## September 26, 2023 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 26, 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.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on September 26, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. Present: Chairperson: John Culver Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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.

The purpose of this meeting is to hold a hearing for the adoption of the Seward County Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to open the public hearing at 8:30 a.m. for the adoption of the 2023-2024 Seward County Budget. Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

No one appeared or made a comment at said hearing.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to close the public hearing in regard to adopting the 2023-2024 Seward County budget at 8:32 a.m. for Seward County. Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the budget public hearing meeting at 8:32 a.m. Motion Carried

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

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

# September 26, 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 upon adjournment of the budget hearing meeting on September 26, 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 CountyBoard of Equalization convened on September 26, 2023 at 8:33 a.m.Present:Chairperson: John Culver<br/>Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki<br/>County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer<br/>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 September 12, 2023. Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the County Assessor to send County Board of Equalization Change of Valuation Notices pursuant to 77-1601 for clerical errors for the following:

| 26-Sep-23 |                            |   |  |  |  |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| PRCL#     | NAME                       | Legal Description                               |  |  |  |
| 800199715 | Schoepf, John A Jr Trustee | 16-11-2 IMPROVEMENT ONLY BIN ON NW 1/4          |  |  |  |
| 800035348 | Brauer, Robert & Frances   | 16-11-2 NW 1/4 157.64 AC                        |  |  |  |
| 800232415 | Brauer, Dave               | 16-11-2 NW 1/4 157.64 AC                        |  |  |  |
| 800209567 | Crouse, Adam, C            | Tamora, Dailey's Add & Orig Twn, Blk 13, Lot 13 |  |  |  |
|           |                            |   |  |  |  |

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

# Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on October 10, 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 September 26, 2023
- 4. Discuss/Action Res. Set Levies for Seward County Taxing Entities
- 5. Discuss/Action Assessor Information Update

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 9:09 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

# September 26, 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 upon adjournment of the Seward County Board of Equalization meeting at 9:09 a.m. on September 26, 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.

The Seward CountyBoard of Commissioners convened on September 26, 2023 at 9:09 a.m.Present:Chairperson: John Culver<br/>Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki<br/>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.

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, was present to ask the Board about a potential name for the Grievance Board member. Currently there is a vacancy. Two names were suggested.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to appoint Tracy Phillips to the Seward County Grievance Board effective 9/26/2023 to fill the vacancy for the period through 6/30/2028. Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion about the Seward/York Interlocal for the District Judge Bailiff with Carrie Sermeno, Bailiff for District Court Judge Stecker, also present. Currently, Seward and York County share costs for a bailiff for the District Judge. Ahmic led discussion about the use of a Seward County vehicle to go to York where Judge Stecker also serves. Ahmic stated that while helping with Public Transit during the vacancy of the Public Transit Director, she learned that the bailiff uses a vehicle often, thereby reducing the use of a vehicle for other officials to be able to use. Although Seward County is reimbursed for the gas, wear and tear on the vehicle is not being reimbursed. During the discussion, it was asked if the County Attorney's Office is using both of their cars, wondering if the bailiff could use one of their cars on a shared basis. Ahmic stated that, with the Boards permission, she would like to visit with the York County Board about the situation. A proposed meeting is planned on October 26, 2023.

Knutson, along with Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., were present to give information about Wicht's resignation. He said his retirement will be effective December 29, 2023. He said he is willing help with bridge inspections after he retires.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to accept the retirement of Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., effective December 29, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Knutson led discussion on a new starting wage for the Road Dept. Heavy Equipment Mechanic Position. She gave information that included an analysis of wages after she conducted a study of nearby counties.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the request for a new starting wage for the Heavy Equipment Mechanic Position starting at \$22.16. Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Wicht also gave information about purchasing electronic signs for the Road Dept. They are programmable, and according to Wicht, can be used for many projects such as crack sealing, cutting trees, and road projects involving road closings. There was a question about an extended warranty and a policy about use of the sign. Wicht said he would apply for a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) grant. The Commissioners discussed the costs coming out of county American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Wicht will find out more information and report back to the Commissioners.

Wicht was also present to discuss the Statewide Stop Sign resolution.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3780 in regard to authorizing the Chairman to sign the Statewide Stop Sign Program agreement.

#### RESOLUTION SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT

SEWARD COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. <u>3780</u>

**WHEREAS:** Seward County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain Federal funds; and

**WHEREAS:** Seward County understands that it must strictly follow all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project; and

**WHEREAS:** Seward County and Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County that:

The Chair of the Seward County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between Seward County NDOT.

Seward County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement.

NDOT Project Number: HSIP-STWD(203) NDOT Control Number: 01063 NDOT Project Name: Statewide Stop Sign Program

Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023 at Seward Nebraska.

The Board of Commissioners of Seward County <u>Darrell J. Zabrocki</u>, <u>Ken Schmieding</u>, <u>Misty Ahmic</u>, <u>Raegan Hain</u>, <u>John K. Culver</u>, Chair of the Board <u>Board</u>(Council Member Hain

Board/Council Member <u>Hain</u> Moved the adoption of said resolution Member <u>Schmieding</u> Seconded the Motion

## Roll Call: <u>5</u>Yes <u>0</u> No <u>0</u>Abstained <u>0</u>Absent Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted Attest: <u>Sherry Schweitzer</u>, County Clerk

Exhibit "A"

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:57 a.m. The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, and Andrew Yost of Encartele gave a presentation of their program CIDSENSE. The program can monitor air quality inside a detention center including temperature, operation of the HVAC System, etc. Hatfield said the costs could come out of the Commissary Fund. The cost is approximately \$5,700 for this first year.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to authorize the Chairman to sign CIDSENSE for Corrections Agreement with Encartele for Space Pro Sensors in the Detention Center in the amount of \$5769.66 Affirmative Vote: Hain, Culver, Ahmic

Voting No: Zabrocki, Schmieding

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of September 19, 2023. Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki Ahmic Hain Schmieding Culver

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Claims through the period of September 15, 2023.

| SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 |
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| SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 |    |              |                          |    |              |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|----|--------------|--------------------------|----|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| ADP LLC   | SE | \$3,019.70   | SEC OF STATE - ELECTIONS | SU | \$60.00      |  |  |  |  |  |
| ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM                           | SE | \$140.11     | SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT    | SE | \$727.54     |  |  |  |  |  |
| AERNI LAW, LLC                                  | SE | \$2,502.20   | SEWARD CO SHERIFF        | SE | \$35.81      |  |  |  |  |  |
| AGING SERVS FUND                                | FE | \$47,664.00  | SEWARD LUMBER            | SU | \$21.18      |  |  |  |  |  |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERV                             | SU | \$97.86      | JOY SHIFFERMILLER        | SE | \$942.75     |  |  |  |  |  |
| AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP                          | FE | \$21,908.35  | SOARIN GROUP             | SE | \$4,058.66   |  |  |  |  |  |
| AUTO GLASS NATION                               | SE | \$2,527.44   | SOFTWARE UNLIMITED       | EQ | \$3,334.54   |  |  |  |  |  |
| BEAR GRAPHICS INC                               | SU | \$163.94     | ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTING | SE | \$910.50     |  |  |  |  |  |
| BLACK HILLS ENERGY                              | UT | \$676.80     | SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE      | SE | \$7,431.07   |  |  |  |  |  |
| BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH                          | SE | \$1,320.00   | SVEHLA LAW OFFICES       | SE | \$1,484.50   |  |  |  |  |  |
| BRENNAN LAW OFFICES                             | SE | \$628.08     | THOMSON REUTERS-WEST     | EQ | \$1,142.91   |  |  |  |  |  |
| BRYAN MEDICAL CENTER                            | SE | \$13,233.94  | UNIV OF NEBRASKA         | SE | \$1,890.06   |  |  |  |  |  |
| BUTLER CO SHERIFF                               | SE | \$88.05      | US POSTAL SERVICE        | SU | \$10,000.00  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS                            | SU | \$33.99      | VERIZON WIRELESS SERV    | UT | \$1,893.44   |  |  |  |  |  |
| CHARM-TEX                                       | SE | \$89.80      | VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS      | FE | \$20.00      |  |  |  |  |  |
| CHARTER COMMUNIC                                | UT | \$310.97     | VISA                     | FE | \$7,588.75   |  |  |  |  |  |
| DERBY INDUSTRIES                                | SU | \$210.80     | VISUAL EDGE IT           | SE | \$44.94      |  |  |  |  |  |
| DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF                              | SE | \$20.68      | WATER ENGINEERING        | SE | \$210.00     |  |  |  |  |  |
| EAKES OFFICE PLUS                               | SU | \$32.97      | WINDSTREAM               | UT | \$11,443.18  |  |  |  |  |  |
| JENNIFER EICKHOFF                               | SE | \$14.42      | WYTHERS LAW              | SE | \$869.50     |  |  |  |  |  |
| EQUIFAX WORKFORCE                               | EQ | \$249.78     | ZABKA PERDUE FUNERAL     | SE | \$1,500.00   |  |  |  |  |  |
| FARMERS COOPERATIVE                             | SU | \$14,451.56  | DALE JOHNSON ENT         | SU | \$5,129.18   |  |  |  |  |  |
| GALLS LLC                                       | SE | \$446.68     | FASTENAL COMPANY         | SU | \$713.33     |  |  |  |  |  |
| GBE CPA   | SE | \$4,000.00   | JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL    | SU | \$27,650.47  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN                             | SE | \$270.37     | MENARDS                  | SU | \$554.63     |  |  |  |  |  |
| GREAT PLAINS COMM                               | UT | \$1,513.74   | NEBRASKA TRUCK REPAIR    | SE | \$70.50      |  |  |  |  |  |
| HALL COUNTY SHERIFF                             | SE | \$34.96      | NMC, INC                 | EQ | \$6,181.57   |  |  |  |  |  |
| HERPOLSHEIMERS                                  | SE | \$195.60     | NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST | UT | \$1,518.15   |  |  |  |  |  |
| HOMETOWN LEASING                                | EQ | \$212.89     | OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE       | SE | \$28.97      |  |  |  |  |  |
| INDOFF INC                                      | SU | \$23.98      | PAC N SAVE               | SU | \$205.58     |  |  |  |  |  |
| JENNIFER JOAKIM                                 | SE | \$541.50     | POWERPLAN                | EQ | \$4,477.53   |  |  |  |  |  |
| JONES BANK                                      | FE | \$137,479.59 | VILLAGE OF GARLAND       | UT | \$107.27     |  |  |  |  |  |
| JONES BANK (FICA)                               | FE | \$23,589.98  | CATTLE BANK & TRUST      | FE | \$137,496.94 |  |  |  |  |  |
| KINER SUPPLY CO                                 | SU | \$972.66     | CHAPTERS BOOKS & GIFTS   | SU | \$68.76      |  |  |  |  |  |
| KIWANIS OF SEWARD                               | SE | \$135.00     | NE NATL GUARD MUSEUM     | FE | \$51.00      |  |  |  |  |  |
| KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN                         | EQ | \$131.48     | NE RURAL RADIO ASSN      | FE | \$375.00     |  |  |  |  |  |
| LAUBER FUNERAL SERV                             | SE | \$550.00     | PIZZA KITCHEN            | SU | \$235.35     |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |    |              |                          |    |              |  |  |  |  |  |

| EMILY MANNING           | SE | \$69.69     | SEWARD CO CHAMBER                     | FE | \$4,106.00          |
|-------------------------|----|-------------|---------------------------------------|----|---------------------|
| MEMORIAL CLINIC         | SE | \$70.00     | SEWARD CO AG SOCIETY                  | FE | \$2 <i>,</i> 500.00 |
| MEMORIAL HOSPITAL       | SE | \$1,317.67  | ALTAR CONSTRUCTION                    | SE | \$2,034.84          |
| MEYER AUTOMOTIVE        | SE | \$69.90     | RELENTLESS LLC                        | SE | \$4,950.00          |
| MID AMERICAN BENEFITS   | FE | \$94.50     | JONES AUTOMOTIVE                      | SE | \$256.41            |
| SPORTS EXPRESS          | SU | \$45.00     | LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE                 | SE | \$57.42             |
| MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE      | EQ | \$6,073.48  | POTTER REPAIR                         | SE | \$919.26            |
| MIPS INC                | SE | \$67.00     | WESTERN OIL II LLC                    | SU | \$683.18            |
| DAN'S CUSTOM WORKS      | SE | \$25.00     | MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNICATE                | FE | \$150.00            |
| NATL ASSOC CO VETERANS  | FE | \$350.00    | CONNIE LANGUEIN                       | SE | \$50.00             |
| NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV  | SE | \$93.00     | ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC                 | SE | \$704.00            |
| PEGGY OBORNY            | SE | \$11.80     | CIDNET                                | SE | \$2,231.81          |
| ONESOURCE               | FE | \$249.00    | WELLBEING INITIATIVE                  | FE | \$1,000.00          |
| PETTY CASH FUND         | FE | \$1,500.00  | SALARIES \$309,                       |    | \$309,044.40        |
| PHYSICIANS LAB SERVICES | SE | \$2,350.00  | GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO: |    |                     |
| POLLACK AND BALL LLC    | SE | \$685.25    | COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE       |    |                     |
| RADIOLOGY ASSOC         | SE | \$30.57     | MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN             |    |                     |
| REDWOOD TOX LAB         | SE | \$16.00     | DELTA DENTAL                          |    |                     |
| REGION V SYSTEMS        | SE | \$16,465.75 | VSP VISION                            |    |                     |
| RJ KOOL                 | SE | \$172.39    | WADDELL & REED                        |    |                     |
| SACK LUMBER             | SU | \$100.94    |                                       |    |                     |
|                         |    |             |                                       |    |                     |

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

During public comment time, Emily Haxby, Saline County Commissioner, and Danielle Schwab were present and stated they wanted to know what other commissioner meetings were like.

Sharon Powell, Utica Village Trustee, updated the Commissioners on a water project that Seward County helped with using ARPA Funds.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., updated the Commissioners on the progress of several road projects.

The Commissioners discussed the future plans for the Seward County Public Defender position. Seward County is having a difficult time keeping an elected Public Defender. Ahmic led discussion and said she had contacted the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), which provided opinions of two Attorneys General. They provided two Attorneys General opinions which, in short, said that upon a hearing process, could eliminate the position. Ahmic gave information about the past three Public Defenders that Seward County has had within the last approximately two years. She stated that there were many attempts to recruit a new public defender. The information about the two opinions will be forwarded to our County Attorney's Office for their interpretation. Debby Aegerter, long time Administrative Assistant of the Public Defender Office, gave information on the vacancy. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, and Sheila Lueders, Clerk of the District Court, also made comments. Steve Palandry, a resident of Seward County, also commented. Ahmic will get example of contracts and talk to other counties who do not have a public defender.

#### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended a meeting with Allo, spoke with Region V representatives, worked on items on the agenda, met with the Highway Supt., sent an email to Senator Fischer's office, commented about Broadband, gave information about address changes.

Commissioner Hain reported she talked to the Building & Grounds Supt. about the HVAC system for the Detention Center, attended the Postcard hearing, obtained information from Aging Partners, reported about a bridge problem and is working on the vehicle logos.

Commissioner Culver reported he went to the postcard hearing, worked on signage for the West Wing building, worked on the Seward/Saline Solid Waste agenda, and checked roads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Visitor's Committee meeting, had discussion with Region V representatives, and visited with some constituents.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) Board meeting, a Seward City Council meeting, an emergency broadband task force meeting, attended the postcard hearing meeting, met with County Attorney and Deputy about an ambulance billing, met with Building & Grounds Supt., attended the Borland Center Opening at Concordia University. He also reported on the upcoming surplus property sale.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign a Surplus Property Disposal Request from the County Treasurer. Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Ahmic led discussion on the POW/MIA flag to be flown year-round at the Courthouse. The first flag was donated by the VFW and any replacement flags will be paid for by the County.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to approve hanging the POW/MIA flag at the courthouse year-round with the replacements to be paid by Seward County. Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Zabrocki led discussion about the appointment of the Interim E911 Director. He stated that the last time a vacancy occurred at the Center an Interim Director was appointed. He stated Nancy Kavulak was appointed at that time.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to appoint Nancy Kavulak the Interim E911 Director with an hourly rate of \$34.61/hour effective September 22, 2023. Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Chairman Culver read the budget message before asking for a motion to adopt the Seward County budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3781 in regard to adopting the Seward County Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year and authorize the Chairman to sign.

### **RESOLUTION # <u>3781</u> OF THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, prepared by Sherry Schweitzer, Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

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, 2023, to June 30, 2024, 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, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

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 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

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

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3782 in regard to setting the Tax Request for Seward County Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

## SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION <u>3782</u> 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 2023-2024 property tax request is set at \$10,549,339.
- 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 4.64%
- 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 \$.270941 per \$100 of assessed value.
- 4. Seward County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.294315 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 year's by 14%.
- 6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2023.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

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

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

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

During Infrastructure-related grants item on the agenda, Ahmic stated she reached out to Senators Fischer's office and also worked on the grant forms. She also noted that there are changes being made to the Commissioner page on the County website listing projects/grants so that people can learn more about it. They are attempting to get letters of support and data from various entities/individuals to support a grant.

# Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 3, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 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 September 26, 2023

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

- 5. Commissioners Reports
- 6. Discuss/Action Authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Blue Valley Community Action
- 7. Discuss/Action Authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)
- 8. Discuss/Action Authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SENDD)
- 9. Discuss/Action Concerns/Solutions about the LB644 Postcard Hearing
- 10. Discuss/Action Update information on Surplus Property Sale
- 11. Discuss/Action Infrastructure Related Grants
- 12. Jail Inspection
- 13. Discuss/Action Agenda for October 10, 2023

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the Seward County Board of Commissioners at 12:27 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Hain, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman