CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$160,833.94	SALARIES		\$240,487.71
SEW CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$507.33	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO PUB TRANS	SE	\$130.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO SHERIFF	SE	\$10.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEW CO TREASURER	FE	\$10.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$6,246.97	VSP VISION		
S. E. NEB DEV DIST	SE	\$11,721.00	WADDELL & REED		
ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$448.00			

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

Schweitzer gave information about GWorks helping with completing the re-assignment of election districts.

Matt Starkey, Veterans Service Officer/Public Transportation Director, was present to ask the Commissioners to use the flagpoles around the courthouse square to fly POW/MIA flags.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request to fly POW/MIA flag at the County Courthouse on Friday, September 17, 2021 which is National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

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

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Four Corners Health Dept. meeting, a Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) Policies meeting, Region V meeting, met with Ehlers Electronics about presentation electronics, researched ARPA Funds, and picked up items from Commissioner Schmieding since he was not able to be at the meeting.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the Ag Society meeting, received comments about building permits and researched hard-to-fill employment positions.

Commissioner Culver reported he received emails from departments about personnel, had a sign vandalism complaint, and checked on road projects.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Extension Board meeting via Zoom.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended an E911 staff meeting and the Visitors Meeting.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3633 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to withdraw pledged securities.

**RESOLUTION # 3633 OF THE  
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Whereas, the Jones Bank wants to withdraw the following securities:

CUSIP	DESCRIPTION	Par VALUE
803769BZ0	SARPY SAN 228	\$210,743.40
685747BA4	ORD UTIL REV	\$251,627.50
920012QD6	VALLEY VAR PURP	\$252,750.00
25933EDB1	DOUGLAS CO SAN IMP	\$253,442.50
534366AT6	LINCOLN ETC FACS BABS	\$568,030.00
382779DV5	GORDON REF WTR	\$251,160.00
361091BN0	FURNAS CO SD 18	\$305,346.00
25935EBV7	DOUGLAS CO SID 501	\$416,972.00
80378TEX6	SARPY SID 257 REF	\$559,873.05
TOTAL SECURITIES WITHDRAWN		\$3,069,944.45

Whereas: there will be ample securities to fully cover current County cash accounts & CDs after the above withdrawal.

Therefore, let it be resolved, this County Board approves the above withdrawal of securities by the Jones Bank of Seward.

Moved by: Vrbka                      Seconded by: Ahmic                      09/14/2021  
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding,  
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board  
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Commissioner Ahmic presented a name for appointment to the Planning Commission. Stephanie Luebbe was present to give information about herself and reasons she would like to be on the Planning Commission.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to appoint Stephanie Luebbe to the Planning Commission.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., gave information for requesting a change of classification for part of Ashland Road.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3634 in regard to changing the classification of part of Ashland Road from "Minimum Maintenance" to "Local" starting approximately 520 feet each direction of the NW corner of Section 4 Township 11 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m., thence East 3,920 feet.

## **RESOLUTION # 3634 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the roadway located between Seward and Butler County is described as follows: Ashland Road starting approximately 520 ft. east of the NW Corner of Section 4 T12 R4E, thence east 3,920 ft. (Seward County); and/or 21 Road starting at the SW Corner of Section 33 T12N R4E, thence east 3400 ft. (Butler County), and;

WHEREAS, this roadway currently has a State functional classification of "Minimum Maintenance" as classified by the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation, and;

WHEREAS, Seward County plans to make improvements to this roadway in the future to provide access to a residence, and;

NOW, Therefore be it resolved, that the County Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska:

Hereby respectfully requests the Nebraska Department of Transportation change the current functional classification of "Minimum Maintenance" and designate said segment of roadway to be functionally classified as "Local."

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Moved by: Zabrocki                      Seconded by: Ahmic                      09/14/2021  
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding,  
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board  
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners discussed the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. Culver stated he received a call from a representative from Pleasant Dale. Schweitzer said she had received a call from a representative from Beaver Crossing about a proposed project that would be eligible. Ahmic stated she had talked with Four Corners about funding through ARPA and also about using funds from ARPA for Premium Pay. She suggested a letter could be sent out to employees advising them the choice of when to receive the extra pay. She will come back in two weeks with a document that will be sent out to employees. Broadband discussion, including a task force, was also mentioned.

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, was in attendance to ask about clarification for the county portion of health insurance cost for the Special County Attorney item on the agenda. Sanchez stated that the position has been funded since October and all benefits taken out of the Attorney Drug Fund except health insurance. Culver stated that he feels the benefits should be fully funded by the Attorney Drug Fund. Wendy Elston, County Attorney, stated this position is a backfill position and that a portion of the wage is reimbursed from the State. The Commissioners will discuss it again next week.

### **Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 21, 2021 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 14, 2021

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

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Act Plan Funds
7. Discuss/Action – Inventories for Seward County Offices/Departments
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 28, 2021

9:30 a.m. – Ralph Grummert-1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Abandoned Cemetery- Request to put Cemetery back to the Original Size

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 10:14 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021.

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County Clerk

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Chairman